

are very rich furies, lykwyse of dyvers kinds of fruts and trees of great eastimatione.

That there is a tree w^{ch} beareth a frute lyke an aple but is poyson to eate for the aple beinge broken there is a blacke lyeor in the mydest thereof.

Also that there is a tree that the barke thereof tasteth lyke pepper.

Divers other matters of great importaunce he hath confessed (yf they be true) w^{ch} he sayeth that upon his lyfe he offereth to goe to the place, to approve the same true.

(Endorsed)

ab^t 1584. Questions to be demanded of
David Ingram concerning his
knowledge of a discovery.*

Next may be given a statement of things "over & above that which Ingram upon his examination did Confesse," the statement relating to both Ferdinando and Walker and seeming to have been furnished through Sir Humphrey himself. At least he conferred personally with Walker, who was "his man."

The Reporte of Iteme that haue travelled the afore said Countryes wth the note of the such things as they haue found there, ouer and aboue that which Ingram upon his examinacon did confesse, whose names are Vererzanns, Jaques Cartier, John Barros, Andrewe Thevett.† John Walker of w^{ch} number S^r Humfrey Gylbert did conferre in person with the three last named.

1579 Simon Ferdinando M^r Secretary Walsinghams man went and came to and from the said coast wthin three months in the little frigate wthout any other consort, and arryved at Dartmouth where he ymbarked when he beganne his viage.

(sic) Note
1580.

John Walker Englishman and his Company did discover, a siluer mine wthin the Riuer of Norambega, on the North shore upon a hill not farre from the riuer side about IX leagues from the mouth thereof where he founde the said riuer VII leagues or thereabout ouer and XVIII fadome and haulf deepe. The riuer at the mouth beinge about X leagues broad, and XXV fadome deepe wthout barre.

And the said riuer to holde that his breadth so much farther then he was as he coule possibly keene, beinge by estimacon about XX miles.

The Country was most excellent both for the soyle, diuersity of sweete woode and other trees. Who also founde at the same time in an Indian house VII miles wthin the lande from the ryvers side aboue III^e drye hides, whereof the most parte of them were eightene foote by the square.

Both he and his Company sayled from the said Coast into Englande in XVII dayes.‡

That the said coast was the region lying south of Nova Scotia

* Col. *State Papers, Dom. Elizabeth.* Vol. 175, No. 95. Public Record Office, London.

† Thevet, the writer has endeavored to prove, never saw New England, and described it only through the relations of others.—See "The Northmen in Maine."

‡ Col. *State Papers,* Vol. I. No. 2.—Public Record Office, London. Many of the old stories about silver have failed; this by Walker is vindicated by the fact that silver mining is now a recognized industry around the Penobscot region, where new mines are being opened. Gold is also found in paying quantities; while the pearl oyster formerly abounded in New England waters, the Pilgrims finding pearls at Cape Cod in 1620.