

a few fishermen; and at *Anse de l'Étang*, twelve leagues above Cape Gaspé, there is a small harbour for shallops. It may be known by a remarkably high wooded conical hill on the east side, and by a beach with a few huts and stages on the west. Some of the *habitans* of the parish of St. Thomas, on the *River de Sud*, thirty miles below Quebec, frequent this place during the cod-fishing season. The river issues from several lakes, one of which is only half a mile through the woods from the fish stages. Fishermen also frequent *Grand Vallée des Monts*, *Magdalene*, *Mount Louis*, *St. Anne's*, and *Cape Chat*, during summer; but we believe there are no permanent settlers, (unless it be at St. Anne's,) until we reach *Matane*. As far, however, as we could judge of the country, it appears to possess sufficient advantages for settlements. The shortness of the summer, and the *severe* cold of winter, may present objections to agriculture; but the severity of its climate differs little from that of the thickly settled agricultural parishes about 200 miles farther up than *Cape Gaspe*; nor is it so cold as many parts of the corn countries of Russia. The soil in the valleys is fertile, and the uplands appear also to be fit for cultivation. The trees, growing on the hills, and on the sloping high lands, facing the coast, if used in ship-building,—and there are abundant convenient situations for building vessels,—will be found far more durable than those which grow in the valleys or along the rivers and lakes of the upper country. The “scrubby oak” of the hills, as it is called, is considered a durable timber.

In proceeding up the *River St. Lawrence*, after passing *Cape Chat*, the first place of remark is *Matane* River, known by a large square white house, and a long barn, level on the top. Ten leagues farther up is *Little Matis* or *Mitis*, situated on a long, low, flat, rocky point, with several white houses, extending about a cable's length to the *north-east*. This is noticed as a guide to the anchorage at *Great Mitis*, which is about six miles farther to the westward. On opening the bay,