

Owing to the large amount of purely topographical and geological work which Dr Bell was obliged to accomplish in so limited a time he could not give much attention to prospecting for minerals: still he regards the indications as very favorable.

In addition to the great belt Dr Bell discovered smaller areas of Huronian rocks on the Broad Back river, just east of the big Lake, and another on the lower part of the great Nottaway river.

Mr A. P. Low says :

The Eastern extension of the Huronian belt carries copper at lake Chibougamou and the granites of lake Obatagoman may carry gold.

The Huronian rocks show up again at the north end of Lake Mistassini, and continue eastward to beyond the Manicouagan river.

The basalts found by the writer north of Little Lake Mistassini are part of this belt.

Mr Low says that he caught tommy coals near the mouth of the East Main river and cod-fish have been taken further north in James or Hudson Bay, but it requires more investigation to find whether they may be found in paying quantities or not.

Sea run brook trout are taken in the mouths of all the rivers and excellent large whitefish also.

Further north in Hudson Bay, the Arctic trout, a very excellent fish, are taken in abundance by the Hudson Bay company and are sold, salted in London for nearly the same price as salmon.

The writer while taking observations for latitude on an island near the mouth of the East Main river saw a number of large porpoises, or white whales as they are called there, playing all around.

Mr Low says that spruce for pulp wood is seen along the East Main river all the way up, and that areas of the same wood extend beyond the northern limit of the province of Quebec.

He also says that New Quebec will be found better than New Ontario for agricultural purposes, and that no doubt rich minerals will be found in the northern areas of our province as well as in Ontario.

The new plan they are now about publishing is made on a scale of ten miles to an inch which together with their accompanying detailed reports will no doubt throw new light on the mineral resources of that region.

The following meteorological table kindly prepared for me by the Director of the Meteorological Bureau of Toronto will give a fair idea of climatic conditions.