

Cariboux runs out of this Lake Northwards for about 15 Leagues, and then it spreads, and is wasted in a marshy Country, where there is no passing by Water, nor by Land in Summer; the Ice being then breaking up, he was obliged to go about 15 Leagues Eastward, to avoid the Bogs, before he could reach the Lake *Pachegoia*, into which the River *Cariboux* descends through the Marshes.

Pachegoia is the Lake where all the *Indians* assemble in the latter End of *March* every Year, to cut the Birch Trees and make their Canoes of the Bark, which then begins to run, in order to pass down the River to *York* Fort on *Nelson* River with their Furs; it is divided so as to make almost two Lakes; the West Side by which he pass'd was about 100 Leagues in Circuit; the other Side or Eastern Lake was much larger, as the *Indians* informed him. The River *De vieux Hommes* runs from the West for about 200 Leagues, and falls into this Lake, near the Place the River *Cariboux* enters it; it has a strong Current and is always muddy, but there are no Falls upon it; these go generally down the River *Manoutisibi* or *Churchill* River, and trade there, having either a Passage or short Land Carriage to that River. The Lake *Pachegoia* was surrounded with fine Woods of Oak, Cedar, Pine, Poplar, Birch, &c. He arrived there the latter End of *March*, and he, with the other *Indians*, cut the Bark for their Canoes, and then hunted for some Time for Provisions; they begun to make their Canoes the first of *April* N. S. which they finished in three Days; on the 4th, he being appointed one of their Leaders, set out with 100 Canoes in Company, for the Factory at *York* Fort; there are generally two *Indians* in a Canoe, but he was alone in his; they were three Weeks in passing along the West Side of the Lake before they came to the Place it is discharged by the River *Savanne* or *Epinette*; for they were obliged to coast the West Side of the Lake in their little Canoes, and keep along the Bottom of each Bay; for these small Canoes can bear no Surge or Waves when the Wind blows, and when they came to any Point on the Lake, if there was any Wind, they were obliged to carry their Furs and Canoes over the Land to the next Bay, which, with hunting for Provisions delayed them greatly; at that Time they had neither Ice on the Lake nor Snow on the Land. In the Beginning of *May* N. S. he enter'd the River *Savanne*, but did not reach the
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