

El Dorados which so often delude the adventurous speculator. Quebec has been too long shut out from English enterprise, and deserves more attention from the scientific man, the capitalist, and the emigrant. Its fisheries alone would, if properly worked, produce a great revenue. On the shores of the little island of Anticosti, which is 140 miles long, almost uninhabited, a schooner has been known to catch 1,100 barrels of herrings in one day. Codfish and halibut abound, and there is, on Sir William Logan's authority, an arable soil inferior to none on the continent. Here, within eight or nine days of England by steamer, lies this rich pendicle of Quebec, in the possession of some hundred persons, or one to every 260 square miles. On the mainland the vigour of the Provincial Government and of local capitalists is opening the way into new country, or improving communication in the old, by several important railways, one at least of which promises to reduce considerably the distance between the maritime provinces and the Dominion.

But returning to our original journey, we must hasten on.

From Montreal the astonished visitor may take steamer up the St. Lawrence or the Ottawa, the latter leading him, should he choose to pursue his way by water beyond the last steamboat wharf, towards the very limits of the province of Quebec, to the latitudes inhabited in Europe by immense populations, but, by an absurd perversity, deemed to be in America too "northern" for ordinary human beings; but yet, at all events, affording work enough for the lumberman and his axe for some generations. Or, should the traveller prefer to follow the larger river, he can proceed to the heart of the province of Ontario—itself the very heart and life of the Dominion. The population of Quebec is 1,191,576, and of Ontario, 1,620,850. This province runs south-westerly along the bank of the St. Lawrence to the lake of its own name, still keeping a south-westerly direction along Lake Erie, then skirting northwards the great Lake Huron, with its huge embrasure, the Georgian Bay, and passing along the north of Lake Superior to a boundary, as yet unsettled, lying between longitude 85 and 90 west.