

Brunswick has, however, by far the greater amount of silurian land in this region.

To describe, with a little more detail, the counties along the valley of the St. John River:—Kings County and eastern St. John County have been outlined already, especially that portion of Kings embodied in the Kennebecasis Valley. Running parallel with the Kennebecasis, but a few miles north of it, is the Long Reach, of which Belleisle Bay is a continuation. The region between these two valleys—that is the main St. John River Valley and the Kennebecasis—is but of moderate elevation, and the upland, even in this region, is of comparatively good quality. As has always been the case throughout the Province, wherever interval land was to be found, the more elevated soil has to a great extent been neglected, on account of the abundance of wonderfully rich soil in the river bottoms. Simply because this higher land is not cleared for the most part is no indication that it has been found unfertile, in the ordinary sense of the term. It is simply an indication that there is a tremendous area of wonderfully fertile land in close proximity to it. Wherever this is the case the highlands suffer. This is not an unmixed advantage, inasmuch as the tendency has been for the population to spread in the search of this extraordinary fertile river bottom, the distribution having been carried on, so that considerable wooded areas have been left throughout the Province, even through the most closely settled farming districts. The advantage of this is, of course, almost incalculable, as wood for building purposes and for fuel can be found practically everywhere, and the farmer in the most favoured farming districts has but to spend the time and labour necessary to collect his own fuel for the winter, very often being able to supply his needs from the higher portions of his own farm.

Throughout the Province the majority of River Valley farms are cleared along the river fronts and for some distance back, the extreme back portion of the lot being allowed to remain in wood. The quality of this wood varies of course, with the section and the soil. In some cases the