

harbour, from which he strips the Indian name and bestows on it that of the Company's President, St. Pierre. Vessels of sixty tons may enter it with safety. Three leagues further west lies the Port to which the French in after years gave the name of Savage Harbour; De La Ronde calls it by its Indian name Quibuonidinique. It is a harbour suited for boats only. Still three leagues further, the harbour of Tracadie opens pronounced by De La Ronde safe for vessels of a hundred tons. The harbour next mentioned, bears in the despatch the name by which it was known to the Micmacs—Quiquibougat. It lies three leagues west from Tracadie and is probably the harbour which came in course of time to be known as Rassicot, and in modern days corrupted into Rustico. It was a harbour for boats. Next comes the great land-locked harbour of Malpeque into which vessels of two hundred tons might sail with safety. Cascumpeque lying six leagues further west ends the list. It was deemed safe for vessels of two or three hundred tons. In the waters of all these harbours fish could be caught in great abundance, and their shores offered every facility for drying and curing.

Some, both of the animals and birds mentioned by De La Ronde have disappeared from the Island. But in his day stags ranged through the dense woodlands. Inconsiderate slaughter on the part of the Indians had exterminated the Elk and the Moose, their favorite game. The capture of the stag involved greater toil than assorted with the indolent habits of the Micmac; he, therefore at the approach of winter, left the Island and built his wigwam in the wilds of the mainland, where the game he coveted abounded. The country was infested with wolves of great size. The skin of one of these was sent by Governor Gotteville in the ship which carried De La Ronde's despatch, as a present to the wife of the French Admiral. Martens, otters, squirrels and foxes of various colors were in great plenty. There were, he says, no beavers, because there were no lakes; and no porcupines because there were no mountains. (1)

Turning next to the birds that are to be met with on the

(1) De La Ronde is not, I think, correct, regarding the absence of Beavers from the Island. These industrious creatures have left their mark on some of our Island streams. On the upper waters of the Dunk, the Beaver Dams are well known to the angler.