

REPORT OF

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ON THE

GASPE ROCK OIL REGION.

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GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the request with which you have honored me, I herewith submit such information as I have obtained from actual personal observation, and from other reliable sources, respecting the rock oil region of Gaspé, in Canada East.

I have, during the present season, visited the region referred to, for the purpose of selecting and securing lands for oil-boring purposes.

I have no hesitation in saying that the lands secured by me are the most valuable in the district for the purpose referred to, having been selected either from actual discoveries and indications of oil found on them, or from certain geological and topographical features which experience has proved to be useful as a guide to the best selection.

The oil-bearing rock of Gaspé is a limestone belonging to the Lower Helderberg group of the New York state geologists, and lying at the base of the Devonian system, or about the same geological horizon as the oil region of Enniskillen, in Canada West. It is much disturbed and fissured, and covered with a sandstone formation, which serves to confine the oil within the fissures until tapped by artificial means. Occasionally it is found exuding through small crevices in the overlying sandstone, forming natural oil-springs, of which a