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To Alfred R. C. Sulifyn, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S., Director of the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada.
Sir,-I beg to submit herewith my report on the explorations about Hudson Bay during the seasons of 1887 and 1888.

At the same time I desire to tender my thanks to the officers of the Hudson Bay Company, met during the two seasons, all of whom extended to myself and party the greatest hospitality, and to whose kindly assistance the success of my explorations was, in a greac measure, due.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. P. LOW.

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1887 and 1888.
By A. P. LOW, B. Ar. Sc.
The present report is the result of two short season's work, among the istands of James Bay in 1887, and upon the Big, Gireat Whale, and Clearwater rivers flowing into Hudson Bay on its east side in 1888. Owing to the shortness of the season suitable for investigation in these parts, and to the length of time reguired to reach and return from the field of work, only six weeks were spent in actual exploration each year, and consequently only a small area of this vast region could be explored.

Mr. J. M. Macom actel as arsistant and botanieal colleetor, and performed hisdaties in all respects ratisfaetorily.
In 1887, a large tishing boat was procured at Collingwood, transported by rail to Missinaibie station on the Canada Pacitic Railway and from there taken by the Missinaibie branch down the Moose River to its mouth. 'The low state of the water in the river, and the number of portages over which the boat had to be hauled oecasioned considerable delay in reaching Mouse Factory. Leaving Mose River, the party crossed to Charleton Island, the position of which has been fixed for jougitude with chronometers liy the eaptains of the Hulson Bay Company's ships, who have wintered there in past years. Subsequently Danby, Cary, Struton, Little Charleton, Tiders, Solomon's Temple, Weston, Twin-, Spencer, Walter, Emily, firey Goose, Bear and Agonmski Islands were examined. Paced surveys were made around the slores of the greater number of these, as well as numerous examin-
ations iuland, and their positions were fixed by latitude observations
1611. and meridional bearing taken whth solar attachment to the transit instrument.
In 1888, a track nmey was made np the Big liver fir two hundred miles, thence crossing the head-waters of Bishop Rogran River, the hend of the sonth branch of Great Whate liver was renched and the river descended to its month. On this survey the comres were taken with a prismatic compass, and the distances estimated by time, the rate of travel of the canoe beiag previonsly determined. Daily observations for latitude were taken as a check on the survey, nlso frequent observations to determine the variation of the compass,
After tinishing the above, a survey wals made firom the monta of Clearwater River on Richmond Galf, for sixty miles, to the outlet of Clearwater Lake, the conrses were taken with a prismatic compnss and the distance with a Rochon micrometer, frequent observations tor latitude and variation of the compass were also made.
Mr. C. II. Macmatt, B. Ap. Sc., who had been with me the previons yonr was appointed assistant, and proved highly crmpetent for the position.
The surveys of the two seavons have since heen mapped on a seate of right miles to one ineh, and form a roughly aceurate map of the regions explored: they are at present awaiting further explomations on the east side ,. Hutwon Bny before being published.

## Previous Explorations and Discoveries.

It is deemed sulvisalle to preface this report by the following short account of the discoveries, explorations, and other points of historical interest in conuection with Hadson Bay ap to the present date.
$\underset{\substack{\text { Hudson's } \\ \text { age, } 1610 .}}{\text { Voy- }}$
1610.-Henry Hudson, in command of a ship fitted out by some wealthy English merchants, on his thard unsneressful attem; to find : north-west passage to the South Sea, had the grood fortane to sail throngh the strait and enter the hay which has ever since borne his name. Sailing along the east coast to the sonthward until he had land on either side of him, he explored the botton of the bay and as the season was now late, resolved to winter in a bay fill of islands on the e: st side to the south of hat. $83^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$. After passing a winter of great hardship, due to the cold, senrv 9 , and want of food, in the spring he started to return, when his crew mutinied, put Hadson, his son and reven seamen into an open boat and left them to the mercy of the waves and savage ; nothing after was heard of the party, the ship with great difficulty rearched the const of freland with abont one-hulf of the remainder of the crew, the rest having perished in a fight with natives in the straits and quarrels abomed the ship.

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1611,-Si:" 'Thomas button wan sent out to discover the north-west Eir Thomes passage from the bay and if possible to succour Hudson and his comb Batton, 1611. rales. He crossed the bay ro the northward and oxplored the western purt as fir sonth as the Nelson River, which he named after his mate. He wintered in the month of this river and called the land New Wales and the western part of the bny Button's Bay.

1619,-Jens Munk, it Dame, entered Hudson Bay and visited Thorne Jens Monk, field Intet.
1631.-* Capts. Lucas Fox and Thomas Jamen were sent out on the roxandames, old quent of the north-west passage, the former being tit ted out by Lon- ${ }^{\text {dinim. }}$ don merchants, the latter by those of Bristol. Before leaving they were presented to the King, who gave them letters for the Emperor of Japan. Fox contined himself to the northern parts, going as fim south ouly us Cape Heurieta Maria, and then returning homゃ. James, after meeting Fox, near Cape Henrietta Maria, saited southwad along the west coast, thoronghly examiued it, and after several narrow escapes from shipwreck through grounding on shoals, ran his ship aground on Chateton Ishand and win: wed there. He gives a woeful tale e :he hardships endured, caused by the intense cold, want of food and scurvy.
 oil, vinegar, and even hrandy; that the cook soaked his salt meat in a copper kettle close to the fire to prevent it from freezing, the side near the fire was found to be quite wain while the opposite side was frozen an inch thick, this would prowo that the climate is eithe:" much milder at present during the winter, or that James was given to exaggeration, most probably the latter. Thinking that the ship was beyond repair, in the spring he buitt a pinrace, but when the ice cleared it was found that the ship hat not suftered much damage, after repairing it he returned home.
The entire western coant having now been explored, the impossibility of a north-west passage from it was settled, and no further voyages of discovery in that direction were undertaken.
1656.-The French clain that Jean Bourdon was the first of that 1656 -First visit nationality who visited Hudson Bay, having sailed from Quebec by the of the Frencl. Labrador coast and Iludson straits. That he made an alliance with the natives, and they hearing of a strange nation in their neighboihood, sent to Queber, in 1661, to begin trade, and to desire that a missionary be sent to them. That in 1663 the Governor sent one Coutiיe, who proceeded to the bay and erected a (ross on an eminence and set up the French arms engraven in copper, taking possession of these countries for the

[^0]King of France.* This account has since been disproved, and it would appear that Jean Bourdon never entered Hudson Bay. $\dagger$
The next expedition sent to Hudson Bay was for purposes of trade
with the natives. Accoiding to Oldmixon $\ddagger$ two Frenchmen, Messrs.

DoGroisselier and Radisson ${ }^{\text {reach h Huden }}$ Byy from Lake WInnipeg.

Building of the Rupert. de Groisselier and Radisson, while trading with the Indians at Lake Assimponals (Winnipeg) I/ arned from them that it wes possible to proceed by land to the bottom of the bay where the English had not visited. They desired the savages to conduct them thither which they did, they then returned to Quebee where they tried to persuade some merchants to send a ship under their command to the bay to engage in trado with the Indians; being unsuccessful they proceeded to Paris, loping for a more favorable hearing at Court, but after presenting several memorials and spending a great deal of money and time, they were answered as they had been at Quebec. The English Ambassador hearing their proposals, imagined he should do his country good service in engaging them to serve the English who had already pretences to the bay, so he persuaded them to go to London where they met with a favorable reception from Prince Rupert and seven other wealthy men and merchants who, in 1668, fitted out the Nonsuch Ketch under command of Zachariah Gillam, a New England Captain. Accompanied by De Groisselier and Radisson, he passed through the straits and thence southward to lat. $51^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$., where in the Nemiscow River, afterwards called the Rupert, he held friendly intercourse with the natives, built a fough fort called Charles Fort, wintered there and returned safely the following year.

Upon the return of Gillam in 1669, Prince Rupert and others applierl for a charter to King Charles II. This was granted 2nd May, 1670, in it they are styled the Governor and Company of Adventurers trading from England to Hudson Bay; S" "nd in consideration of their having Bay in own cost and charges," undertaken an experition to Hudson Bay in the north-east parts of America, for the discovery of a new passage to the South Sea, and for the finding of some trade for furs, minerals and other considerable commodites, and of their having already made by such their undertakings suck discoveries as did encourage them to proeed farther in pursuance of the said design, by means whereof there might probably arise great advantage to the King and his Kingdom, absolntely ceded and gave up to the said undertaiers the whole trade and commerce of all those creeks, seas, straits, bays, rivers, lakes and sounds, in what latiture soever they might be, which are situated within the entrance of the Ifudson Straits, together with

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all the countries, lands and territories upon the coasts and contines of the said seas, ctc., so that they alone should have the right of trading thither, and whoever should infringe this right, and be found selling or buying within the said boundaries, should be arrested and all his or their merchandizes should become forfeit and confiscated, so that onehalf thereof should belong to the King and the otner half to the Hudson Bay Company."
1670.-The Company sent out Chas. Bayly, ax Governor: to establish Governor a post at Rupert's River in $51^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ N. Lat. He was aceompanied by ${ }^{\text {Mayly, } 16 \overline{0} 0}$. Groisselier and Radisson and remained in the country.
1673.-Groisselier visited the Nelson, but failing to find ary Indians did not remain.
1674.-lt being decided that a greater trade could be done with the Indians on the west side of the bay, owing to their remoteness from the French, Mr. Bayly made a voyage in a sloop to that coast, examining the mouths of the Moose and Schatawan or Albany rivers, and passing between the island of Agoomski (called by him Diner's Island) and the mainlaind, reaehed Cape Henrietta Maria, entering the mouth of the Equan River on the way. It had been his intention to proeeed as far as Port Nelson, but having trouble with his guide he returned from Cape Menrietta Maria. During the same summer he sent a party to explore the Nodway or Frenchmen's River, but they only ascendel as far as the first fail, a short distance from the mouth. In the fall there arrived at Fort Charles a Jesuit missionary with let- Arival of ters from the Governor of Quebec ; this was Pere Charles Albanel, who bym quine reached the bay by aseending the Saguenay River to Lake St. John, thasini. thence up the Ashouapmouchouan River, aeross the Height of Land to Mistassini and down the Rupert River, which flows out of that lake. An aecount of his trip is given in the Relations of the Jesuits.* As he left Canala in 1672, he had been two years making the trip, having been detained by the Indians, who stripped him of his closhes. so that he had to be elothed by Mr. Bayly, who received him kindly and sent him home in the ship.
1675.-Ontposts were established at Maye; Island, in the mouth of Establishment the Moose River, and at Albany. A short time after this the head fort of posts at was removed to Albany, and a depot e-tabished on Charleton Island, and Abhand, where the ship from England diseharged her cargo, furs being lirought there from the posts, and the next season's outfits returned in sloops.
1682. -Three parties reached the mouth of the Nelson River within a short time of each other; the first to arrive was Benjamin Gillan, a son of Capt. Z.. Gillan, who had been sent from Boston : fourteen daylater eame (iroisselier and Radiswon from quebec; they having been

[^2]discharged from the Company's service, returned to France, were pardoned, and sent out to take possession of the Nelson for the French king; shortly after these John Bridgar arrived to bnild a fort for the Company. All three parties landed, and lived at peace until spring, when Groisselier surprised Gillan and Bridgar, took them prisoners, and afterwards conveyed them to Quebee, in the meanwhile sending the other English in a rotten ship to meet the Company's ship, which they did near Cape Henrietta Maria.
1684.-Quarreling with their employers on their return to Quebee,

Mica mine on Enat Maine
River.

Capture of the
forts by the
French.

Radisson and Groisselier again deserted to the English, returned to Port Nelson, and gave it up to the Company.
1685.-In this year the Company had forts at Albany, Hayes Island,

Rupert, Nelson and Severn ; also a small post at a river on the East Main called "Ison-glass" River, where a mine of that mineral had been found, the working of which proved unprofitable.
1686.-The French in Canada, afraid of losing their inland trade with the Indians, and knowing that James If would allow no affront in this quarter to eause a break between him and Louis IV, resolved, in a English peace between the two countries, to take possession of the diers, under the hovernor accordingly sent a detachment of solbec, who easily took possession of the Fort Troyes, overland from QueFort Nelson. He failed to do so, but obliged the English to abandon Severn.
1691.-Mr. Geyer, governor at Nelson, sent Henry Kelsey inland to-
would appear that he travelled from some point on the Nelson River above Split Lake to the open conntry north of the Saskatchewan.
1693.-War having broken out between England and France, the Company, with the assistance of the Crown, retook Albany, Moose and Rupert forts.
1694,-D'Iberville, with two ships and 120 men, took York fort from Iberville Forts the English, and the same year the French sent such a force from Moprye Abbany, Canada that they easily drove the English out of Albany, Moose and Mupert.
Rupert forts.
1695.-The Company, with the assistance of the Bonaventure and Seaford, a second time recovered Moose, Albany and Rupert forts.

1696,-The English, with four ships, took York from the French, carrying the garrison prisoners to England.
1697. -The French sent a squadron of five ships under D'Iberville, who destroyed two English ships, and afterwards took possession of York and called it Fort Bourbon. By the treaty of Ryswick, signed in this year, each country was to return all places taken during the war, holdiug those taken previous to it . By this the only place left to the Hudson's Bay Company was the fort at Albany. This state of things continued until the treaty of Utrecht, 1713, when the French ceded all their rights in the bay to the English.
1702.-The French rebuilt Fort Severn, calling it Fort Neuve Savanne, and the river Rivière des Saintes lluiles; ther also called Moose Fort St. Louis, and Albany, Fort Ste. Anne.
1714.-The Eagrish formally took possession of York and the other forts on the bay.
1718.--A wooden fort was built at the mouth of the Chnrehill River, Forts re-taken and named Fort Prince of Wales.
1719.-Capt. Knight sailed with two ships to suarch for a north-west passage from the northern parts of the bay. They never returned. 1720.-About this year the Company sent Richard Norton inland from Churchill, and, according to the testimony of Brown betoro the Committee in 1749, he is said to have reached the Coppermine River, but this is doubtful, as no journal of the journey was produced.
1732. - A wooden fort was erected at Moose, and a smail post estallished at the mouth of the Sthde, or East Main River. About this time a post was also built at Richmond Gulf for trade with the Northern Indians or Esquimaus. The people here on two occations were massacred by the Eisquimaux, and the post was then abandoned.
1737.-'Two stoops were sent to the northward from Churchill to open trade with the natives, and look for a northern passage to the westward; this latter object seems to have never been seriously undertaken.
1740.-Henley House was built about one hundred and fifty miles up the Albany River, to prevent the Indians commmicating with the Frenel.
1741.-Christopher Middleton, sent out to discover a north-west passage, wintered at Churehill on aecount of a dispute between him and Mr. Dobbs; another expedition under Wm. Moor and Francis Smith
Ellis' voyage.

Capt. Coate's notes of voyages. were sent out to settle the matter. They wintered in the Hayes River, and an aecount of the expedition was written by Henry Ellis, who aecompanied them.

1752 .-. Ioseph Robson published an aceount of his six years' residence at York and Churehill, where he had been sent by the Company to oversee the construction of the stone fort at Churehill, and survey the mouths of the Hayes, Nelson, and Churchill Rivers, plans of whieh are published in his book. He complains of the laek of interest exhibited by the Company in regard to the interior, and says that the officers in charge had never been tive miles up any of these rivers.

1727-51.-Capt. W. Coates for these years was Captain of one of the Company's ships voyaging to the Bay; during this time he kept a serics

Hearne's journey from of sailing notes, entering in them a full aecount of the geograpliy of the Bay; these notes he bequeathed to his son, with instruetions to him, not to reveal them so long as the Hudson Bay Company continued to employ him. These notes, edited by John Barrow, were published ly the Hakluyt Society in 1857 , and form an important souree of information in relation to the coasts, rivers and islands of the Bay.

From the time of the treaty of Utrecht untilafter the conquest of Canada, the IIudson Bay Company confined their tradestrietly to the Bay, and did not go inland until they found themselves in dangerof losing their trade to the Canadian traders, who secured the fur by meeting the Indians on the headwaters of the rivers, and thus saved them the long journey to the sea.

The Company becoming aware of this fact, resolved also to send inland, and in 1769 despatched Samuel Hearne, from Churehili, with instruetions to accompany the Indians to their hunting grounds, visit the copper mine on the river of that name, and if possible reach the sea at its mouth. After two unsuccessful attempts, he aecompanied some Northern Judians and wandering over the barren lands wit!them reaehed the mouth of the Copper Mine River, then visited Great Slave Lake, and returned across conntry to Churehill in 1773.

