

MICHAEL JONES : FINLAND, DAUGHTER OF THE SEA

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With the post-glacial retreat of the ice sheets in Scandinavia, many thousands of acres of land have risen from the sea to be re-claimed for the use of man - Finland's area is increasing by an estimated 1000 square kilometres a century. The physical and human evidence of land uplift led the nineteenth-century poet, historian and geographer Zachris Topelius, to call Finland Daughter of the Sea.

This book examines the physical phenomenon of land uplift and the human problems arising for coastal settlement, fishing, navigation and agriculture: a phenomenon which Finland shares with other northern regions of the globe, yet which has had unique human consequences in Scandinavia on account of this region's relative concentration of settlement in high latitudes. Detailed attention is given to the tenurial and legal problems of emergent land and its use as an agricultural and recreational resource. Land records dating back to the sixteenth century and extensive cartographical material from the eighteenth century onwards afford rich documentation. Studies in Historical Geography.

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