

The soil itself too which we have passed over, is in general overlaid by a long green moss, covering large masses of granite, which never could be got rid of. A stripe of good Land borders the River, but too scanty for agricultural purposes. At this place it became necessary to arrange as to our future progress. The slightest consideration was sufficient to convince us that it would be an useless waste of time to cross the River to examine the corner of Stoneham, beyond it; and the Chief, seconded by his brother in law, both of whom well knew the country, assured us that if we attempted to reach the Town Line, we should have to make a great circuit beyond it to gain the only point of the River where it would be possible to recross the River, and that it was altogether questionable whether we could, even by so doing, surmount the difficulty on account of the precipices: that did we contrive to do so at the farther branch, the country lying between that and the nearer to the Eastward, was next to impassable, and that still greater impediments would be in the way of getting over the latter stream, whose banks higher up than were we had forded became tremendous precipices, far worse than any we had yet seen. This reasoning, with a consideration that our great object was to discover as much good Land during the time allotted for the investigation, rather than encounter difficulties merely for the sake of having it to say we had done so, made us resolve to return on our steps to the South West branch; and even had not this reflection influenced, an inspection of our provisions at once shewed the impossibility of our going further.— We therefore returned to the principal branch, and thence dispatched two of the Party back to Craig's clearing, for provisions deposited there, with directions to meet us at Lake St. Guillaume, on the Thursday after; and we immediately commenced our journey with the Chief and two others, towards that Lake, along a Tract widely diverging from the one by which we had gained the River, and lying in a direction nearly East North East.— Starting on the 7th of July, we at first proceeded about a mile up the River, hoping to find some good Land, as usual, lying along it; but we were disappointed, for after a short progress the Mountain comes suddenly down upon the River leaving no interval of flat Land, and the banks are broken into rugged steeps and gullies, covered with moss and great stones. Finding this the case, we determined to cut across the Mountain in the direction of Lake St. Guillaume, which having done, and descended a steep precipice on the other side, from the brow of which the Chief pointed out a Gap in the opposite range of Mountains through which we

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