On his arrival he was immediately sent inland again, to build C'umberland House, on Pine Island Lake, a short distance north of the Saskatchewan River, the first of the Company's many posts in the North-West. From this date the Intson Bay Company entered into active competition with the Canalime traders for the inland trade, and
soon had a great number of posts scattered over the North-West and on the Mackenzie River.

David Thompson, at first employed by the Hudson Bay Company, $\begin{gathered}\text { Surversby } \\ \text { David Thomp }\end{gathered}$ and afterward by the North-W est Company, was the first person to fix son, 1790-1812. with any degree of aeemraey the positions of the different posts, and make surveys through the country; he was engaged at this work from 1790 until 1812. From 1816 to 1826 he was employed on a boundary survey between Canoda and the United States, from the St. Lawrence to the Lake of the Woods.
Philip Turner was another Surveyor, who explored extensively under the orders of the Hudson Bay Company, about the beginning of the present century, and may have made the surveys in Severn River eountry, as laid down on Arrowsmith's Map prepared for the Company.
In 1782, the French Admiral La Perouse entered the Bay with three Capture of war ships, and took Fort Prince of Wales, spiked the guns, and Admiral destroyed the faetory, without any resistance being offered by Hearne, who was then in eharge of the place; then sailing to York he destroyed a small battery at the mouth of the Hayes River, and burnt the faetory, but failed to eapture the Company's ships with their rich cargoes of fur.
1814.-Lieut. Edward Chappell, on II.M.S. Rosamond, the convoy to Voyage of the Company's ships, visited Churchill and York, He published an Lieut. Chappell account of the voyage, with deseriptions of the Bay, and a map of the Nelson, from its mouth to Lake Winnipeg. Aretie Oeean, went by way of York and the Hayes River route to the journey. Saskatehewan; he made a traek survey of the route and published an aceount of it, in the narrative of the journey. Sinee that time many other travellers have passed over the same route.

Geographical explorations of the country to the eastward of the Bay were not undertaken until about 1820, when Dr, Mendry and Mr. J. Coulson made exploratious, under orders from the Company, and have left rough maps of their work. The former traversed the eountry from Riehmond Gulf to Ungava Bay; the latter explored the East Main, Rupert and Notaway rivers, also the portage routes between the head waters of these rivers.

Shortly after this posts were built at the mouths of the Little Whale of posts on Esast and Great Whale rivers, where important porpoise fisheries were for- Main coast. merly earried on, but of late years have been abandoned as being unprofitable. Fort George, at the mouth of Big River, was also built about the same time, and is at present the headquarters of the Last Main distriet. It has been found impossible to get the exaet date at which these posts were established.

About 1847 the first missionary work among the Indians of Hudson Bay was undertaken by the Methodists. These withdrawing six years later, were succeeded by the English Chureh Mission Society, which has continued the work ever sinee, and at present has churches at Churehill, York, Albany, Moose, Rupert House and Fort George. Rev. Mr. Peck, in charge of the last place, visits Little Whale River every spring, to meet the Fsquimaux who eome in from the islands at that time. By the efforts of these missionarics the whole of the Indians and the greater part of the Esquimaux living around Hudson Bay have become Christianized, and their moral tonc considerably elevated.
The Roman Catholics have a numler of converts at Albany, who are

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The explotations in this section of the country undertaken by the Geological and Natural Listory Survey of Canada, previous to the present, are :-

Report 1871-2. Upper part of the Albany River. 1'r. R. Bell.
Report 1875-6. Mattagami and Missinaibie branches of the Moose River. Dr. R. Bell.

Report 1877-8. East coast of Hudson Bay, and country between Lake Winnipeg and Hudson Bay. Dr. R. Bell.
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Janes' Bay. James Bay is that portion of Hudson Bay lying soutli of a line drawn from Cape Henrietta Maria, on the west, to Cape Jones, on the east coast. From the head of Hannah Bay, N. lat. $50^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$, to Cape Henrietta Maria, the distance is, roughly, 300 miles, while the average breadth is 145 miles.

From Cape Henrietta Maria the coast runs S.S.E. to Mourning Point, a low point covered with trees, near lat. $54^{\circ} 38^{*}$, then south to Equan Point, lat. $53^{\circ} 53^{\prime}$; from there it trends well to the westward, to the mouth of the Equan River, and ther east of south to the mouth of the Albany River, lat. $52^{\circ} 17^{\prime}$. thus forming a considerable bay, and not Ineorrect maps running almost due north and south is represented on all modern maps.

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From the mouth of the Albany River the direction of the shore line changes to F.S.E. for a distance of forty miles to Cockespenny when it turne S.E. to the head of Hannah Bay. Hannah Bay is thirty miles deep, counting from a line drawn between Gull Point on the east side and the mouth of Moose River, and has an average breadth of fifteen miles.

This bay is separated from Rupert Bay by along low point terminatingin a peninsula, at one time an island, the isthmus is covered with willows and is lower than the land adjoining, the latter, on both sides, supports a thick growth of spruce and tamarac. Rupert Bay is thirtyfive miles deep, with an average width of twelve miles.

The cast coast of James Bay has a roughly north and south direction from the head of Rupert Bay to the mouth of Big River, one hundred and seventy-five miles. From this river the const takes a greadual curve to the westward, the land at Cape Jones lying about east and west.

According to Capts. Taylor and Bishop, of the Hudson Bay Company's ships, the position of Cape Jones, as laid down on the Admiralty chart, is fully forty miles to the castward of its true position ; this being the casc, the mouth of James Bay is that much nurrower than is represented on the maps.
The Admiralty chart, from which all moderu maps of Hudion Bay are constructed, was compiled in 1853 from information supplicd by the Hudson Bay Company, gathered from notes and observations of the various captains of their ships; now as these observations were but approximately correct, the chart must be so also, cspecially in those parts unfrequented in the navigation of the bay, and such being the case, it is highly important that an accurate survey should be under- Importance of taken to correct these errors in the coast line, and enable ship captains survey being unacquainted with the navigation of these parts, to enter James Bay with a certain degree of safety, a thing impossible with the present charts.

The general coast line of the west and south sides of James Bay is low and flat, with shallow water, decpening very slowly outwards all along, except where the rivers have cut out channels in the mud.

Although the average rise and fall of the tide does not exceed five Tides.
feet, at the time of low water, only mud flats, strewn with large boulders, can be seen to seaward from high water mark. The shore is, in most places, marshy, covered with grasses and willows, with numberless small brackish ponds and lakes for a considerable distance behind high-water mark, while beyond, on slightly higher ground, is a dense growth of dwarfed black spruce and tamarnc ; it is often several miles from low-water mark to where the first really dry ground may be found.

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Hamual bay is so shallow that, with the exeeption of the river ehannels, it is almost completely dry at low water, and when a canoe is loft by the tide, the sensation experienced by its crew is anything but pleasant, as they have to debark and stand in the mud, often beyond sight of the low fringe of hushes on the high water line, awaiting the return of the water. Rupert bay is not quite so shallow as Hannah Bay, and has a channel up itseentre to the mouth of the Notaway River.
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Along the east side of the bay the character of the coast changes, the low unbroken, maddy shores being replaced by higher rocky and sandy banks, deeply indented with small bays and fringed with innumerable rocky, shingle and sand islands as deseribed by Dr. Bell (Report of Progress 1877-8.) The waters are much deeper and, although not free from danger on aceount of many hidden shouls, can be easily navigated in small craft, the islands and bays affording abundance of good shelter. The country inland from the bay varies similarly to the coast line. To the west and south it is alnost flat, with its soil overlying nearly horizontal beds of Silurian and Devonian limestones for about one hundred and fifty miles inland to the Arehaua country, so that the general level rises slowly and evenly towards the interior. The soil along the rivers

Goodsoil. appears to be grool, and as the elimate to the sonthward is probably favorable for the growth of cereals and root erops, nothing prevents future settlement in this region after the filling up of the north-west, exeept that without an extensive system of drainage, the lands remote from the rivers will be found too wet for suceessful farming, as it is said by the Indians, that with the exception of lands close to the river's, the greater part of the eountry for a long distance inland from the bay is a mossy swamp.
Inland from the east const the country is of a different charaeter. The interior of this part is a rough table-land having an clevation of about seven hundred feet above sea level near its edge, and slowly rising inland to over two thousand feet at its highest.
Cha racter and The edge of this table land leaves the coast to the north of Cape
an interval varying from ten to thirty miles between it and the coast. In this portion the general level is not mueh over one hundred feet above the sea, and the soil is of Post-Plioeene clays and sands, with alluvium, atfording good land for cultivation but as tho elimate is eolder than on the west side, it is doubtful if it would allow the sueeessful growth of any but the hardiest cereals, good crops of potatoes, however, and other roots eould le and are grown an far north as the mouth of Big Piver. The land is rolling and broken by low roeky
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Eleven large and many amaller rivers flow into James' Bay ; on the Rivers. west side are the Equan, Attawapisheat, Albany, and Moose rivers; on the south, Hannah Bay or Harracanaw, and the Nottaway rivers; on the east, the Rupert, East Muin, Old Faetory, Big and Bishop Roggan rivers.

The water-shed of the country on the west side runs in a sonth-west direction from Cape Menrietta Maria, and consequently the rivers to the southward, having greater drainage areas, are the largest and longest.

The first river to the sonth of Cupe Ifenrietta Maria is Raft River, an inconsiderable stream, the ontlet of Raft lake; it reaches the sea in lat. $54^{\circ} 04^{\prime}$.
The next river is the Equan, a much larger stream, which takes its rise 300 miles to the westward, at the watershed between it and the Winesk River, flowing north; it enters the bay at lat. $53^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$.

About lat. $53^{\circ} 24^{\prime}$ are the two mouths of the Attawapishcat River, whieh rises over four hundred miles inland, near the source of the enst branch of the Severn River. It flows north, and drains an extensive area of unexplored country between the Equan and Albany rivers.

The Kapiseow River is a smaller stream entering the Bay at lat. $53^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$.

The next important stream to the southward is the Albany River, the longest and largest on the west side of James Bay.

This river, one hundred and forty miles in a straight line south-west from its mouth, divides into two branches. The north or main braneh comes from the west; it takes its rise a short distance from the headwaters of the English River, in Cat or Cat-fish Lake, about one hundred miles north-west of Lake St. Joseph, through whieh it flows, and which flows into Lake Winnipeg. The south or Kenogami Braneh flows from Long Lake, thirty miles from the north shore of Lake Superior. At its mouth the Albany spreads out and flows between a number of low, swampy islands, forming a delta twenty-three miles long and ten miles broad between the mouths of its channels, the most southward of which empties into the sea in lat. $52^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$.

At the south-west angle of the Bay is the wide mouth of Moose River, whose branches drain all the eountry to the sonth-west and south, from the rivers flowing into the eastern portion of Lake Superior and the headwaters of the Ottawa. The western or Missinaibie branel flows out of Missimaibie Lake, at the head of the Miehipicoten River, within tifty miles of Lake Superior; the middle or Metagami branch flows from the south, and drains the country north of the 2
watershed to Lake Huron; the eastern or Abitihbi branch flows out of Lake Ahitibbi, a short distance from Lake 'Temiscamingue on the Ottawn River.

Varying charatter of the rivers.

All the rivers flowing into the west side of James' Bay present the same phywienl charncters ; on their headwaters and upper parts, while flowing over Archear rocks, they alteruate betweon long lake-like exp, nsions with little current, and short contracted portions accompanied by heary rapids and falls, thas attording good stretches of navignlle water with portages hetween. On their lower conrses, for a distance of one hundred and tifty to two hundred miles from their mouths, where they pass over the that Devonian and Silurian limestones, the fall is uniform, und consequently the character changes, so that in ordinary low water during the summer and early autum, owing to titis uniformity of fall and to the rivers having too great a breadth for the amount of water discharged at this period, they present an almost unbroken succession of small shatlow rapids, full of boulder and gravel bars, and only navigable for canoes of light draft.

## Mavigation.

For three or four weeks after the ice lenves the rivers, during the spring freshet, and again after the antumn mins, the higher water flattens out these numerons rapida and covers all obstructions, so that navigation with large boats, amb even small steamers, is then possible; but at these times the current has a uniform sate of between five and six miles an hour, and therefore comparatively powerfal steamers would be required to ascend the streans, the loats at present used being tracked up by men allong the banks.

Near the head of Rupert Bay the Litale Nottaway River enters. It is a small stream draining the conntry to the south between Hannah Bay and Nottaway River. This was called formerly Onengham Creek and was used as w winter harbour by the tirst voyagents to the bay in the Company's service.
The mouth of the Nottaway River is direetly at the head of liupert Bay. This is a large river, one of whose branches rises in Lake Chibougamoo, a short distance to the westward of Take Mistassini, and to the northward of the headwaters of the Ashourpmonchonan River, which empties into the Saguenay by way of Lake St. John; the other branch comes from a more southerly direction and rises near the heads of the Gatineat and St. Maurice rivers. In its lower parts the Nottaway River is sol rough and rapid that instend of using it as a route to Waswanippi, a post on its upper waters, the Hudson Bay Company's canoes asecnd the Ruper River, itselt' a very bad route, for one hundred miles to Lake Nemiscow, and thence pass by a portage route through small lakes and streams to the Notiaway.
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On the east side of Rupert Bay, ubout half way between the mouths of the Rupert and Nottaway rivers, a small stream culled Fish liver enters.
[n lat. $51^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$, on the enst side of Rupert Bay and near its mouth, the Rupert River flows in. This large body of water flows from Lake Mistassini, which is fed by several comparatively hrge streams, the longent and largest of which is the Tomiscmune River, which rises to the north-east of the lake, near the headwatern of the Peribonka River flowing into Lake St. John.

The Ruport River, for one humbed miles from the ea, is very Portages oner rough, and in ascending it canoes with their loads ure forced, on roule. account of its henvy rapids and falls, to make portuges uggregating over ton miles in length.

Continuing up the east side of Jumes Bay, the next river flowing in is the last Main or Shate River, whose mouth is in lat. $52^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$. This is a very large river, rising fully five hundred miles inland at the central water-shed of the Labrador Peninsula, which divides the waters running north into Ungava Bay, from those flowing west and south into Hudson Bay, and the Gulf of St. Lawrence respeetively.

As has been previonsly stated, the course of the Last Main River was roughly laid down by Mr. Clouston $\ln 1824$, who mude a track survey to near it- head. A copy of his map was obtained at Little Whale River last yenr and it is now in the office of the Geological Survey. The Ifudson Bay Company use the upper part of this river as a route to their post of Nitchicoon, situated on a lake a short distanee beyoud the height of land on the head of one of the rivers flowing north into Ungava Bay. The route fothowed from Rupert House is by the Rupert River to a short distance beyond Lake Nemiscow, where a northern branch is taken, and passing thence throngh a chain of lakes, the East Main is reached, about two hundred miles from its month, and then ascended to its head throngh several more lakes. The lower part of the river is broken by a number of heavy mpids and falls, entailing long portages, and therefore the Falls and Rupert is taken in preterence, thus obvinting the long eoast journey in open canoer, with its attendant delays and dangers. The present route to Nitehicoon is so difficult that the IIudson Bay Company have tried to find an easier one by the Big River to Fort George, but this was ascertained to be longer and harder than the one used at present. The diffieulty of the trip can be appreciated when it is learned that the large eanoes leave Nitchicoon with the first open water in the spring and are often dragged over the trozen lakes to the river, they thus reach Rupert House about 1st July ; where, unloading theirfurs, they embark the trading outit for the ensming year and start immediately inland, only
reaching Nitchicoon at the close of open water, and frequently they have been frozen in before reaching their restination, in which case the outfit has had to he hanled to the post on sleighs after the snow had fullen.

About lat. $52^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ the next large stream, called Old Factory or "Isonglass" River enters the bay. This is the river on which the eompany had a small post in 1683 , and attempted to work a mica

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General character. inine, but abundoner it us unprofitable. The only information obtainable concerning this stream is that it is a much smaller river than the East Ming, and that its mouth is obstructed by sund and shingle shoals. To the northward of this are several small streams before the mouth of Big River is reached in lat. $53^{\circ} 53^{\prime}$.
Big River is the largest river flowing into James Bay on the east side, and dischurges probably a larger volume of water than the Albany, and therefore is the largest river entering the lay. In the latter part of this report it is more fully described.

Between the Big River and Cape Jones are the months of several 1:vers of consideruble size, the largest is the Bishop Roggan, the other important ones being the Little Bishop Roggan, Seal and Salmon rivers. These drain a large mrea of country hetween Big and Great Wha'e rivers.

