

*Gabelle*, about one mile to Portage *aux Grès* is navigable, and from thence about a league and one half to Portage *Shawinigan*, is again navigable for Bateaux, from thence to *aux Hêtres*, a league and a half from *aux Hêtres* to *Grand' Mère* about four miles, from thence to *Petit-Pile* about four miles, from thence to *Grand-Pile* about a league. The Saint Maurice from *Grand-Pile* for twenty-six leagues is navigable for Bateaux to the Portage of the *Tuque*, with a gentle current, with the exception of a few small Rapids.

The River Saint Maurice is entirely navigable for Bateaux, with the exception of the above mentioned seven portages, of which to the best of my recollection the shortest is about two acres, and the longest about nine acres.

There are a number of small Lakes, from which there arise small Rivers and Brooks, which discharge themselves into the Saint Maurice, but which are not navigable. But there are some larger Rivers which discharge themselves into the Saint Maurice, which are able to carry canoes; the first is the River which falls into the Saint Maurice at the Portage of *Shawinigan*, the next is the River *Mickinack*, about nineteen leagues from Three-Rivers, on the east side of the River, the next and largest one is the *Mattouin*, which is about one fourth of the size of the Saint Maurice, running from west to east, and falling into the Saint Maurice about twenty three leagues above Three-Rivers, on the west side of the River; this River is of considerable length. The next River is the River *aux Rats*, where there are some buildings belonging to the North-West Company, which are now deserted, about thirty-three leagues above Three-Rivers. Then comes *la Rivière Croche*, about thirty-eight leagues from Three-Rivers, on the east side of the Saint Maurice.

Above the River *aux Rats* about ten acres, there is a small one nearly as big as the River *aux Rats*, which falls into the Saint Maurice.

From the River *Mattouin* upward, mountains in many places come quite down to the shore, and are rocky, and some of them high. I can be positive in saying that the River Saint Maurice is navigable for about forty leagues, having ascended it myself in a Bateau that distance. We also drove up twenty-eight oxen in the summer on the banks, and on shore. In the winter 1819, we had about sixty train loads of Provisions going up the River, all the way on the ice, with the exception of the Portages, partly as far as twenty leagues, and partly as far as forty leagues. I was in this part of the Country early in the spring and late in the fall, and I observed that the frost was not earlier in the fall nor later in the spring than at Three-Rivers, and in the winter there was less