

report, the whole metamorphic series of the Province consists of a number of anticlinal axes, caused by the protrusion of granite, with more or less contorted killas, or slate and bluestone, with quartz lodes between the axes, the matter is not unworthy of attention in an economic point of view.

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Conversation ensued upon the subject matter, which was all the more interesting, that the formation alluded to had just come under the observation of gentlemen present. The thanks of the meeting were then voted to Colonel SINCLAIR for his excellent Paper.

The party soon afterward returned to Dartmouth, and crossed to the city, highly pleased with their excursion.

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LETTER from the Right Rev. THE BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND, concerning the Mummy of the Great Auk, (*Alca impennis*), found on the Funk Islands.

“ST. JOHN’S, N. F., Aug. 10. 1864.

“*My Dear Sir,*—

“I am much pleased that the mummy arrived in a good state of preservation. How long it has been embalmed or entombed in the ice I cannot of course tell, but I understand the different specimens were found several feet (at least four) below the surface, and under ice which never melts. They were all found on the Funk Islands, but on which side I am not able now to discover, as the person who dug them up is not at present, I believe, in St. John’s. He was sent, or went there to gather the guano or bird manure on speculation, with strict injunctions to procure, if possible, the bones, or skeletons, of the extinct bird. In this he succeeded better than in his own business, and probably if he had known the value attached to these specimens by naturalists he might have turned them to better account than the guano. One specimen I sent to Mr. Newton, and you saw by his letter how highly it was prized. Another was sent to Agassiz, and the third I have been enabled through the kindness of our Governor to forward to you. And this is the most perfect of the three, or certainly more perfect than the one I sent to Mr. Newton,—the other I did not see.

“I think it very likely more specimens might be found, as no persons are living on the island, and it is only lately that any attempt has been made to discover and preserve the skeleton.

“Yours faithfully,

“ED. NEWFOUNDLAND.”