The rivers entering James' Bay from the east for their entirelength, pass, so fur as known, through Archumin country, and consequently present physical eharacters somewhat different from those on the west side. On their heudwaters they flow on the general level of the sountry and are nothing but a succossion of lakes connected ly whot stretches of rupid rivers. After they have attained considerable volume and as they appronch the margin of the interior table-land they begin to assume a true river character; they flow, with a moderate current, broken by sharp falls und heavy rapids, in old river valleys cut below the general level. Near the margin of the table-land the valleys become deeper, and the rivers are nlmost a constant succession of heavy rapids and falls until they reach the lower country, where they flow with a moderate current, with but few small rapids, in a distinct river valley between clay and sand banks of Post Pliocene age.

## ILarbours.

In relation to the finture settlemeri of the country around James Bay and to the possibility of its use as a highway for future commerce between western Canada and Enrope, the question of its harbours and their terminal facilitios for railways is of the greatest importance. It is to be regretted that the natural harlours at the mouths of the
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The most importenat inarbour in this part of the bay is that at the Mouth of month of Moose River. A deseriptiou of it is given in Capt, Coate's Mone Rivor. notes on the geography of Hudson Bay, 1727.51, and as it has chunged but little since then, his sailing directions may here be quoted: "From the tiaskitt fifty-eight miles S. by W. you come to Moose River Road, eight miles from Snnd Heads, North Polnt W.N.W. six miles in lat. $51^{\circ} 34^{\prime}$, where you wait for the tide to go into that wide monthed river which is not less than twelve miles over from North Point to the opposite side; which opens with three channels, but the north and east are so choked with banks and shoals, there ls no using them ; the mid channel will almit of a ship of twelve feet. Observing the tide over a bar one mile broad and one mile within Sand Heads is a little place which affords water for a ship to be afloat, called Little Ship IFoie, to distinguish it from another four miles above Sand Heads, called Ship Tole, in three fathoms low water, where we moor and do our business. Eight miles below the factory on Roberson's Ishands from Middleborongh (Inand) another island runs a shoal within balf a mile of the ship, which cuts the river and prevents the slip going to the faetory; which lims plenty water all above that place."

From this it will be seen that a ship white awaiting the tide to cross the bar, has to lie six miles from the month of the river, in a very dangerous position with a northeenst gale. The channel on the bar is not over four hundred vards wide, and the Hulson Bay Company's ship, drawing fourteen feet of water, hast summer, ran aground while crossing it, and had to remain in that exposed place until the next high tide.
The cight miles from the Ship Hole to Monse Factory is in places Railway very whonl, and is rapilly filling in its upper part, so that the Com.terminus. pany's sehooner, drawiug eight feet of water, ean only come within abont two miles of the Factory, whereas a few years ago her cargo was discharged clase alongride that phace. If a railway should be built to this harbour its treminns will need to be at Ship Hole; and to rench it a long and expensive line of embankme it will have to be built from the South Shore, across samb and mud lats, partly bare at low water, and, owing to its exposell position, it would need to be correnpondingly strong to withstand the force of water during the late fall gales. If approached from the north side, a large britge will be required to eross the elamel to the "Ship Sands," alow, flat, mudly island, partly cov-
ered with water at high tide, and lying close to the Ship Hole; in either case the terminus will have to be built largely on made gronnd.

As the present anchorage, six miles withont the bar, is in only thirty-six teet. and as the water gradually shoals toward the river's mouth to a depth of fourteen feet at high water on the bar, and is only eighteen feet at low water at the Ship Hole, with a less depth of wate for the four miles between it and the bar, it will be seen that to fit th; harbour for the entrance of moderate-sized steamers, with a draft up to twenty feet, extensive dredging operations will be necessary for . Imost the entire distance from the onter anchorage to Ship Hole.
Poor iharbours. Unsatisfactory as are the natural conditions of Moose Harbonr, those at the Albany and Rupert rivers are worse. Off the month of the Albany, for fifteen or twenty miles, the bottom is very flat and the deepest water not over twenty-five feet, slowly shoaling to twelve feet at the mouth, with numerous obstructive shoals and bars, the whole rendering if impossible for deep deraft vessels to use it. The country around the month of the river is so low and swampy that it is hard 10 say where the land ends and the sea legins, and is totally untit for the purpose of a railway terminus. To reach the mouth of the Rupert a narrow channel in Rupert Bay must be followed, with water from thirty to twenty-five feet weep, after which it shoals to eighteen feet for seven miles to the junction of the Nottaway and Rupert River channels, and then eight miles of water varying from ten to fifteen feet, with dangerous shoals, must be passed to enter the river proper. From this it will be seen that this harbour can only be approached bysmall vessels of light dratt, and cam never he used by the large-sized steamers engaged in modern ocean transportation. The month of the Hast Main River is broad and conseqmently shoal, with not more than eight feet of water on the sand bats at its entranec; while for more than twelve miles from its mouth, on allsides, are innmmerable boulder. and sand shoals, and small rocky ishands, some of which are partly bare, the whole rendering an approach to the river so highly diftleult and dangerous that the Hudson lay Companre sebomer does not call there.
'The month of Big River is the only good natural harbour on James Bay, and, with a small amount of hrelging, would afford capital faccommodation for large vessels. A ship entering the river has to pass a few how islands lying off its mouth, but as there is good water and plenty of sea room between them, they occasion little danger, Within four miles from the mouth of the river a grod harbonr

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sneborage. is formed by two rocky islands lying close to the norith or main channel ; this is called stromness Harbour, and, having a good anchorage, with plenty of water, well sheltered on all sides, is a conrenient place to await a suitable state of tide to enter the river:
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At the mouth of the river the channel is divided by a sandy shoal, partly bare at low water; the north channel is the deeper, and is used by the Company's schooner, ehiefly owing to its proximity to Stromnesp Harbour, as there is a suffieient depth of water in either ehannel to float that cratt. From Stromness Harbour the ehannel runs eastward directly towards the shore for two miles, when it turns sharply southward, one mile along the shore, to the mouth proper of the river, whieh ean then be ascended nbout two miles to Fort George, where large vessels ean be moored elose to shore. From Stromness Harbour to Fort George at high tide the least water in the ehannel is eighteen feet. Fort George being situated on an island, there is another channel on its south side, but this is very small and obstructed by shoals, navigable only by small boats.

The island would atford excellent gronnd for a railway terminus but the difficulty of building a line along the east coast from the south end of James Bay, a distance of 180 miles, with the large bridges required to cross the Nottaway, Rupert, East Main and Old Factory divers, would entail an expenditure hardly warranted by the amount of trade to be developed.

The development of Big River harbour will come with that of the Fisheries of immense and excellent fisheries of the inland lakes of this region and inland waters to the northwurd, as well as the eoast fisheries, whieh, after the failure of the present sourees of smpply, will be of great importance and value.
From Big River to Cape Jones the hay is obstrueted by many low islands and shoals for several miles from the eoast, and as the bottom is uneven and the water not deep, large vessels cannot approaeh the moutles of the riversflowing into this part. To the northward of Cape Jones the character of tho coast soon ehanges, becoming ligher and more roeky, with bold water close in shore. The mouth of Great Whale River would make an exeellent harbonr if a ehannel were cut through the sand-bar that at present obstruets its outlet, and over whieh the Company's sehooner eannot pass at low tide.

Little Whale River is also obstrueted at its mouth by a dangerons bar, which can only be erossed by small craft, and is impassable when the wind blows freshly from the north to west, at such times heing covered with tremendons: breakers.

Other harbours suitable for small craft oecur at trequent intervals among the islands and loys along the whole eastern coast, but are all too small and shoal for large vessels, except one at Cape Hope Islands, about twenty miles north of East Main River.

## Islands.

Three groups of islands.

The islands of Janes Bay, from their geographical position and physieal character, may be conveniently divided into three groups. The first consists only of the large island of Agoomski, lying off the western shore; the second incluues the high drift islands, situatod to the eastward of a line drawn through the middle of the bay, and separated from Agoonski on the west by a deep water channel; the third is composed of the rocky islands and sandy shoals along shore on the

## Agoomski.

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east coast. The Island of Agoomski, or Omer's Island, as it was called by fovernor Bayly in 1673, is the largest in James Bay, being seventytive miles long, with an averago breadth of ten miles.

Its south end lies about thirty-five miles N. E. from the mouth of the Albany, and is consequently about twenty-five miles directly east from the coast.

The eastern shore of the ishand runs N. N. W. for thirty-five miles from its sonth end, and then bending more to the westward runs W.N.W. to its north end, which is in Equan Bay, and distant about eight miles from the main land, so that the position of tho island is inaccurately laid down on the preaent published maps, which show it lying roughly parallel to the coast and about fifty miles distant from it. Indians coming from the northward to Albany on the ice, in the winter, when travelling in a straight line from Equan Point to the mouth of that river, cross the north end of Agoomski, showing that part to lie well in shore. The island closely resembles the adjoining main land in physical characte: being very low and swampy. The shore line ahove high-water mark is made up of muddy flats covered in part with grasses and sedges, followed farther inland by thick growths of small willowe, these in turn giving place to small black spruce and tamarac as slightly higher ground is reached. The line of these trees is often orer two miles inland from high-water mark, itself a long distance from the sea at low water. As far as the tree line and in places beyond it, are numerous small lakes and ponds of brackish water; good fresh water being only obtainable in a few places well inland.

The shore between high and low water mark is composed of a stiff slimy mud. Scattered over it are many boulders of greiss, large and small. At the varions points the boulders are often pited together, forming higher elevations than the surrounding flats.

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notice given of these shoals is the bumping of the boat upon them. On the west side, between the island and the main land, the water is shallower than on the east side, so that at low tide the distance between shore and shore is reduced in some places towards the north end to not more than one mile. This is taken advantage of by the Indians, scveral families of whom hunt on the island, erossing from the main land to the island in their small canoes. They start from shore at high tide and follow the retreating water out to its lowest point, cross the narrow ehannel and reaeh the high water line on the opposite shore with the rising water. From its elose resemblanee physieally to the western maiuland, it is probable that Agoomski is underlaid by the nearly horizontal beds of Devonian limestone found on the rivers near the coast. If this is the ease, the rocks are covered with drift material on the lower half of its east side, which is the only part of the island that has yet been examined geologically.

The fresh and braekish lakes and ponds on the island are favorite Animals. breeding places for ducks and geese, which congregate here in countless numbers in the autumn to feed on the grasses growing along the low shores. The snow goose is reported to breed here when delayed on its passage north in the spring. Rabbits and eariboo are reported to be numerous, white bears frequent its shore, and the fur of the otters killed here is remarkably good and dark. Owing to the shoal character and muddy state of the water around the island, few tish are caught along it-shore.
The prineipal islands composing the second group are Charleton, Danby, Cary, Woods, Little Charleton, Struttons, Weston, Solomon's Temples, Twins, Spencer. Walter and Girey Gonse islands, along with the Bear Islands. lying more to the westward. These have a close resemblance to one another, both in formation and physical appearnee beong composed wholly of sand, elay and boulders, with no Sand elay and bedded roeks in place. They all rise to eonsiderable elevations above the sea level, present sharp escarpments, eomposed of clay and sard, along their margins, and the formation of all was probably due to the same canses, as shown later on in this report.
Charleton, the second largest island in James Bay, lies about twenty Charleton miles north of l'oint Comfort, the end of the peninsula separating ${ }^{\text {Island. }}$ Rupert from Hamah Bay, and about one third of the distance across the bay from the cast coast, its north-east point leing in lat. $52^{\prime} 2^{\prime} 13^{\prime \prime}$, In shape it is an oblique parallelogram, having diagonals eighteen miles long from north-east to south-west, and twelve miles long from north-west to south-east. $\Lambda$ s before stated, this island, like the others of the gronp, is composed of untratifich sand, clay and boulders, without any rock in place.

The interior is a rough, rolling platean, varying in elevation from 50 to 200 feet above sea level. On the south and east sides it ends in an abrupt escarpment, highest on the south; on the west and north the high interior land descends with an unbroken slope to a low shore. Starting from South-east Point, this escarpment runs westward at an angle of twenty degrees to the shore, consequently, on its west side it is a considerable distanee imland. At the east end it has an elevation of seventy-five feet above sea level. This increases for four miles, where the maximum elevation of 200 . feet is reached, fifty feet above the general level of the interior plateau, and standing above it with a cut bank that height on the north side, one-quarter of a mile from the nouthern margin of the esearpinent, beyond which it deereases slowly westward, and is lost in the general low level of the west wide. The face of the escarpment was examined at several points along its length, and found to consist of a moderately fine, light sand, with some clay, eoarser cravel and small boulders mixed through the mass, the whole showing no signs of stratification. Going north from the southeast point for one mile, the escarpment averages sixty feet in elevation, with its base within a few yards of high water mark. Behind this, at a distance of 200 yards, is a second escarpment, thirty feet higher than the first. These, on their face, have the same eomposition as the southern escarpment. At the end of this course, and for one mile and a-half beyond to House Point, the descent from the interior is less precipitons, the land rising in three terraces-the first, ten feet, the next, forty feet, and the highest one, a quarter of a mile inland. 100 feet above the seal.

From House Point. for half a-mile, the face of the twenty-foot terrace is made $u$ p of sandy elay, with much gravel and boulders, rising out of deep water, From here the escarpinent turns $\mathrm{N} .30^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. for five miles, and then east five miles and a-half, passing inland around the head of a low, muddy bay, and reaching the shore again one mile south of the north-east point.

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Here, on the east ride, two distinct termees are visible, the lower being fifteen and the higher seventy-five feet above the sea. The face of the inner terrateo is chiefly sand, mixed with a eonsiderable quantity of clay, and with many boulders scattered through the mass. To the westward of the north-east point, along the shore, the lower terrace is soon lost in the upper one, which, a mile beyond the point, shows a face of forty feet, composed of an unstratified sandy clay matrix, holding large quantities of boulders and coarso gravel.

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From the base of the escarpment on all sides, numbers of clear, cold tiond water. springs of excellent water issue at all veasons. Following the shore from the south-west point, the course is dne east for half a mile along a sandy beach, about fifteen feet alove high water, covered with many boulders near the point; then turning N.N.L., a similar sandy shore eovered with coarse grass and low willows is passed over for one mile and a-ialf to a flat muddy bay; this bay, with another on the west side, leaves at high tide only a low narrow neck joining the south-west portion of the main island. From this bay the course of the shore changes to S. $\mathbf{7 0} \mathrm{E}$., and roms in this direction seren miles to South-east Point. Between the escarpment on the south side of the island and the shore is a considerable area of low swampy land not rising over ten feet above high water mark, where a low embankment averaging twenty feet broad, eomposed chiefly of boulders bedted in elay, has been pushed up by the floating ice, and forms a natural dyke to the lower land behind, which is very swampy and partly covered with long narrow fresh water lakes lying parallel to th escarpment and shore. Between high and low tide on this side, is a wide mud Hat strewn all over with a great number of boulders. Beyond low tide mark the water is very shoal for a long distance out ; with the exeeption of the streteh of coast on the east side, from South-enst to half a mile heyond House Point, the above deseription of the shore applies to the whole of Charleton Island. To the westwand and northward sand and boulder shoals, bare at low water, extend out for miles trom the island, rembering it impossible for ships to approach from those directions.
The bay on the east side with the escarpment passing around it, already mentioned, is two miles and a half wide and one mile deep; at low water it is completely dry and expeses a broad mod flat, with many large boulders upon it.
The land between the water and the esearpment, like that on the south side, is very low and swanpy, with over one-half' its area covered by small shallow lakes, formed or enlarged by numerous beaver dams, upon the three small strenms that flow into this bay.

## Danby and Cary Islands

Wintering
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To the eastward of Charleton lie two small islands; the southern, ealled Danby, being two-thirds of a mile distant; the northern or Cary, two miles from Charloton.

Between these islands and Charleton is a deep channel, throngh which the tide runs, with a current varying from three to five miles an hour. At House Point the water is deep close along the shore, and it was here that Captain James wintered his ship in 1631; here, also, in 1675 the Hudson Bay Company's ships diseharged their cargoos from England, and took in the furs brought from the different forts on the Bay in sloops. Iu 1695 this depot wns abandoned, and the anchorage has since been used only by the Company's ships when obliged to winter in the Bay, as it is the only moderately safe place in the southern part of James Bay where a ship may winter and allow the erew to obtain good water and fuel. The last ship wintered here in 1884 ; remains of the low huts, partly built in the ground for the officers and crew, are to be seen about one-quarter of a mile south of Mousc Point on the first plateau island, near a fine large spring of clear water, which never dries or freezes, and is consequently available throughout the ycar. (nn the point is the frame of a large shed, formerly covered with sails, in which the ship's cargo was stored. The only drawback to this place as a wintering ground is that the strong current setting up and down the channel causes it to open early in the spring, and it then carries large masses of iee forward and backward, which striking the ship are a source of great damage and danger.
The soil of the high interior land leing light and sandy, the rain readily soaks in, and consequently no lakes or strcams are found on the surfaee, which is partly covered with moss. The trees growing in the interior are chiefly small white and black spruee, with a few aspen and balsam poplar, growing much thicker to the northward than on the southern parts, where they form open glades, the intervening spaces supporting a growth of amall birch (Betula pumila) from one to two feet high. Alront one-half of the south-eastern portion of the plateau has been burnt over, leaving nothing but the bare sandy plain with small patehes of moss growing on it, and presenting a very barren appearanee. Between the escarpment and the shore, also on the low swampy lands on the west side, the trees are alnost wholly made up of black spruce, with a few tanarae and balsam poplar. Fringing the shore are extensive areas of low willows, beyond which grasses and sedges alone grow over these portions at or near high water mark, where the shore is frequently overflowed by the tide. Cariboo and black bears in small numbers are found on the island; white bears often
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small lake, being preserved by the Hudson Bay Company, who claim to have introdueed them, and only allow them to be hunted every third or fourth year. The small lakes are favourite breeding places for dueks and grey geese, which find good feeding grounds on the low grassy flats along the shore, ptarinigan also breed on this island, it being their southward limit around Hudson Bay.

