

The river Trent, which falls into the head of the bay of Quinté, not only leads off the waters of the Rice lake, but of a chain of lakes between it and lake Simcoe : a few miles up the river on the south side, are salt springs.

The fertility of the soil about the bay of Quinté is generally allowed : the land is rich, easily worked, and produces several crops without manure ; twenty-five bushels of wheat are often produced from an acre ; the timber is much like that of the other parts of the province, oak, elm, hickory, maple, &c. The bay is narrow throughout, and upwards of fifty miles long, all which distance it is navigable for those small vessels that are used on the lakes.

An apparent tide is frequently noticed in the bay of Quinté, not dissimilar to those observed in some of the upper lakes. The bay abounds with wild fowl, and fish of various kinds ; the river Trent affords a salmon fishery.

In passing from the head of the bay of Quinté into lake Ontario, you cross a very short portage in front of the town-