

at six P. M., between two mountains. Weather cloudy all day, with a cool easterly wind. Thermometer, 51. 63 and 57 °.

Friday 3d.—Started at 6 A. M. on our way to Malbay; continually going up hill till noon, and climbing mountain after mountain; when we came to the last, we took our dinner. From this height I could perceive all the concessions of Malbay, and the whole Parish of St. Paul's; also part of Les Eboulemens, and many leagues of the south shore. The course of the River St. Paul's is due north; Malbay River runs N. W. and N. N. W. as far as I could see. We were on the last range of mountains from this to the Malbay Lakes, which were plainly distinguished. At one P. M. we began to descend, and it took us four hours before we got to the foot of the mountain. Here we fell into a level country, which reaches from the Malbay Lakes to River St. Paul, a little above St. Urbain's church. It is watered by many little streams, and has a small Lake in its centre. It stretches four or five leagues every day. We crossed several little Rivers from the foot of the mountains to a little lake, where we encamped for the night. The soil is black mould, with a stiff greyish clay underneath. The timber fir, spruce, birch and cypress, the latter being the first I have seen since I entered the bush, alders, willows and *cormier* are seen all over, and all kinds of wild berries grow in abundance. Stones I saw but few, except on the banks of the rivulets. Though the weather is cool, the mosquitoes and sand-flies are very troublesome. The wind all day from the N. E.: our course to day was the same as yesterday. Thermometer, 50. 61. and 63 °.

Saturday 4th.—Left our encampment at 6 A. M. direct for the Malbay Lakes; we passed first over a tract, where the soil is pure sand, producing nothing but cypress. A middle sized river passes through the centre of this sandy ground, which runs into St. Paul's River; afterwards we came to a swamp overgrown with long grass, and low shrubs, which brought us to another River, larger than the former, when we waded over up to the middle; we then went over some newly burnt woodland, and came at four P. M. to the Lake just at the Seigniorial line. This tract of country is well known to the inhabitants of St. Paul's and Malbay, so that there is no occasion to say much about it. It took us three hours to go round the lake, and at seven P. M. we arrived among the inhabitants at the little Lake, where we put up for the night
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