Danby Island, as before mentioned, is distant two-thirds of a mile from the southern portion of the east side of Charleton Island. It is roughly triangular in shape, each side having a length of two miles ; one side lies parallel to Charleton, with its middle direetly opposite House Point. Its shores are low and made up ehiefly of sand and boulders, with muddy stretehes between the points, and a raised bar of sand and boulders formed by ice, similar to that on the south side of Charleton, runs around the island near high water mark. Shoal water extends ont from the north, east and south sides for long distanees. The interior of the island is Sow and swampy, eovered with a thick growth of small blaek spruce and tamarac, with a few balsam poplar.

Cary Island lies two miles north-east of Danby and three miles east Cary Isiund. from the north-east point of Charleton. It is four miles long from north to south, with an average breadth of one mile. On the western side the island is low and swampy, gradually rising inland. On its south, east and north sides are escarpments rising in the highest parts seventy feet above the sea. On the east side a raised beach of some fifteen feet in elevation runs along the shore, and extends inland from one to four hundred yards to an esearpment fifty fcet higher, which has a face and top alnost wholly eomposed of water worn boulders, averaging nine inches in diameter, and without glacial striae; they are paeked tightly together in a eondition similar to that shown by boulders on shoals at present, aeted upon by the grounding and shoving of large masses of ice over them.

On the north and south sides, the face of the escarpment is largely composed of sandy elay with large numbers of boulders scattered through the mass. The island on its lower parts is wooded with black and white spruee and a few white birch and poplar, the top of the boulder esearpment is devoid of trees, and has a very barren appearance.

Lying N. $65^{\circ}$ E. seven miles from the north-east point of Charleton The Strutton is the western end of two small islands called the Struttons.

The western or larger island is five miles long from east to west, one mile and a-half broad in the middle, and + pering to a point at either end; the smaller island is nearly round, with a diameter of one mile and a-half. The deep channel with its strong current that passes through tho Sound between Charleton, Danby, and Cary islands con-
tinues across the open bay on a N.E. course und runs between the Strutton islands, and from these follows on the same course to near the month of the East Main River, where it turns nortliward und is lost along the coast. The channel between the Struttons is one-third of a mile wide, and is obstrueted at its south entrance by asmall low boulder island one-half mile in circumferance. The current, owing to the confined limits of the channel, rushes through it a higher rate of speed than in the Charleton sound, varying from four to six miles an hour.

The channel, between the Strutton Islands, has been tried as a wintering ground for a ship by the Inadson Bay Company, but it was found that the ice carried along on the strong current caused great danage to the vessel; the crew also suffered greatly from the ravages of scurvy, brought on it is said by the use of the stagnant water in the small lakes on the iwlands, where no muning streams exist.

On all sides of these islands, with the exception of the above narrow deep channel, the water is very shoal, with an uneven bottom covered with sand and boulder shoals, some of which are bare at low water, but the greater number coming within a few feet of the surface, only show their presence by the breakers upon them during gales.

The highest point of the interior of the larger island is seventy-five feet above the sea. On the south side the slope from the highest level is very gradual and is broken by low rommed hills of boulders lying transvere to the shore line, where they terminate in short points: to
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On the east side along the nomul and partly on the north side tightly packed houlder banks rise almost perpendicularly ten to forty feet from deep water and resemble, when examined closely, a bnilt, dry stone wall, while at a short distance they have the appearance of an exposure of solid rock. Along the remainder of the shore and inland are immerse numbers of boulders in sandy clay, showing that the greater part of the island is made up of them.

The smaller island is low, being formed chiefly of boulder clay with sandy shores covered with boulders on all the points. Both islands are scantily wooded on their lower parts with small white and black spruce and willaws; mumerons fresh and brackish ponds are sitnated on these parts also,

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This island is very similnr in componition and size to the larger Strutton Island, except that it is made up of finer material and fewer honlders than that island. Its greatest length from east to west is five miles and a-half, with an average breadth of one mile. The north-east part of the island is the highest, and rises fifty feet above the sea. On the eastern half of its sonth side is a raised beach of sand und gravel ten feet high, extending from the water inland from one to three hundred yards, to a steep sloping bank of sand and boulders twenty feet higher, after which the land gradually rises towards the interior. The western part of the south shore is low and sandy and gradually rises inland towards the east, with no ent banks; the western extremity ends in a low, narrow boulder point half n mile long. The north shore is covered with bonlders or coarse gravel, exeent short stretches in the bottom of the small bays which are sandy. Beyond the middle of the north shore, and from there to the east point the island rises abruptly inland, having banks of thirty to forty feet, eomposed almost wholly of'small and large boulders mixed with quantities of clay and sand, from the base of which issue small streams of clear springs. cold water.

The western end of the island is devoid of trees, and shows a barren, sandy soil covered with low aretic plants, with numerous large boulders strewn over the smrface. The southeastern portion is covered with simall white spruee trees, not more than ten inches in diameter it the base and less than forty feet in height, which grow in open glades, the sandy soil here being covered with deep moss.

About half way between the Strittons and Little Charleton are two small low iskands composed of sand and boulders, with low willows growing on their highest parts, many sand and houlder shoals also aro to he seen in this part of the bay.
'Twenty-two miles distant, on a N. $35^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. comrse from the east point Weston Island. of Little Charleton Island, is the next high island, with its north end in lat. $52^{\circ} 30^{\prime} 32^{\prime \prime}$, called Weston lshand on the present chart of the Indson Bay Company ; this island is named Solomon's Temple in Capt, Coats' notes, while four low islands a few miles to the northward, at present marked Solomon's Temple, he calls Lord Weston's Islands; it is proposed to retnrn to the old names, and call the large hold island Solomon's Temple and the low islands Weston Islands.

Solomon's Temple is a narrow island eight miles long from north to solomon'a sonth in the form of a crescent, convex on the west side, and terminat-Temple. ing in long, narrow points made up of immense numbers of boulders paeked tightly together. On the west side, rising gradually from
either point, is a ent lank of sanly clay full of small boulders, laving a face of fifty feet in it highest parts. Behind this bunk the surface of the island is an undulating plain, covered with many boulders and doted with small shallow lakes which fill every depression of its surface. With the exception of a few solitary stunted white spruce, no trees grow on the island, its surface being covered only with low arctic flowering plants, grasses, selges and mosses. Two miles beyond the north point and seemingly an extension of it, is a smull low boulder island abont one mile in cirenmference.

On the northern end of Solomon's 'Temple great quantities of driftwood are heaped up from ten to twenty and occasionally thirty feet above ordinary high-water mark; on the shores of all the other islands similar piles of wood are found, most abundantly on their north sides ; that on the higher levels is generally greatly decayed and composed ehiefly of cedar. The presence of these piles of driftwood at such ligh levels has been faken as evidence of a rapid elevation of the land around Husson Bay. Dr. R. Bell places the rate of upheaval of the land or "subsidence of the water" at from five to ten feet a century. Other evidenee than that of the driftwood is required to sustain sueh a theory, as its presence at these high levels above ordinary tide may be accounted for in another manner than by a rapid elevation of the shores and ishands. Owing to the shallow state of the water near the shores of the islands and mainland of James' Bay, the wind, when Howing on the land, has great effect in cansing abnormal rises of tide by foreing the water from the deeper parts of the bay over the shallows; th instance in case was observed by the writer while anchored on the east side of Agoomski Island in a molerate gale from the north-west, August 8th, 1887. Here the ordinary rise of tide does not exceed five feet, yet after beaching his boat at 8 p.m., by miduight the water was twelve feet deep showing a rise of seven feet at least above the ordinary level. From this it is ensy to believe that extraordinary gales in the late autumn at long intervals apart, would back the water into the bay to such an extent as to cause a rise of tide from ten to twenty feet above its ordinary level. These high tides, necompanied by great breakers, would neeessarily throw the older and lighter wool, then on a high leve!, farther back, and pile newer wood in front and below it, thay forming a state of atfairs as at present seen.

Other facts tend to disprove a rapid elevation of land around Janes Bay, at least in its southern part. Capt. Coates, in his notes on the mouth of the Moose River, written one huudred and fifty years ago, deseribes it as it exists at the present time, with little or no ehange in the state of the channel or shoals; if a riss of five or ten feet a century
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Between Little Charleton and Solomon's Temple are weven or eight smull low ishands formed of sand and boulders and eovered with low bushes on their higher inturior parts; these inlunds are called the Tiders.

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Between the north and west point, tour miles, is an esearpment, composed of boulder elay and gravel, forty feet high, rmming parallel to a shore, alternating between boulder points and sandy bays. From west to south-west point the shore line is low and of the same eharacter is that above, with the gromed rising slowly inland. Noug the south hange in a century
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A fine example of the expansive power of ice may be seen half a mile inland from the sonth east point, whore there is a small shallow hake, at present completely drained by a small stream, which has eut out a channol through the escarponent. This oll basin is nearly round, with a diameter of five hundred yards, and had a depth of nbout six foet. Around the old shore line is a bank of bonlders and clay, four feet high and eight feet wide at the base, overgrown with vegetation, and resembling the intrenchment of $n$ fortitiod eamp. This has ovidently been pashed up by the total freezing of the lake and the expan. sion of the ice.

Seatered over the surface of the island are great quantitice of small angular fragments of light yollowish fossiliforons Silntian limestone, the probable resu't of the broaking up of large boulders of the mame.
Separated by a channel five miles wide, and lying fons miles to the wostward of this island, with its sonth-west point in lat. $5: 3^{\circ} 04^{\prime}$ is the North Twin. Sike the other island, it has an abript esenpment on the east side, with a low shore lino on tho west rising slowly inland. From the sonth-west point along the sonth side, the low shore is com. posed of sand and gravel, with a wide margin of swampy land oxtending inland to the slowly rising interior. Low cat hanksocenr near the coast at the sonth-tist point, whero two tervaces of ten and thirty feet olovation are seen, the lower formed of simel and igravel, the upper of boulder elay :und sand.
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Inland, the ground rises irregalaty towads the centre, where it is lower than the Sontn 'I'wins. The marface is dotted with many small lakes, and coverod with a low arctic veretation.

From the north-anst point a low narow bar of boulters, partly bare ut low water, runs ont in a northeast direction soveral miles towards Sjencer Island.

The rising and falling tide rushing over this bar forms a stroug rapid with heavy breakors. A nother reef extends from the south cast point, tive miles in a S. by Li. direction; a ship was wrecked on it in 1732. On the north point is the wreek of a largo sloop belonging to the Hudson Bay Company, lost hers in 1886, white uniter the charge of sone lisquimanx ongaged in killing white beas on the islands. In the Bay on the cast side a small ship's boat, painted white, was found, which mast have been lost from some vessel engrared in the whale tishery in the uorthern part of Hudson Bay, as no such boat has been lost by the Hudson Bay Company.

Walter fsland lies ten miles N. 40 W. from the north end of the water intand Sonth Twin. It is nearly romul, with a circumference of two miles, and rises with steep banks to an clevation of sixty feet at the highost. point. It is almost wholly made up of bonderw, which are overywhere tightly packed ly ice on the sithen ins! top of the ishand.

Between Waltor Island and tho Sonth 'Twin, six miles from tho lattor mily Rosk.
is a small baro knob, of Lamentian gneiss, callem limily Rock, rising in the midhe tifteen eet above high water mark, with a cirenmtorence of tifty yards. Tho gneiss is dark flow rod in colour, and niado up of dark red orthoclase, with some quart\% and black bormblende. It con tains fentientar masses of hornblembe. Strike N. $30^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

Spencer Island is fonteen miles distant from the north end of the spencer Iatana. North 'Twin on a N. $50^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$. conme. This ishand is one mile and a half' long by threerparters of a mile broal, with a generally sterp shore line covered with bonlders. On the sonth side is a sandy bay sho wing three areas of ten, twenty and fifty feet eleration, the two lower having cut faces of sand and gravel, the highest being formed of small rounded boulders tightly packed togother, the same extending over a greater part of the southern interiot. On the east side is another sandy bay, with a mised beach of that material fifteen feet in clevation. In this bay twenty-eight empty oil casks were found, which were probably from the samo wreck as the boat on the North Twin, the Indson Bay Company's people knowing nothing about them. To the northward the island is lower and tho boulters fewer, with more intormixed sand.

On the west side a wall of bonders rises direetly from the water to elevations varying from twenty to fifty feet. All these islands are frequently visited by polar bears, who land to rest after heave gales, and feel on the aretic berrics that grow in great profusion everywhere; Aretic foxes are also quite plentiful.

The other islands of this gronp were not examined, but it is inferred from information obtained from the Hulsou Bay Compary's officer, and Capt, Coat's notes, that they are of similar origin and composition to those above described.

The islands of the third group in James' Bay lie along the ensj const, and have been deseribed by $\mathrm{Dr}_{1}, \mathrm{R}$. Bell in the report of Progress of the Geological Survey, 1877-78, as follows: "The majority of the islands are rather low, and composed of boulders and shingle with few or no trees, but the solid rock occurs upon a large proportion of them. No regularity cau be detected in the general arrangement of these islands. They present a kind of labyrinth which it would be very difficult to map with accuracy and which is not mulike that of the Georgian Bay, Lake IIuron, except that on the east coast of James Bay the water is shallower, and shews evidence of receding rapidly, and the islands are, ats above stated, mostly covered by boulders and shingle."

## Meteorologicil noles.

From the meteorogical obsorvations taken during the summers 1887 and 1888 , detailed in Appendix No. the following summary is compiled:

Thare datily readings with the minimum temperatnre, taken on tiftyeight days in 1887, while ou dames' hay, givea mean temperature of 55 degreen.

Similar reading on tiftyone days in 1885 give a mean temperature of $5: 3$ degrees. In 1887, there was tion on twenty aml rain on fiftem 001 of fifty-cight d:yss.

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Of one hundrel and tifty-three observations on the direction of the wind taken in 1887, twelve were from the N., sixteen from N.-E., four from E., twenty-two from s.-F., weventeen from s., twenty-tive from S. W., twenty-ene from W., and thirty-six firom N.-W.. the resultant direction being due west.
Two hundred and twenty similan obervations in 1885, give a mometer at Moose Factory during the months of June, July, August and September give the following mean temperatures: $1878,6 \mathrm{I} 7^{\circ}$; 1879, $54: 3^{\circ} ; 1880,5 t^{\circ} \cdot 3^{\circ}$. These taken with the mean temperatures given above would give an average mean summer temperature of
$5.5^{\circ}$. 'I'his would be slightly higher than an arerage tor the entire bay, as the mean temperature of Moose Factory is higher than many other places. Dr. R. Bell, in report of Progress 1877.78 , places the average temperatare of the seat aloug the east coast at $\overline{5} 1^{\circ}$. This is mach higher than the temperature of the main body of water, as the water of the east coast is wamed by the rivers flowing into the bay on that side, and being very shallow has its temperature rai-ed by the aetion of the sun's rays The difference in the vergetation growing on the outer ishands and in the same latitude on the main land shews that. the temperature of the former is nuch lower than that of the fatter and this is due to the lower temperature of the main body of water, which is so cold that an immersion of the limbs for a few minutes at any time orodnces a numbues in the parto of the borly so eovered.

