

homes of myriads of ducks, geese, gulls and gannets. In addition to these river-lakes, as they may be called, there are to be found near the coast line, frequently separated from it only by a sea wall of moderate breadth, a great number of salt and fresh water lagoons, furnishing breeding places for uncounted sea fowl. Scarcely can the traveller pass over a hundred yards along the sea-coast, without finding the lucid and sparkling waters welling up through fissures in the rock. Many of the springs come to the surface between high and low water lines, and none of them seem to be diminished by drought, or materially increased by rains."

"Several particulars must be taken into account in explaining the phenomena connected with the climate of this Island. It is a well known and widely recognised fact, that large bodies of water around the shores of a country, have a largely modifying influence on its climate. This was strikingly exemplified during the past summer in Anticosti. While the inhabitants of our inland cities were seeking relief and refuge from the heat of their respective localities, some at Gaspé, others at Cacouna, and others still in the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire, we were having at Ellis Bay the most enjoyable weather possible, the heat never being oppressive during the day, while the nights were filled with a delicious coolness."

"Another cause probably contributes toward a favourable modification of its climate. I refer to the position of its surface, which I have before said, has a gradually sloping direction southward, thus receiving a greater number of solar rays on a given area, and in consequence a greater degree of heat. The colour of the soil also, being black, the absorption of the heat rays is much increased, adding still more to the warmth at the surface, which is not entirely dissipated before the snow falls in November and December. That this is the case seems to be certain from the fact that in the forest a stake may be driven with tolerable ease through the snow and slightly frozen layer of earth next it, to any desired depth into the ground during the winter season. A Mr. Wright who has spent seven winters on the Island is my authority for this statement. He also told me it was unusual for the frost to penetrate more than five or six inches be-