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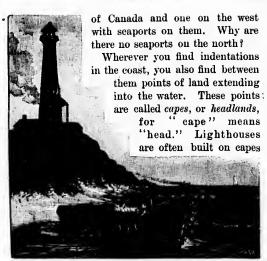
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A Lighthouse.

to warn sailors at night not to sail their ships against the shore, and so wreck them. What cape is south of Nova Scotia?

ORAL OR WRITTEN EXERCISES.

Sketch North America; show where the Tropic of Cancer and the Arctic Circle cross it; show Canada on the map. Name the most western province, and also the most eastern one. What provinces and what district touch Quebec? What part of Canada was settled first? By whom? Who were the United Empire Loyalists? Where did they settle? How was British Columbia first settled? What province is surrounded by water? What province is nearly surrounded by water? Which of the districts consists mostly of islands? What divisions of Canada are crossed by the Arctic Circle? What country borders Canada on the south? What borders it on the north-west?

22. Relief.

What peninsula is between Hudson Bay and the Gulf of St. Lawrence?

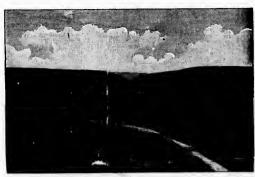
If an immense knife were to cut our country across in any direction, the upper edge of the cut would be called the *relief* of the country in the direction of the cut.

Surrounding Hudson Bay is an extensive but low plateau of hard crystalline rock in the shape of a horse-shoe. Spreading widely in the Labrador peninsula, this rocky plateau runs with narrower width round the southern extremity of the bay, and thence continues north-westward to the Arctic Ocean. The highest parts of this plateau are generally about 1500 feet above sea level, except on the coast of Labrador where they reach from 3000 to 6000 feet.

This plateau in ancient times was very much higher, but wind and rain and rivers have worn it down in the course of long ages and the parts worn off have been carried down to form the lower and generally fertile lands adjoining the plateau.

At later periods, the movements of the earth's crust have thrown up against this plateau and parallel to its main outlines the now higher ranges of the Appalachian and Rocky Mountain or Cordilleran systems. Between the two latter systems lies the great central plain of North America. Its northern extension in Canada lies between the western edge of the Laurentian highlands and the Cordilleran system. Between the eastern edge of the Laurentian plateau and the Appalachian range lies the valley of the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes.

The continuation of the Appalachian system in Canada is called the *Notre Dame Mountains*. This range approaches the St. Lawrence just below Quebec and thence continues parallel to that river and its



Appalachian Mountains.

great estuary, or wide mouth, to the end of the peninsula of Gaspé. Between what two dentations is that peninsula found? These mountains are mostly from 1000 to 1500 feet in height, rising towards the terminus in Gaspé to about 3000 feet. Nearly parallel to this main range are two broken ranges in New Brunswick. The peninsula of Nova Scotia, though lying at a considerable distance from the main line, may also be regarded as a member of the Appalachian system of uplifts with which it is parallel.

The Cordillera of the Pacific comprises a region of about 400 miles in width from the Great Plains to the occur and is about 1300 miles in length from the northern boundary of the United States to the Arctic Ocean. This system consists in the main of