## Biy River.

'Tie darbonf and month of the Big, Kitehisipis, on Mistisipi River Bu River. has already been described an far ar Fort George. At this point the north channel of the river is one mile wide, and for two miles above to the hear of Fort Georese ishand, it is obstructed ly one large and soveral small ishands. For the next fomr miles the river has an average breadth of three-quarters of a mile. is quite deep and flows with an even current, of about three miles and is half an hour with falling water, the course being N. $50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Here a small roeky ishand and reef stretches across the stream, forming a sonall rapid. From this point the river leuds to the castward, and for thirty three miles, in a straight line, tlows with a general course of $\mathrm{N} .85^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. Three miles above the rapid is the lower of four hare ishands, which lie on the sontli side of the main chanmed, and extend upward six miles and a half past the head of tide.
Two miles above the upper ishand the river eontracts in wiath to one hundred yards, and passes over and hetween :a rocky barrier, whieh canses af fall of ten feet in the form of a low chute with heavy rapids below. Immediately above the chute in a low rocky island half a mile long. From here for nineteen miles the river has an average breadth of eight hundred yards, and flows with an average current of three miles an hour in a deep chamel. Beyoul this distance is a sharp bend to the north-east for one and a half miles, around the base of a roeky hill, when the former consse is again followed for several miles. At the bend, the river is only two hundred yards wide. and eonsequently has a very swift emrent, up which eanoes require to be traeked. Two miles beyond the bend a portage roate of over one lundred miles in miles beyond the bend a portage ronte of orer one from a few miles
length leaves the river on the north side. The river
beyond is greatly obstructed by falls and heavy rapids, white passing throngh a deep narrow gorge, where the rocky banks are so steep that porlages cannet be made, thus rendering itw navigation with eanoes inpossible.

Few tributary streams enter the river below the portage, Among the larger is a small river from the north, flowing in hehind the islands, about two miles above Fort George. The next is on the south side behind the lowest island at the head of tide. One mile and a half above the "donte is a small river, thirly yards wide at its mouth, coming from the sonth and called the A-chegi Rivei: Three miles and a half, and neven miles above the hast on the same side, are two large brooks named respectively $\Lambda$-na-misecat and Ni-min-se-tat Rivers. Four miles below the bend a small river twenty yards wide at its mouth, called the Nece-pa-stick, also flown in from the sonth; at the bend a large brook descends in a beantitnl tall from the rocky hill to the eastwand, white in the upper bend and at the portage two large brooks enter from the north. From its month to the portage the river flows in a valley (ent out of stratified marine elays and sands of lost Tertiary age. The banks on the istands and shores near the mouth of the river are composed chiefly of hlobh white clay overlaid by a thin deposit of yellow sand, showing cut faces on the istands and at intervals along the shore ranging from ten to thity feet in olevation above the river. A few miles $\quad$ p the river the banks become higher with thicker deposit, of sand on top. Jost above the first rapid an exposure on the sonth bank wives hirter fiet of day and ten feet of and.
On the indands at the head of tide the hank rise fifty fee above the fiver. At this place, on the north shore, are extensive low flate covered with marsh hay. This in emt and tamported to Fort Reorgo in large boats and used to teed the catte kept there during the winter. Above the chmec, the banks are often over sixty feet high, with forty feet of still blue clay at the botom, overlaid with samly clay and sand.
Everywhere the lower clay bedr hold forsils, the following being the rpecies fomad: Tellima yremlandica, Beck, Saxicata rugosa, L., Mya arenaria, L., Mya truncata, L. Bucinum tonur, (iray, and Mytilus edulis, 1. The upper sandy clay and sind beds contain very few finsils, Saxicar ruyesa, heing only sparingly seem in them.
At the bend below the prortage, on the eant side of the river, is a deposit of loulder-clay, ent by the river, and showing a face of over reventy-five lect in heigh. Thin was evidendy deponsited by the glacier bohind, and protected by the steep gneisshilla neen a short distance to the castward; the bomblemeray forms a tail th these hills. The comn-
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try on either side of the river, above its banks, is a slightly rolling platean of sand and clay, rising slowly inland, and broken through by low, rounded knobs of greiss. The greater part of this eountry has bcen Timber. burnt over, and in such places is covered with a small second growth of black and white spruce, aspen poplar and tamarac, with Banlisian pine predominating on the sandy portions. None of these trees exceed fifteen inches in diameter three feet from the ground. On the unburnt portions and along the river valley the trees are larger, some being eighteen inches in diameter fifteen feet from the ground. Here are found white and black spruce, balsan :nd aspen poplar, small white birch, tamarac and a few batsam spruee.

On the lower stretches of the river uccasional low exposines of gieise Rook expoen.
outcrop from beneath the clays. As the stream is ascended these rise
higher and higher, until, upon the upper part, they form bold hills, rieing at intervals above the sands and clays. The following are the different exposurem noted white ascending the river: On the north whore, opposite Fort (isorge, and below to the mouth of the river, are a number of rock exposures, consisting chiefly ot pink and grey finegrained orthoclase hormblende-gneiss, along with a coarse pink horn-bende-gneiss holding large porphyritic crystals of bluish-white tri-gneiss. clinic felspar. Diverywhere throughont these exposures are enclosures of tenticular and partly rounded masses of tine-grained rock, eomposed chiefly of hack hornblende, probably negregations from the main mass.

## Strike N. $80^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

On the sonth al re, behind Fort George, near the head of the island, are finely-bedded bands of a dark tine-grained hornblende-gnciss, made up of black hornblende and buti-weathering felspar, with little or no quartz. Along with these are lighter banls, in which orthoclase predominates. Strike N. $85^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

At the mouth of the south chamel are exponimes of a dark hornblendic rock, netted by veins of lighter tine-grained gneiss, forming a brecein; also coarse, greyish-pink gneiss, made up chiefly of large, pale erystals of orthoclase and dark hornhlende, with very small quantities of quartz. Strike N. $72^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

At the island in the first small rapid the roek is light-grey and pink orthoclase hornblente-gneiss, contaming lenticular masses of finegrained horublende-sehist. Strike N. $188^{\circ}$ W.

On the south shore, at the chute, is conse grey formblendegneiss, with thin bands and fragments of homblende-chist, followed by thick beds of massive hornblente-schist, interfoliatel with thin bands of light orthochase-gneiss; then grey and pink gneiss, with a dark-red variety, made up of the-h-rot orthoelane. Wack hornblente and quartz.
Strike N. $75^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

On the rorth side the rock is a dark, granitie, orthoclase nornblendegneiss, associated with thick masses of dark-green hornblende-rock, contuining grains of magnetite; the source of the colors of iron-suma frequently seen along the river shore.

At the chute are two dank-green trap dykes, weathering reddishbrown, which rint $\mathrm{S} .66^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. and $\mathrm{S} .47^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$., being respectively four feet and nine inches wide. On the north side, onequarter of a mile below the chnte. is a similar dyke, eighteen feet wide, rumning S. $75^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

Three-quarters of a mile above the chate is an exposure of hornblendie sehistose gneiss, composed of alternate laminte of blackish, green hornblende and yellow weathering, grey felspar with patches of reddish orthoclase, In some parts the roek is a dark, fine.grained, hornblendic gneiss, with lirge porphyritic crystats of whitish felspar, the largest eystals being one and a-half inehes long by one-half inch broad, with their longer axis always parallel to the plane of stratifiention. Strike S. $75^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

Five miles beyond the last, on the south hank, is a fine-grained, bluish grey gneiss marle up of dark hormblende and bluish felspar, with little or no quartz, contuining enclosmes of datk hornblendic segregntions. Strike S. $600^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

One mile and a-quarter above the last there are exposures of finegrained darkgrey hormblendic gneiss, weathering greyish yellow, containing porphyritic crystals of white fehpar, and taversed by veins of' pink orthoclase ako having hornblende segregations.

Three miles beyond was seen similar hormblendegneiss, with massive hornblende rocks like those at the chate, also light pink highly felspathir gneiss containing mueh less hornblendo and more quart\% than the darker grey rock. Strike N. $85^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

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Three miles and arquarter bevond the last are expenters of the porphyritic gnciss. Strike E. by W.

At the small rapid on the hend below the portage is a coarse red and grey gneiss, composed chiefly of red and grey orthochase, erystals of which are perfectly developed, aliong with slightly altered dark-green hornblende and some mica and quart\%. Strike S. $77^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

## Portagre Routebetween Big and Bishop Roy!an Rivers.

Lenving Big River at the portage, the rontr passes overland, on a general course of $\mathrm{N} .40^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$, by a number of portages counecting small lakes, draining into Big River through a large lake on a river which flows into James Bay a few miles north of the mouth of Big

River, and thence by two portagen into a large lake on the Bishop Roggan River.

The following details show the difficulty of taking canoes over this route.

The tirst portage from Big River is three miles and four ehains in length, and passer almost directly north, ending in a small lake onequarter of a mile broal, joined to mother small lake by a brook tive chains long; the second lake is thirty chains across.
from it the next portage, of five chains, was made to another small suceession of lake, half a-mile wide, followed by a portage of sixty-seven chains end. prortagen. ing at a similar lake half a mile lons, succeeded by a porage of seventy chains, then a lake of fifteen chains, followed by a portage of forty-six chains, a lake of ten chains, and another portage of seventeen chains, to a slightly larger lake called Wa-we-cho-to-chis, where the Indians, while traversing the portages, stop to fish. This lake is two miles long from the upper end to its discharge, a small sluggish brook obstucted liy beaver dams. The route follows the winding course of this stream for half a mile to a portage three mites loug, ending at a small lake three-quarters of a mile broad, followed in succession by a portage of thirty chains, a lake of twenty chains, a portage of forty-one chains, a lake of forty chains, a portage of forty chains, It lake of one mile, a portage of fifteen chains, a lake of fifteen chains, and a portage of twenty chains, to the banks of a small river tributary to Big River. This strean was ascended one mile and a quarter past three small rapids to Lake A-wi-chi-na-wi-gr-chi, a large body of ${ }^{\circ}$ deep clenr water well stocked with fish, an abundant supply of pickerel, pike, white fish, and suckers being taken in the net here. This lake has two bays extending from its outlet, the western bay is several milen long, the nothern one was followed three miles to its hearl, where a alugrish strean fifteen feet wide was ascended one-quarter of a mile to a lake thirty-five chains wide, followed by five portages of thirteen, thirty-six, eight, fifty-five, and eighty ehains long, conneeting lake traverses respectively of twenty, twenty-five, and one hundred and twenty-tive chains to Pi -a-grechi River, at this point a whallow rapid stream one hundred feet wide. This river emptios into James Bay near Wasticoon, a high rocky island about eight milos north of the mouth of Big River. From the portage a short rapid, full of large boulders was ascended for half :a mile and Pi-a-gochi Lake entered near its western end. This is a long, narow lake surrounded by low rocky hills in many places rising abruptly two hundred fiot from the water. The route follows its enstern bay four iniles and a half, and leaves it by a portage on the north shore several miles from its eastern end. 'The portage is tifty-tive chains long and passes over two rocky cting small on a river th of Big

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ridges, onding in a suall lake fifty chains acrosk, followed by another portage of forty-three chains to a large irregular body of water called A-pi-eho-ti-ne-chits Lake, which is drained by Bishop Roggan River.

Between Big and Bishop Roggan rivers the country is made up of ridges of low rounded gneissic hills rising from fifty to two hundred feet above the gencral elevation of the tand, whirh is estimated from an average of the barometer readings taken, to be six hundred and seventy-five feet above sea tevel. These hills are partly covered with boulder sande and clayn, while the intervening vulleys are filled with deep mossy swanpent mall lakes.
The greater part of sio egrion has been burnt over by trequent tires, which have in many in "ses left the higher parts totally devoid of vegetation. The trees remaining are second growth black spruce, tamarae and banksian pine, never exceeding fifteen inches in diameter three feet from the ground. On the lower swampy lands and around the margins of the small lakes, where the fires lave not destroyed the older trees, a dense growth of small black spruce and tamarac prevails with an occassional balsam spruce. On the portage leading from Pi-a-go-chi Lake, a few balsan poplars, four inches in diameter, were seen along with small red cherry trees, this being the northern limit of the latter.

Except in the immediate vicinity of Big River no stratified muperficial deposits occur on this portion of the route. The sands and clays seen were unstratified and mixed with boulders. On the higher ground sand predominates, owing probably to the greater part of the clay being washed out of the thin deposits there overlying the rock, and carried down into the lower valleys, where the clay is greatly in excess.

On the first portage from Big liver are exposures of pink and grey coarse-grained hornblende orthoclase gneiss. Strike S. $60^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. Similar gueiss, highly contorted, is seen on the second portage. Coarse pink hornblende orthoelase granitic gneiss, containing angularfragments of dark, tine grained hornblende schist was seen on the third portage. On the fifth portage similar gneiss occurs along with a pink micaceous variety. Strike F. and W. Highly contorted pink and grey hornblende and mica gneiss, having a general strike of S. $20^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. , is exposed on the reventh portage. On the eighth and ninth portages the rock is more inicuceons, with great numbers of barren quart\% veins. On the latter portage, fifteen chatins from the south end, is a dark green diorite dyke, weathering deep brown, with a fine-grained compact structure near its contact with the surrounding gneiss, but rather coarsely crystalline in the mase. Thisslyke is two hundred and thirtyfeet wide and runs N. $27^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

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On the portage from Pi-a-go-chi Lake the rock is chietty composed of a tine compact pink graphitie gneiss, mado up of orthoclase and quartz, with very small quantities of mien and hornblende. The quartz and orthoclase are arranged in altermate lamine averaging oneeighth of an inch in thickuess. Strike N. $i^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.
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## South Branch of the Bishop Rogyan Rirer.

The name Bishop, laggan is a corruption of the hodian word pi-ehip-oni-m, meaning fishing weir, from the immense willow weirs, with basket sluice, built aeross the stroam by the ludians to eatel fish descending the river.

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and size of which can only be ascortained by survegs of each, taking more time than could be afforkel on a hurried trip over so extensive an arca of country'. From the hast portage the route paseses northward one mile and a half down a narrow bay, to a long, low point, crossed by a portage of six chains in length. Thenee an irregular course between islands is followed for four miles in a general N.li, course to the outlet, where the river, fifty yards wide, is descended threequarters of a mile, past a emall rapid to Lake Kotan-i-wau-an. This is another large lake covered with islands, the river flowing out of its north west end. Its south-eastern shore was followed, two miles and threequarters to the mouth of a small braneh stream. The country around these lakes is comparatively flat, with low rounded gneiss hills, rixing at intervals from fifty to one hundred feet abore the swampy low lands.
The route passes up the small brunch on a directly east course for thee miles and a quarter to a fall eight feet high, where the river is ten yards wide. Between the fall and the lake below, the river, with an average breadth of two hundred yards, flows between low roeky hills, which rise from the water's elge, forming an irregular shore lineAbove the fatl, the valley in wider, the river or lake, here avernging four hundred yards in width, is broken into a great number of small bays, by low narrow points extending out from the base of the rocky hill:
'J'o Pi-mi-ga-ma-chi Lake, four miles, the comse in N. 70 W . This lake is several miles long from east to west, by abont one mile broad; the ronte leaves it by the river that flows in on its north side, two miles and three-quarters from the ontlet, and passes N. W. up that ntream three miles to Lake A-wah-a-gets, with two portuges pust nmall rupids. From here the river thris S. 78 E ., for seventeen miles, to Iake O-ho-mi-chi-chits, passing through seven narow lakes conneted by imall mapids, where the stream is too small und shallow to uscend with canoer. Lake O-ho-mi-chi-chits is eat into three bays by long rocky points ; it was taversed in a geneml S. $50^{\circ}$ F. course to its hend, the distance being six miles. Here a low rocky portuge, thirty four chains long, (י)ossers the height of land between Bishop Roggan and A-ph-chichits river, a tributary of Big River; the portage ends at a small lake forty-three ehains long. Descending the small brook flowing out of it, for ten chains, another small lake. thirty chains long, is passed throngh to a portage of twenty ehains, over a steep hill to a lake of one hundred chatins. 'The discharge is full of small rupins and causes a portage of half a mile, at the end of which is a navigable stretch of forty chains, followed by more rapids and a portage of eighty. six chains, after which the crooked eourne of the river is followed for eighty-eight chains to Lake Ka-bun-ski-was, which is six miles long, with numerons deep lateral bays. From the ontlet of this lake the river is again followed two miles and three-quarters, through two small lakes with rapids hetween, to a portage of:one hundred and thirty-two chains, passing sonth over a ridge of hills and ending at Sha-tneh-i-wan Lake, through which the Big River flows. The A-pa-chi-ehits River, below the portuge, passes through a deep gorge, and enters this lake one mile and a half eavt of the portage, by a fall sixty feet high.

