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settled parts of this co. are abundantly watered by the rivers Chicot, Bayonne, Great and Little Chaloupe, St. Charles, Brook River, St. Joseph, St. John, L'Assomption, part of the n. Maskinongé and the L. of that name. The Bayonne and the Chaloupe spread into several branches and the n. L'Assomption, by far the largest, winds and traverses the co. in a s. direction. Along the sides of these rivers are flourishing settlements and good roads.—This co. includes several islands in the St. Lawrence, particularly those that lie contiguous to the S. of Berthier.—To those who are desirous of making new settlements this co. presents numerous advantages, arising from the quality of its soil, population, agriculture, and local situation.

Statistics.

Population	17,695	Corn-mills	6	Medical men	2
Parishes	7	Saw-mills	6	Notaries	9
Churches, R. C.	7	Carding-mills	2	Shopkeepers	25
Curates	6	Fulling-mills	2	Taverns	22
Presbyteries	6	Tanneries	1	Artisans	158
Convents	1	Hat manuf.	1	River craft	2
Schools	7	Potteries	1	Tonnage	36
Villages	4	Potasheries	5	Keel boats	5

Annual Agricultural Produce.

	Bushels.		Bushels.	Hay, tons,	61,111
Wheat	117,636	Buck wheat	2,500	Cwis.	
Oats	159,632	Indian corn	3,296	Flax	569
Barley	14,981	Mixed grain	4,085	Butter	4,302
Rye	5,375	Potatoes	470,913	Mapl. sug.	1,063
Peas	38,559				

Live Stock.

Horses	7,022	Cows	10,756	Swine	9,236
Oxen	5,172	Sheep	38,068		

BERTHIER, river, is about 16m. from the n. Maskinongé; it is not navigable for any distance although there is a considerable body of water.

BERTHIER, seigniory, in the co. of Bellechasse, has the river St. Lawrence in front, St. Vallier s. w., St. Thomas n. e., and the Rivière du Sud in the rear. It is 2 leagues in front by as much in depth. Granted Oct. 29th, 1672, to Sieur Berthier; it is now the property of the ladies of the General Hospital at Quebec and is held under a lease for 29 years by Claude Denechaud, esq., of which 13 years are unexpired. He pays an annual rent of 60*l*. and 45 bushels of wheat. This gentleman holds half the domain by purchase and the other half belongs to Mrs. Ruelle. This seigniory is bounded on the map according to a private survey. Its irregularity arises from a cession made

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by the proprietor, Jan. 22, 1720, to the seignior of Rivière du Sud.—A light sandy earth, varied with yellowish loam, is the prevalent kind of soil and is highly productive of grain of all kinds; the largest proportion is under culture and an improved system of husbandry. Many of the farms are in a flourishing condition, of which those on the Rivière du Sud and the bank of the St. Lawrence are perhaps the best and most conspicuous. Along the front the ground is rather low, but it gradually rises to a small ridge about a mile from the shore, from the summit of which a very interesting prospect unfolds itself; the n. St. Lawrence, between 11 and 12 m. across, is beautifully varied by groups of islands, lying off the w. end of Crane Island; the e. end of the island of Orleans, with all its rich diversity of scenery, and the lofty mountains rising behind Cape Tourmente complete the distant view; the descent from the crest of the ridge down to the shore is a continuation of well cultivated fields, enriched with almost every object that can make a landscape perfect; these, with the addition of the church, and a small cluster of houses charmingly seated, almost close to the water, on the edge of a little cove called Le Trou de Berthier, when viewed from the main road, are well calculated to give a stranger an exalted idea of the picturesque beauty of the country. Another chain of heights, somewhat more elevated, rises between it and the rivière du Sud, on which there is some fine timber; in other parts of the S. wood is not abundant. The rivers du Sud, à la Caille and Belle Chasse provide an ample and complete irrigation for every part. Near the Rivière du Sud stands the church of St. François and, at a short distance from it, a grist-mill worked by a little rivulet flowing into the river. Numerous good roads intersect every part of the S.: the main or post-road is on the bank of the St. Lawrence.—The rivers afford salmon, eels, white fish, &c. The horses are, generally, of the Norman breed.

The parish of St. François is bounded n. by the first concession of Berthier, s. by the rear-line of the seigniory, e. by St. Pierre, and w. by the division-line of St. Vallier. It consists of 3 concessions, each of 42 or 60 arpents in depth. The farms are 3 arpents each in breadth, and extend in depth to the rear-line of the concessions. The land consists of a good, black, strong soil on a blue clay. The timber is not remarkable, and is a