As the small branch stream from Lake Ko-tan-i-wan-an is aseended, the country becomes more and more rocky and rough, with long ridges of hills rmoning parallel to the river valley, massed closely together, having but small areas of swampy valley land between. The elevation of the hills above the smrounding water level varies fiom fifty to one hundred and fifty feet, us far as the water shed. Beyond this the hills rise from one bundred to two hundred and fifty feet above the general level to Lake She-tach-i-wan. These hills have for the greater part
Timber. been recently burnt over, so that nearly everywhere they present the scorched bare surface of the roek, partly covered with boulders, and seattered over with the standing bhackened trunks of trees; the whole having a very desolate, barren look. On the unburnt portions small black spruce ad tamarae predominate along the lower parts of the braneh. but are in a great measure replaced ly small banksian pine as Big River is approached. A fow small white bireh and aspen pop-
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lar frow along the hillsides near Lake Ka-tun-i-wan an. The northern limit of the mountain ash (Pyrus Americana, DC.) wus reached on Lake Pi-mi-ga-ma-chi, where a few low trees were observed. Neerywhere in the depressions und valleys between the hills are depowits of boulder Bombere clay, while seattered over the hills ure immense quantities of boulders. A curious ridge of packed boulders, forty feet wide, and rising from five to fifteen fect above the general level, was seen rmming N. $10^{\circ}$ E. from the inlet of Lake Pi-mi-ga-ma-chi over a low hill. It was traced for a distance of one mile to the edge of a deep swamp and apparently continued over the hill on the other side of the swamp.
The rock throughout is chiefly a red syenitic gneiss, often granitic in Ruck. ntructure, composed of red orthochse, black hornblende, with little or no quart\%.
At the fall above Lake Kotaniwanan the rock is a coare pink hornblende orthoclase gneiss. Strike S. $77^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.
On an island in Lake Pimigamachi similar gneise is exposed. Strike $\mathbf{S} 85^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. At the bend in Lake Awahagats is more of the same rock without signs of stratitication. On the portages past the rapids of the seventeen mile stretch to Lake Ohomachichts are exposures of pink homblende orthoclase granitic gneiss. On the height of tand portage the rock is coarse and fine grained pink horrblende gneiss. Strike $\mathrm{S} 88^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. At the second rapid below Kabunskiwas Lake are exposures of fine grained, highly eontorted, micaccons orthoelave gneiss, showing pink and grey bands. On the summit of the portage to Shatachiwan Lake is a coarsegrained grey hormbende gneis, containing perphyi. tie erystate of pate pink orthoclase.

## Upper Biy River.

Shatachiwan Lake is about neven miles long from cast to went, with Rave by the wide hay on the sonth side, out of which the Big River flows. For kiver. awiles from its elstern limit, the lake has been filled up by alluvimen brought down by the river. This forms a delta of low islands eovered with willows and separatel from each other by narow shallow chanuels.

First, N. $60^{\circ}$
In ascending the river from the lake ito cournes are miles und one E. for ten miles and a half, then N. $30^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$. for two miles und one quarter, bending then to north for two miles, then N. $30^{\circ}$ W. for three miles and a quarter, followed by $\mathrm{N} .60^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$. for four miles and $\mathrm{S} .60^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$. for three miles and threequarters; lastly N. $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. for fourten miles, where the ronte leaves the river by a small tributary ealled Pu-ti-ta-wa-gau River which flows in from the north.

For the first few miles abave the delta the river flows with un even.
current of about three miles per loonr, between low, muddy bank, mal has an average breadth of fom humbred yards.
Two miles above the lake is a low island three-quaters of a mile long, with two smaller islands at its head. One mile boyoud the ishand is a rapid one-quarter of a mile long with three feet rise. Nbove the rapid is a broad quiet streteh of notrly a mile, to a chate of ten feet, where the river fialls over horizontal ledges of gneiss. The portage past this chute is oleven chains long. Seventy chains nbove is another chute of fifteen feet, passed by a portage of thirteen chains, and followed by quiet water for three miles and a haff to a small rapid one quarter of a mile long, with more good water for two miles to a chute and rapid of forty feet. Betweon the last two chutes the river is obstrueted by n number of emall islands, fourteen in all. The portage past the forty-foot chate is half a milo long and is followed thirty chains above by another of tifteen chains past a fall of thirty feet. From here around the western bend, a distance oa four miles and a half, the river is easily navignble with canoes past fom large islands to $a$ fall of thirty feet. Beyond this no obstacle oceurs in the navigation of the river to the Patitawagau branch, up which the ronte passes. According to the statement of the gaide the river, for a great distance beyond, is fieo from mpids and is quite easily navigable with canocs. Abont the last portage the stream averagen iwo handred fards in width, is comparitively shallow, and thows with in uniform enrrent of between two and three miles per homr.

The tion lange tributary of Big River above Shatehewan Lake is called the Man-wan River and flows in from the north one mile and three-quarters : bove the fifteen teet rhate. It is tifty yards wide at its month. T'wo miles amd a quarter above, another farge hameh calleal Wa-chat ti-mi River entern from the ensisard, and is ecenty yards wide at its junction with the main stream. Several small brooks fall into the river on loth sides between this point and the big bend to the east, where twosmall rivers, whose mouths areone mile apart, enter from the north; these are named Mesta oh River and Fishing River, the former is ten and the latter twenty yards wide. Another not thern branch called the Ka-o-chiso-wi sto River flows in immediately above the thirty foct chate, this strean is forty jards wide at its montl. Only one other river, the Ka-wa-chi-wan entered between the last and the Patitawagan. The Kawachiwan flows ont of a large lake on the high lands a short distanee to the north of Big River and enters the valley by a beautiful fill of fifty teet.

As has been already stated, in passing from the northward to Shata chewan Iake, a sudden fall of over one hudred feet takes place in the general surface of the conntry. The higher platean with its rolling
hills trends from the lake towards the north-east, and lorms a distinet wall to tho wide, flat plaine throngh which the Big River flows.

Above the lake the river hate cat out a shallow chamel througit deposite of non-fossiliferous stratified sands and clnys, which on the lower reaches nometimes show cut faces of pure sund, occasionally overlying thin deposits of clay without boulders. Beyond the river valley the country is almost that, with a fow isolated ridges of gneiss rising from tifty to one hundred und fifty feet ubove the general surface. At the chutes and rapids these ridges cross the river.

Above the upper chute the river approaches the high reoky land on Terraces.
the north, nlong the buse of which are two terraces rising twenty and fifty feet above the presert river level. Where examined they were found to present fnees of strutified sand and fine gravel in many placos overlying beds of tine blue clay. Above Knwachiwan River the hills also approach the river from the sonth, and along their base similar terraces rise ten, thirty and fifty feet above the river.

The deposits in which these termes lave been out are of thriatile or laenstrine origin. The river at the close of the glacial period was probably dammed in various places with drift barriers which caused it to cover the wide flat valley between the higher rocky hills with lake areas in which the clays, sanden and gravels were deposited.
Where the terraces ure close to the higher rocky hills, their surface and faces ure strewn with boulders evidently rolled down from the higher elevations where they thickly cover the rocky surface; at points distant from the hills no bonlders were observed on the te :aces.

Along the river valley and on the islands, the trees are chiefly black Timber. and white spruce and thmarac, with some hakime poplar and balsam spruce. Many of these trees are eighteen inches in dinmeter, three feet from the ground. On the higher parts out of the river valley the trees are smaller, and are hack noruce, banksian pine amd tamarac.
The country composing the river plain is generally swanpy. Just
above the delta of Shatachewan Lake, on the sonth bank, is an exposure of conse, gruy, garnetiferous hormbleade-gnoiss, penetrated by numerous veins of pure red orthoclase. Strike N. $47^{\circ} \mathrm{k}$.

At the first rapid above, the rock is a fine-grained grey miea-gneiss, Roeks. followed by coarse-gruined, grey hormblendic-gneiss, holding porphyritie crystals of pale-pink orthochnso.

At the ten-foot clute is a very coarso-graned grey gnoiss, with well developed erystals of hormblente and orthoclase; along with it are small bands of tire-grained, pink, orthoclase-hormblende-gneiss, penetratod by many large veins of quartz and orthoclase, holding rod garnet and black tourmuline crystals. The bedding of these rocks is

Character of country.

Portage Route from Big Rirer to the South Branch of Great Whale River.

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 route.apparently horizontal. On the portage past the fifteren-feet chate the nnme rock were seen dipping s. $<\mathbf{7 0}$.

At the rapids, three miles and three-quarters above, the rock is a fine-grained, grey homblendegneins. Strike N. $40^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

On the portage at the forty-fiect chute me exposmen of highly contorted, pink and grey, tine-grained hornblenle-gneiss.

At the twenty-fect chute similar rocks were neen.
A micaceons hornblembic-gnoiss, greyish-groen in eolor, along with piak bands of the same, holding negregations of hornblemde aud cut by veins of pink orthoclase, oceur at the thirty-feot chate. Beyond this, to Patitawagan River, no roek exposures are seen in the river valley.
leaving the Big River by the Patitawagan River, the ronte passes Ip that crooked strem in a general north-west course for tifty chains to a portage of half a-mile over a sandy platean, sixty feet above the river valley, past a shallow rapid. Thence the winding course of the river is agnin followed two miles and three-quarter, past small mpids, causing portages of form, thirty-six and twenty-seven chanm, to a sinall lake called Ka-wa-cha-gra-miorhits. The river winds through a valley half a mile broal, ent ont of whatified sands, on the lower parts showing ent faten sixty feet high. As the rate of fall of the river is heavy, these consequently become lower as the stream is ancended, until, near the lake, they have disappared, qiving place th rocky hills, partly eovered with a thin layer of bondder-chay.
Lake Kawachagamichits is two miles long, with an avernge loweath of half a-mile. It is separated trom another small lake forty-tive chains long by a portage of six chains, with a similar portare at its upper end to A-cheewa-ma-ni-ka Lake, ont of which the latitawaran River rises. 'This lant lake is two miles and a-half' long, with an average breadth of one-quarter of a mile, and is very deep. 'The watern of these lakes und the following ones are remalkahly flear and rold, and are plentifully stocked with large white tish, lake and river tront, pickerel and snckers. The next portaro is tifteen chains long, and forms the watershed between Big River and the north branch of Bishop Roggran River. The course, in a straght line from the mouth of the Patitawagan River to the height of land, is N. $50^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$.

The country about the lakes is very similar to that described on the south branch of the Bishop Roggan River; it is mate up of low rounded ridges of hills, rising from fifty to two hundred feet abovo the water level, with the intervening valleys covered with small lakes or mossy swamps. Evorywhere are immense quantities of rounded
gneiss boulders ; these constitute nhout throbinuters of the loose material which covers the rocky surfine of the hills, mut fille the val- liver is conded, , rocky
brealth orty-tive eat its tawatran an avelvaters of old, and 0 trout, ng, and ranch of nouth of 1 on the w roundous the lakes or ronnded
logs.
From the helght of land porthge, Ni-H-wh-w-wign-ehi lake is forlowed seven miles mod a quarter in $u \mathbf{N}$. W. direction. This is a long murrow lake, with mmerons small maturul bays, branehing it its western end into three deep bays. Ilie sonte passes to the dischurge at the hend of the western bay.

Here 11 portage of thirtoen chains pases 14 mpid on the smill barages. strenm flowing out. Following down this stream three miles und three-finuters on the same course, erossing portages of five, seventeen and litteen chuins in longth, past small raphds, Lake Ka hi-pi-ka-mow is reached. The eastern bay of this lake ts followed for three miles, when the route turns north ward up an nurow passuge into it large bay; ruming north und south, and follows the north arm of this buy to its head, three miles from the main lake. Here a purtuge of tive chains erosser to a sunll nurrow lake, ten feet higher than the last, into which it discharges by . . all stream. The route follows up this lake one purter of a mile to a prortage of eight chains, that entw in a small hake fifteen chains across. A portage of twenty-two chains leals thence to a larger lake one mile long, separated from another lake, one mile mad a half long, by a portuge of six chains. The portage out of the upper and of the last lake is on the height of hand between Bishop Roggun and the noath buanch of Great Whate River. The comntry parsed throngh, dathed by Bishop Roggan River, is very similar to that previously described, with lower hills areraging from twenty-live folifty feet above the level of the water, and never exceeding one humdred feet.
Mach more swampy land lies ubont the varions lakes. Everywhere the hills and valleys are covered with inumemble boulders often perehed upon the very summit of the hills.

The trees eontinue to decrease in size; they average six inches und Timher.
are never over twelve inches in diameter theo feet from the ground.
They are black sproce and tmmarac, with fewer banksim pine; a considerable number ot very small white bireh were seen on the rocky hill sides about the lakes.

The rock at all the exposmes examined on the portages and aloug Gramite gueios. the lake shores wits everywhere fomed to be a moderatoly coarse-graned,
pink, horublendic orthochase gneiss: often granitie in structure, and frequently holling segregations of hornblembe. The gene:al strike,
when seen, was about N. $60^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

## 'Pper (ireat Whale River.

Desoription o1 route followed

Great Whate River heads in a small lake, half a mile long, separated by a short portage of ten yards from Lake Ka-hi-pi-ta ni-cow, a large body of water covered with small rocky islands, and nearly divided by a long point running out from the east side. 'The route passes through this lake around the point, a distance of three miles and a half to a portage of twenty-tive chains, which comnects it with Ma-squa chi-wi Lake. This lake is divided hy ridges of hills forming long points into three bays; these lie in tronghs paratlel to the strike of the rocks, here N. $50^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

The route crosses the two western bays. and passen up the eastern one to its head, the distance being tour miles and one-half'. From here three portages of six, twenty-thee and thirty-fon chains, with eonneeting small lakes of fifty-eight and twenty-five chatins wero passed over to Mis-him-in-i-we-tan Lake. The dencent on the iast portage is one hundsed and sixty feet.

This lake, like Misquarchiwi, is divided by roeky ridges into several lung narrow bays parallel to the strike of the rock.

The portage reaches it at the upper end of the north-east bay, near the inlet of the river, which falls into it through a deep rocky gorge. This bay, with an average breadth of half a mile, ruus ten miles in a direct N. W. conrse, to a long point separating it fiom a similar bay on the north side. The hills on either side of the bay rise on an average three hundred feet above the water, with mumerous peaks one hundred feet higher; those on the sumth side slope simathatly to the water's edge, white on the north they rine aboupty in rocky difts directly from the lake.
beyond the peint the 1 onte mon mote the norlhwald, and in two miles and a half eroser the ecerond lay, parsing along the shore of a large island, throngh a hamown, into another dep bay roming towards the north-west. Following along the east side of this, one mile and threequarters, the ont wat reached, and a rapid of fifteen chain descendel into Ka-bi-matohi wan Lake, enteriner it about the middle, one mile and threequaters from its ontlet.

Leaving the northenst bay of Mi-himiniwetan lake the hills become lower, with the ridgen farlier apme, and consequently the amount of low swampy land is much greater.

A rapid, ten chains long, with a tall of fom feet, combet, Kabimachiwan with Ka-chin-wa-stegin Lake, the river here is thity yards wide. The north shore of the latter lake was followed three miles and a quarter to a portage, which leaves the lake from the head of a sinall bay near its north-west ond, where the river flows ont. This portage
is fifteen chains long, and crosses a low rocky ridge, ouding in a small lake half a mile across to the ontlet, where the river is again obstructed by heavy rapids, causing a portage of fifteen chains, to mothor lake partly covered with many ishands.

Hero an cant conse was followed for one mile and a yuarter past a long narow fointyrojecting from 'its west side, then turning north two miles and a half; the ontlet wats reached, and the river, here forty yards wide, loscended one mile and three quarters past small rapids io Pos-pis-ka-ga-mi lake. One mile to the east of the entrince of the river another large stream called Ka-mo-chi-mo-pas-ti-quo Rivor entors. This lake is four miles lonir fiom south-east to north-west, with an sverage breadth of a mile and a half: Its western shore was followed three miles to the river flowiug out.

Beyond this the river passes thromgh no more lakes and flows in a distinct valley.

The conntry surrounding the last lakes is nearly flat and vory Timber. swampy, with a few low ridges of hills, littered with large quantities of rounded bouldere. The trees continue to grow smaller, and are almost wholly contined to the valleys and low lands. Black spruce predominates with some tamanac, and a very few banksian pine.
On the portage to Maspuachiwi Lake the rock is a coarse-grained pink hornblende gneiss. Strike N. $10^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. A tine grained compact puk hornblende mica gneiss. holding dak hornblendie segregations, () On the large ivinul in that lake at tine-grained reddish grey mica

 pink orthoelase. Strike N. $75^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

At a small ishand in Pospiskarmmi Lake is a dark red fine grained


## Lower (ircat Whale Riter.

The river where it leaves lake Pospiskagami is one hundred and character of fily yards wide, is quite shallow, and for for miles and a half flows river. with a swift e..rrent between low roeky banks, cut by numerous small bays. Here a rapid of eight 1 uet is passed by a portage of fiftoen chains; followed by anothor stret of of swift water for two miles and a half' to a fall of eight feet. Below this, the river is three humdred yards wile and very deep, passing N.W. thice miles throngli a straight gorge wide and very deep, passing N. W, thice mides focky hills on either side, which rise from two to three hundred
with roch Clis portage
feet above the water; these hills are bare on top, with smull black spruce rees growing along their bases on the river bank, and in the emall valleys between the hills. The roek surface on the hills is covcred with blaekish lichens (tripe de roehe), whieh gives it a dark purple color when seen from a distanee. Below this gorge are two falls fifteen and eight feet, half a mile apart ; these are passed by portages of twenty-one and two ehains respectively. Below these a similar quiet streteh of three miles is passed, when the river suddenly turns round the foot of a hill three hundred feet high, whieh stands direetly in the conrse. In passing this hill the river eontrats and is broken by a fall of thirty teet. The portage here is twenty-two chains long, and passes up a valley between the hill and the highland on the west side.
Below this fall the river turns N. $60^{\circ}$ W., and flows three miles and three-quarters past a small branch from the west, called Ka-min-al-squa-ga-ma-stick River. At the end of this eourse another small branch from the west also enters. The Indians, when coming from inland by the river, to aroid the rough part immediately below, aseend this braneh some distance, then pass by a portage route through several mall lakes, and reach the river again seven miles below. For fonr mies and three-quarters from the last eourse the river runs north in a nuriow valley between rocky hills, rising abruptly from 200 to Seren portapes, 400 feet above the water. In this distance no fewer than seven portages, of tifteen, four. fifty-five, thirty, fifteen, seven :mil fifteen chains long, are made past talls and rapidn of sis, tive, sisty, thirty, eight, thirtytive and twenty feet fall respectively.

Immediately below these the river again turns morth-west, and is a continuous, shallhw rapid for two miles and a-half. This is very difficult to descend in eanoes, on areomin of the great number of large boulders which block the chamel.
At the foot of the rapid is the lower end of the Indian canoe ronte. From here the river, with an average brealth of 100 yarls, flows along at the rate of four miles per homr, between slightly lower hills, for tive miles on the same ronrse, to its junction with the main or north branch, which is 400 yards wide, and wats seen towing directly from the west from the base of a range of hills upwards of ten miles distant. Below the forks the river in over $t 00$ yards wide, and flows to the north for two miles and a-quarter. Here the stream contraets to about fifty yads in width, and parses down through a cañen, whone walls rise perpendicularly 400 feet above the water. The total descent in twio iniles is 230 feet. At the heall of the ciñon are two falls of thirty and sixty feet, with a third one of tifty teet one half mile below. The rest of the descent is gradual, and con-equently the pent up water
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The portage past this obstriction passes over the hills on the west Portase wide, and is rather more than two miles long. Leaving this gorge, the valley gradually widens out to half a-mile, and the river again fows towards the north-west, with an even enrrent of three miles an hour, for eight miles and a-half, where, again narrowing to 100 yards, it takes a short bend to the enst, and again to the north for three-quarters of a mile, where it breaks through a range of hills rising 500 feet above it, and falls sixty-five feet over a shap ledge. Turning westward, and again widening ont to onc-third of a mile, the river flows at the rate of four miles per hour in an minterrupted comrse, ten miles, to its mouth.

Below the forks the hills along the river rise from three to tive hundred feet in elevation above its surface. They reach their highest altitude near the last fall and then gradually deerease towards the coast where they average about three hundred feet. No stratified drift deposits were seen along the sidew of the river valley until the Indian portage route was reachel. From here, stratified sinds and gravels of theviatile origin were observed on the hill sides up to elevations of one hundred feet; above this the small amount of loose material is wholly boulder till. The erratic bonkers are not seattered so thickly over the bare hills as they are firther inland. From the forks along the valley (o) the eanon, stratified sand and gravel are deposited along the hill sides $n p$ to an elcvation of one hundred feet where a marked terrace is ohservable.

Below the canon the river hats cut banks varying from twenty to fifty feet high. The lower parts of these are eomposed ot abont thirty feet of light bhe clay overlaid with ten feet of sand, which in turn is in places capped with a thin deposit of gravel. No fossils were found in these beds, althongh they are probably of marine estuarine origin like those nearer the mouth of the river.
From the lower fall to the mouth of the river the chamel is cat out of deposits of clay, capped with sand, which form a terme of seventytive feet elevation in the valley between the rocky hills. The elay beds are full of Post Tertiary marine forsil shells: the sund above holds no fossils. Between the rocky hills and the sea shore on the north side of the river is a sandy plain two miles broad and one hundred feet high at the base ot the hills, it slopes wway to the shore, is covered only with comse grass and is wholly devoid of trees.

On the south side a like plain tills a broad valley between the inland hills and those forming the south point of the river. The head of tide elow. The l 1 p water
is eight miles nbove the mouth, the river is here obstructed by three small boulder islands, with two similar islands below.
The vegetation on the lower part of the river is almost aretie in charaeter, the only trees are stunted blacksprnee and a few tamaracks, whieh grow on the termees and in valleys and creviees between the roeky hills.
Snow and ice.
At the end of July many pa'ches of snow mad ice were seen on the north slope of the grorges in the hills theing the river. At the first portage below Po-piskagami Lake the junction between the eoarsegrained pink hornblendie gneiss and a band of dark-green chloritic and altered hornblendic rocks of Huronian age was seen. Near the line of

Contact of
Huronian and Lamentian rooks. cont-nt 'he Lamrentian graciss is highly twisted and whattered, so that fragments areseen embedded in the massive schistose, chloritie rock, lying at right angles to the line of contact. Otishoots from the green roek ent the gneiss and till small cracks in it. The whole has the appearance of an igncous mass, which has broken through the gneiso eracking and twisting it along the eontact, and injecting itself into all the small open fractures in the same.

At the lower end of the portage are igreen chtoritie or altered hosnbendie rocks, highty schistose in structure, with light quartoze veins generally running parallel to the bedding, tht seen in places to ent from one plane to another. Strike N. $10^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.
The next exposure on the river is three-quarters of a mile betow, where the rock is composed of dark wreen alterel hornblende, and a dark triclinic felspar, the whole resombling an altered diorito. Thirty chains farther down stremm exposires of grey Lanrentian hormblendo orthoclase gneiss ocemr. A quarter of a mile beyond is a pink hornblende orthoclase gneiss. A tine grained pink syenitie gneiss, enclosing lenticular masses of dark homblende was seen three'quarters of a mile below the last exponire. Strike N. $20^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

At the portage, past the eight feet fall, the roek is a greyish-pink hoinblende orthochase gneis. highly contorted, with lenticular enclosures of hormblende.

For one mite along the apper part of the somth side of the straight stretch below the fall mentioned above, the rock is composed of grey felrpar, and light green felspar. This refk breaks into slabs abont two feet thick, and dips S. $5^{\circ} \mathrm{N} .<65^{\circ}$.

Half a mile below the last exposires is a highly contorted pink hornbende orthoclase gneiss, containing large ymutities of fragmented hornblende sehist bands enclosed. Strike S. $35^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.

At the fifteen feet chute the rock is similar to the last, and from here to the month of the river ull the exposmes exmmined were made up of reat and grey hormblende orthoelase greisis, the red predominating.

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Almont everywhere are enclosines of a greater or less number of lentienlar masser of homblende selist, with bands of the same sometimes highly shattered. The strike ranges from S. \(30^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\). to \(\mathrm{S} .80^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).

\section*{Route from Richmond Gulf to Clearwater Lake.}

In latitude \(55^{\circ} 12^{\prime}: 30^{\prime \prime}\) a lreak in the sloping rockn of the Manitounnck group, describel by Dr. R. Bell in Report of Progress, 1877.78. affords an outlet to a large salt water lake. This ontlet, ealled Richmond or Hazard Gulf, is two miles long, and not over four bichmondGulf handred yards wide in its most contracted part. With the change of tide the water moshes in and out throngh it with great velocity, forming large whirpools, a source of great dager in the navigation of the chamnel with small craft. The sides of the chamel are very steep and rise from the seanhore thover one thonsand feet on the imer side.

The Gulf Lake or Artiwinipec, often ceroneon-ly called Richmond Gulf Sake.
finlf, has the form of : misoseles trimgle. The base on the south is ninetcen miles long, while the perpendicular from it to the mothern apex is twenty-three miles. It in smroumbed by high hills. On the west, sharpelifts, formed by the broken fices of the Manitonieck roeks, which dip towards the sea, rise in phees twelve hundred feet :bowe the water. The somblh and eant silles are boumbed by lower rommded hills of Laurentian and Hurmian rocks in part tlamked by hedr of limestone, sandstone and trap. These hills vary from fime to eight hundred feet in elevation. The surtace of the lake is broken by a namber of high roeky istams, thee or whel are of considerable extont. Small blaek -prnce treen grow along the base of the hills, in the low valleys between them and mamy of the istands. Exerywhere else the rocky surtace in partly eovered only with a low aretie Hora.
On the higher parts of the hills mumbun patches of show were seen at the end of Angust.
The water of the lake is deep and clear, and probably abound with fish, judging from the presence on large mmbers of seals and gulls which feed upon them. In a small lake, which lies in a depression of the hills between the Ciulf lake and the eoast and empties into the lake, the bequimaux "atch large quantitie of a small pecies of sahmon which never exceed ten poomuls in weight. The rise of tide in the east bay is abont twenty incher.
At the head of the east bay, directly opposite to the ontet of the Wivere
lake, is a small stream called Wi-ach-ti-wau River.
Two miles from its month, on the north sile of the bay; is the entranee of the Clearwater Riser, which desconds with many rapids

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and falls, through a grorge invthe Laurentian Hills. Owing to the diffieulty in passing these, the route to Clearwater Lake ascends the smaller stream a short distance and then passes overlund to that river, reaching it a point beyond the highly obstructed part. The Wiachtiwan River, one mile from its mouth, has a sheer fall of three hundred and fifteen feet. To pass this, a portage two miles and twenty-five chmins loug is made over the hill on the north side. The highest point on the portage is five hundred fect above the sea level. One mile beyond, a fall of tifty-five fect causes a second portage of serenteen chains.

Above this the river averages forty yards in breadth, and winds through a valley half' a mile wide between rounded gneiss hills which rise from three to five hundred above it.

The river whs followed eleven miles and a-half in a general eourse of S. \(80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\) : Here a portage of one mile, fifteen ehains, follows ai small tribntary stream to the north up fiom the ralley to a small lake on the table-land above. The difference in elevation between the ends of the portage is three hundred and fifty feet.
This stream flows from the east two miles and three-quarters through tive small lakes connecterl by five small rapids, past which small portages are made, to a height of land portage of forty-eight ehains that ends in a lake drained by a nother tributary flowing into the Winehtiwan River farther to the eastwnd.

The route passes down this lake two miles to its outlet, where a portage of eight ehains is made past a small rapid to another lnke era mile and a-half long, followed by a portage of thirty-five chains to a large lake seven miles long, the conse from the height of land portage being directly east.

Four portages of four, tell, seventeen and twenty-three chains counecting lake thaverses of twenty eight, eighty and eighty chains lend, in a north direction, to a latqe lake which drains in the Clearwater River. 'This lake is five miles and a half' long fiom east to west, with an average breadth of halt' a mile; it is broken by a number of deep, marrow hays at either end, parallel to the general eourse of the hake.

The route erosses from the head of the most northwird bay at the east end by a portage of twenty-eight chains over a low hill into the small stream which emptie it. This stream wats descended in a northwest direction two miles and ahalf, and there lett on the north side by a portage of twenty-fonr chains, up a steep hill to a small lake half a mile long, firom which a portage of tive chains was made to Clearwater River.

A quarter of a mile uy the river, an island one mile and \(n\)-half long divides it into two channels, the north channel was ascended past three
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rapids where temi-charges wore made. Above the island the river flows through a narrow valley for two miles and threequarter's, past two heavy rapids where small portages are made in ascending. From here the river widens out to half a mile, for seven miles and a-half into what is called Na-twa-ca-mi Lake; at the head of the lake is a heavy rapid passed by a portage of thirteen chains; beyond the rapid the cur. rent is sluggish for two miles and a quarter to the forks, where the two outlets of Clearwater Lake join.

Both streams are here obstrncted by rapids, and the route follows up the south or smaller one one mile and a-quarter, and then crosses a portage of twelve chains from a small bay into a larger stream above the rapid.

From here the river, for one mile, is aboat one luandred yards wide and flows between high rocky batas to the outlet of Clearwater Lake, which is greatly obstrueted by large high rocky islands.

The course from the point where the river was reached to the lake is due east.

A good view of Clearwater, or Ka-wa-cha-gri-mi Lake, was obtained Clearwater from the top of an island. one mile east of the outlet, and two hundred and sixty feet above the water. The lake is surrounded by rocky hills which rise from two to four hundred feet above it. The greatest length from east to west appeared to be about thirty miles, while the average breadth was about ten miles. At its west end are a great number of high rocky islands, which continue along the south shore towards the east : about the middle of the lake many more ishands appear to stretch across from shore to shore, so as to almost shut out a view of the cast end.

With the exception of a few clumps of stunted black spruce trees, that grow in protected valleys, the vegetation is wholly made up of low Arctic plants, which in part eover the bare rocks.

The water of the lake is very deep and remarkably clear; the Indians catch great quantitios of large lake and river trout, white fish and suckers in the lake and the river flowing ont.

From the north side of Clearwater Lake a short portage routes sal Lake. through three or four small lakes, leads to Saal Lake, out of which the Nastapoka River flows.

The Indians say that this is a much larger lake, surrounded by a low Hat conntry totally burren.

From the Valley of the Wiachtiwan River to Clenwater Lake, the country traversed is a low plateau rising slowly towards the interior, and everywhere broken by roughly parallel ridges of low rounded gneiss hills, which rise from one to three hundred fect above water level; between the ridges are long narrow chains of lakes or mossy

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Treen Stunted trees of black spruce, with a few tamarack grow on the low lands, aronnd the inargin of the laker and in the swamps, none of these exceed thinty feet in height, now are any over eight inches in diameter three feet from the ground.
'The bill-1ops are usmally covored with a thin growth of white moss and arctic berries; on accome of tho absonce of treas, tine views of the smomading combt'y may be ohtaned from any of the higher hills.

Along the sides of the rocky hills, whe mile nip Clemwater River fron Galf Lake, tive terauen were seen rot ont of marine chay mad wande, the highest reaching an elevation of over three hundred feet above sea lovel.

On the portage trom the mouth ot Wiadhtiwan River, the romal firet pases up, al rocky hill, partly covered with samd, and then along the top of a sandy gravel bank, tifty foet high, cont ont of the stratified drift ly a small atream. It thon ascends an any slope covered by coare sand and grovel to a flat termee tifteen chains wide and two handred and thimstive feet above sea level. This is roverorl with wmall bars aml hammocks of "oarse gravel, the remans of an old nea beach.

Beyond this the road again aseonds an enay slope over smads and gravel to the elge of a flut plain fone hamber and forty feet above the nea. Acrows the face ot thim plain, firm the high bills on the north to n solitary rocky hill on the senth, between the platin mul the river valley, we a number of rounded knolls, in two rows. 'These average fifty feet in diameter and rise about tive foet above the general lovel. They we composed of coarse gravel and small water-worn boulders, and were evidently firmed in the shallow water of the old seashore line.

From here the ronl passen atoug the side of the hill on the south an the plain behind is swampy and covered with anall spruee trees. At the east end of the bill is a narow ridge of samd mixed with gravel and small bonders, one humbed teet above the river, with on warp slope on either side. The protage liblows the crest of the ridge and gradnally descends from the hill towards the east to the level of the plain, where the valley of a small stream is followed to the river below. The sand and growel of the riflge is nearly one hundred feet thick and overlies bedded chays, which lown the cot buks, along the smull stream to the river edge. The wrigin of the ridge is probably due to the cutting aetion of the river, which at the arlier part of the period of upheaval of the land, evidently flowed to the north of the hill, and
Change in riwr Channel. caried away about one handred feet of sand and gravel from the top of the present plain. Later, it assumed its present course to the sonth. of the hill, and cut away the deposits on that side leaving only the
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The deposits out of which these are formed consial of stratifted sands, with fine gravel on the top plain. Althongh no fowsils were fomed in these betw, they are probably of estarine origin und mark the anonnt of elevation of the land since the period of smbmergence mubequent to the period of ghaciation.

Beyond thim point, an firm as Clemwater Lake, no stratitied surtace deposits were noted. The loose materinl is wholty made in of boulder tith. The boulders are siattered over hill und valley in the utmost hasribution of protision. Often large rounded masen of rock of many toms weight hondider. were seen perched on the very summits of the hills and held in flace ty smatler boations wedged muterneath. Is one place a bondter, over three feet in diametor, was seen perched noon another of twle the size. These bonders all uppen to be derived from the inmediate ronntry rock and havo not truetled far fiom their original place. The only example of a far-travelted orratic reen was a small honlder of white forsiliferons limestone similar in that fonme in lludson Strmits und on the west site of IIndson lay. This was fombl on the top of at hill two hamded feet above the ontlet of Clearwater Lake. As the drift was bere directly from the enst, and as low that hand is reported by the ladinne to ocemr abont Seat Lake in that direction, it is highly probable that deposite of simitur roek will be fount in that neightonrhoot, the bonkter being carried from there by the ice.

At the lower end of the portage, from the month of the Wiachtiwnamanemack
River, is a small exposure of light green folspathic argillite, bolonging ricke.
to the Manitounnck group of De. Betl (sce Report of Progress 1877.78.)
Along the hillside, on the upper part of the portage, a clitf of the
sume rocks dip \(\mathrm{N} .60^{\circ} \mathrm{F} .<35^{\circ}\), and gives the following section in
uncending orter :
(1.) Apple green silicion- argiltite, tifty feet.
(2.) Light yellowish grey similstone, six feet.
(3.) Light grey erystalline limestene mixel with grans of ynart\%
and shading into sandone, with a calcite matio, very have and tough, thirty-five feet.
(4.) Bedded dark green anygdnloidnl trap, one bundred ree.

Between this expusure and Clearwater Latke Arrhem gneisses only, were seen.

On the portage past the fifty-five feet fall, is a fine-grained pink micaceous gneirs, penetrated by large veins of pink orthoclase and quartz.

On the hill top, on the portage from the river valley, the roek is chiefly a dark red syenitie granite, holding small dark red garnets. Along with it are thin bands of highly contorted fine-graiaed pink

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Dinrite iskes. mieaceous gneiss. An immense dyke of dark green diorite, made \(u_{j}\) of moderately large crystaln of dark green hormblende, and dark blue plagioclase. This dyke is over two hondred yards wide, and was scen cutting the hills on the opposite sile of the river valley several miles away. Its direction is \(\mathrm{S} .35^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\).
Another similar dyke, sixty feet wide, cuts the rocks in a N. \(99^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\). direetion at the small lake half a mile north of the other, and may be an offslioot of the larger dyke.

On the portages letween the small lakes to the height of land are exposures of pink mica-gneiss, associated with a dark-red variety, made up principally of darksed orthoclase, with some quartz and small quantities ot' mica and a greenish hornblende. These rocks are often very much contorted; their gencral strike is \(\mathrm{S} .80^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\). At the height of land portage are similar exposures, the hornblende showing signs of decomposition. Strike N. 6:3 \({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
The rocks examined along the lakes and portages of the next tributary were found to contain more hormblende, with little or no mica, and in places to etelose homblendie serregations. General strike \(\mathrm{N}, 57^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
On erossing the height of land to the lakes draining into Clearwater River, the rocks contain larger quantities of hornblende, with more frequent hornblendic enclosures and rehist bands.

On the portage from the mall branch to Clearwater River are two dykes. The first one is on the hill, a short distance from the branch; it is olivegreen in color, very fine-grained and compact in structure, and varies in width from tive to tifty feet, with a direction of N. \(70^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\). The second dyke, near the Clearwater River, is coarser in texture, and eomposed of light-green plagioclare and dark-green hornblende; it is sisty feet wide, and rums \(\mathrm{N} .75^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\). The rock cut by these dykes is a coarse-grained. pink homblendegneiss. containing broken bands of hernblenderehist. Strike N. \(55^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).

At the head ,ir the island, a short distance from the portage to Cloarwater River: another diorite dyke, thirty feet wide, was seen runing N. \(85^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).

All along the Clearwater River to the lake the rock exposures were found to be composed of a pink homblendeaneiss, often gianitic in strneture, associated with a greater or less number of bands of dark hornblende-schist, and nsually enclosing fragments or regregations of hornblende-rock. The average strike is nowth-west. roek is garnets. ed jink made up ark blue vas seen al miles \(.25^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) may be land are varioty, artz and ocks are At the howing ext tri10 mica, lutrike h more are two branch ; ructure, \(70^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\). ne, and e; it is kes is a ands of

\section*{(ilaciation and Superficial، Deposits.}

The hills everywhere inland to the east of Ifudson Bay have been tee growing. rounded off, planed and seratched by an immense glacier, whieh moved over the highest land, where the strix and iee-grooves upon the rock surface attest it former presence.

The following list of strix show that the glacier moved in a uniform direetion, a few degrees sonth of west, over all inequalities of the surface, exeept the deep valley of Great Whale River, where it was diverted and followed the course of the river valley.

On the Clearwater route the general direction is more nearly west
than in the eountry to the south.
Everywhere the glacier appers to have followed the general slope of the eountry from the high interior gathering grounds.

From the evidenee afforded by strie and travelled boulderson the rivers Flow of great falling into IIndson Bay from the west and south, eollected by Ir. R. Bell it would appear that the eontinental glaeier flowed down from the high land on the cast side of the bay, erossed it, and hud momentum and thiekness suffeient to push itselt in a direetion south of west, up the west side over the wide margin of flat deposits of limestone, whieh extend inland from the present coast line some 200 miles, and then over the higher Archean eountry that forms the watershed between Indson Bay and the great lakes.

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On an ishand in biy Rer seven miles above Fort lieorge. S. \(70^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
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Sighteen miles above the chate............................. S. \(85^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
Twenty-two miles above the chme Bishop Rogran River
On 1st Portage, from Biy River to
(top of hill).......................................... River Rogran River. \(50^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
On 3rd Portage from Big Ree to Bishop Rogean River. S. \(62^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
On 5 th Portage from Big River to Bishop hogem ........ s. \(85^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
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On portage to Abpichotinachits Lak .................... is. \(75^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
Island in Pamigomaehi Lake.............. A wagats lake. s. \(80^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
Seven miles up Bishop Roggan River fron ......... ....... s. s \(80^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
Three miles above the last .......................... S. \(78^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
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Big River, at the head of the Bolta.......................... s. \(78^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\).
Big River, at 1st ten feet chute ................................. S. . \(85^{\circ}\) W.
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Big River, two miles and a-half above las

l'erruces.

During nome long period between the time of extreme glaciation and the close of the period of ice, the glacier did not extend boyond the middle of James Bay, and there, in a terminal moraine, deposited great quantities of sand, elay and boulders, part of which form the present unstratified drift islandy, before deseribed in detail in this roport.

The evidence of stratified deposits of marine sands and clays along the valleys, near the months of the river's on the east side of Iudson Bay, shows that a subsidence of the land of over tive hundred feet (and probably nearly seven hundred feet) took place after the period of glaciation; since then the land has been slowly rising, with periods of quiet, as shown by the terraees eut out of the drift along the high land of the coast.

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\section*{APPGNDIX 1.}

List of plants collected on the Rupert and Moose rivers, along tho shores of James' Bay, and on the islands in James' Bay, during the summers of 1885 and 1887 , by J. M. Macoun.

The first column in the following list contains those species found growing along the Moose River, the second those growing along the Rupert River, and the third column those growing along the shores and on the islands of James' Bay:-



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Amelanchier Canadensis, ra, T. \& (i.
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Saxifraga tricuspidata, Retz
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Mitella nuda, Linn.......
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Ribes oxycanthoides, Linn
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\hline Jedum latifolium, Ait. & * & * & \\
\hline Pyrola minor, Linn... & * & & \\
\hline "\% secunda, Linn......................... & * & * & * \\
\hline " rotundifolia, linn., var. asarifolia, Ilook............ & * & * & * \\
\hline Moneses uniflora, Gray .......... ..... & * & * & \\
\hline Chimaphila umbellata, Nutt..... & * & & \\
\hline Monotropa uniflora, Linn...... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . & * & & \\
\hline Plembaginaceis. & & & \\
\hline Armeria vulgaris, Wildd. ................... ............. & & & \\
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\hline " farinosa, Linn. & * & * & * \\
\hline Trientalis Americana, Pursl & * & * & \\
\hline Steironema ciliatum, Raf.... & * & & \\
\hline Lysimachia stricta, Ait.... & * & * & \\
\hline " thyrsiflora, Limn & * & & \\
\hline Oreacea. & & & \\
\hline Fraxinus sambucifolia, Lam............................ & * & & \\
\hline Abocrancen. & & & \\
\hline Apocynum androsemifolium, linn...................... & * & * & \\
\hline Gextinsacer. & & & \\
\hline Gentiana serrata, Gunner........... ........ & * & * & * \\
\hline " Amarella, Linn., var. acuta, Hook., f..... ...... & * & * & * \\
\hline Pleurogyne rotata, Griseb. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . & & & * \\
\hline Halenia deflexa, Griseb & * & & \\
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\hline Veronica Americana, Schwein & * & * & \\
\hline " scutellata, Linn. & * & * & \\
\hline " alpina, Linn.. & & & \\
\hline " Ieregrina, Linn.... ........................... & * & & \\
\hline C'astilleia pallida, Kunth, var. septentrionalis, Gray ..... & & & * \\
\hline Euphrasia officinalis, linn. & * & * & \\
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Rhinanthus Crista-galli, Limn.
Melampyrum Americanum, M

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Utricularia vulgaris, linn
intermedia, Hayne
Pinguicula vulgaris, linn

\section*{Lamatre.}

Mentha Cinadensis. Linn.................
Jycopus sinuatus, Ell........... Nutt
Dracocephalum parviflorum,
Scutellaria lateritlora, Linn....
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ulgaris, Linn.
Brunella vulgaris,
Stachys palustris, Linn
Plantaginacee.
Plantago major, Jinn
" eriopoda, Torr.

\section*{Curnobodacen.}

Chenoporium capitatum, Penth © Hook

Polygonum amphibium, Linn.................. Koch



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APPENDIXI.





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\section*{APPENDIX 11 .}

Last of Diuknal Lapidoptera and Coleoptera
Collected by Mr. J. S. Cotrer at Moose Factory in 1888, and by Mr. J. M. Macoen on the south coast and islands of James Bay in 1887. Determined by Mr. Jas. Fleftcifer, Dominion Entomologist.

Diumal Leplooptera taken at Moose Pactory.
Papilo Turnus, L. (8 specimens.) 16 June- 16 July .
Pieris Napi, Esp., vinter form Oleraren-himatis, Har. (12 specimens.)
11-18 June.
Pieris Rapa', L. (2 npecimens.) 16-24 Augnst.
Colias Scudderii, Reak. 17 Angust.
Colias Nastes, lid. No particulars.
Argynnis Polaris, Bd. 18 June.
Phyciodes Tharos, Dru, winter form Marria. Vidw. :3 Aurust.
Grapta Progne, Cram. 18 June.
Vanessa Antiopa. L. (2 spevimens.) 11 June.
V'anessa Milberti, God't. (3 -peeimens.) 18-20 Jume.
Pyrameis Atalanta, L. ( 17 specimens.) i-19 June.
Limenitis Arthemis, Dru., var. Lamina. Hab.
Cononympha Inornata. Edw. (; specimens.) 31 August.
Lycena Pseudargiolus, Bu 25 June.
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rocindeld 12-guttata, Deje:口. Acmurops protrus. Kirby. ralosoma frigidum, Kirty. Chlanius serireus, Forster. Silpha Lapponica, Illist. Dicerca diraricata, sas. Buprestis maculitentris. Siyy. Ascmum mastum, Ialdem:n. Criocephalus "bsoletus, Randall. - ylotrechus undulatus, Say. Rhagium lineatum, Olivier. rachytaliturata, kirly.

Leptura chry:ocoma, Kirby.
.Monohanmus scutellatus, Suy.
Orsodachna atra, Ahr.
Ador'us citis, I.
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\section*{APPENDIX III.}

Notes on the Breeding Habits of certain Mammals, fros l'ersonal Observations and Enquiries from Indians.

By Mr. Mhes Simemer, Fort (ieorge, Hudson Bay.
Rangiter Groenlamicus, T. Barren Ground Caribon.
These animals mate about the end of Oetober, and the calves, one or two in number, are born about 1st July. The young at birth are the size of a small ealf, red and white in color, very active, with open eyes. The female suckles the young for a period of two months.

Liyn.x Canadensis, lieottioy. Canada Lynx.
The season of heat occurs about 1st March, when coition takes place as in dogs. The young, one to three in number, are born in holes lined with grass and moss. At time of birth they are slightly larger than the common adult red squirrel, of a grey color, helpless, with elosed eyes. They are suckled by the female for three months, the male assisting in rearing them.

C'mis lupus occidentalis, Richandson. Wolf.
Coition dog-like. It takes place about the middle of March, and the voung, one to fise in number. are born about the middle of \(J\) une, - in holes or under roeks. The young, when born, are abont the size of an Eqquimanx or Newfoundland pup, grey in eolor, with closed eyes and helpless. They are suckled for two months after hirth lye themale, who is assisted by the male in rearing them.

Vulpes lagopus, 1. White or Aretie l'ox.
These anmals pair about the 1st March, and the young are born about the end of June. From one to seven are prodneed at a litter in holes under rocks. At time of birth they are somewhat larger than a squirrel. light grey in eolor, helpless, with closed eyes. The female smekles the young for two months, and is assistel by the male in rearing them.

Crulo luscus (L.), Gabine, Wolverine.
The wolverine mates about the middle of March, coition being dorlike. The young, one to three in number, are born about the middle of June. At birth they are about the size of an lisquimanx pup, reddish brown in eolor, helpless, with closed eyes. They are born in holes and under roeks, and are suckled for two months. The male assist: in rearing the young.

Mustelu Americana, Turton. Mirten.
Coition is dog-like. It oecurs about the lst Mareh, and the young are Born, about the end of I pril, in holes, in rotten trees, lined with grass and moss. From one to five are produeed at a birth, when they are the size of a now-born kitten, brown and blask in color, helpless, with elosed eyes. The female suckles the young for a period of five weeks, and is unassisted by the male in rearing them. Sometimes the female gives birth in a burrow in the ground.
Putorius rison, Mrisson. Mink.
Coition dog-like. It takes place towards the end of February, and the young, one to three in number, are born about lst May. At time of birth they are the size of a small mouse, very black in color, helpless, with eyes closed. The female makes a nest in a hole lined with grass, and suckles the young for six weeks. The mate does not assist in rearing the roung.

Mephitis mephitica, Shaw. Skımk.
Coition is dog-like, and takes phace abont ist October. The young, one to three in number, are born in holes about 1st May. At time of birth they are the size of a large monse, light trown in color, helpless, and eyes closed. The female suekles thetm for six weekr. The male does not assist in rearing the young.

Sutra Canudensis, Turton. Otter.
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Ursus Aimericanus, L'allas. Black Bear.
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grass and moss. At the time of birth the cubs are the size of a squirrel, baek in color, quite helpless, with closed eyes. They are suekled for five months, the male assists in rearing the young.

Thalassarctos maritimus, Linn. White Bear:
Coition, which is log-like, takes place about the middle of April, and the young, from one to three in number, are born in holes under rocks lined with brush, grass, and moss, towards the end of Oetober. At time of birth they are the size of a large rat, white in color, helpless, and with elosed eyes. They are suckled for five months, the male assisting in rearing them.

\section*{Fiber zibethicus, I. Muskrat}

This animal mates about the middle of May, coition being eat-like, and the young, from one to six in number, are born about the middle of June. At time of birth they are the size of a small mouse, light brown in eolor, helpless, with closed eyes. The nest is built in a house or lodge, made of sticks and mud, in shallow pouds or quict streams, and is lined with grass and moss. The female suckles the young for three weeks, and is assisted by the male in rearing them. The muskrat breet- twice nobsequent to the first hirth during the summer.

Erethizon dorsatus. L. Canada Porcupine.
('oition, which is cat-like, takes place about lat ()etober, aucl the young one is horn unsheltered at the end of April. When born it is the size of at small rat, black in color, active, with open oyes. The female suckles it for two weeks, and is unas-isted by the male in tearing it.

\section*{Castor fiber, 1. Beaver.}

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Arctomys monax, L. Woodehuek, Wenusk
Soition, which is cat-like, takes phee about the middle of Oetober, and the young, from one to ton in number are born sbout the lst May. At time of birth they are the size of a lirge mouse, yellow-
brown in color, helpless, with eyes closed. The nest is in a hole lined with grass. The female suckles the young for six weeks, and is assistod in rearing them by the male.

Delphinapterus catadon, L. White Porpoise.
Coition takes place under water. The two animals, with a noise as if they were rubbing hard against each other, rise to the water until nearly the whole body is visible, then come in sudden contact, and fall asunder. The time of mating is about the middle of June, and the young, one to two in number, are born towards the end of July, when they are from two to four feet long, of a lead color, very active, with open eyen. The female suckles them for at least three months.
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