

The basin drained by the St. Maurice and its tributaries has a superficies of about 17,030 square miles, or 44,107 square kilometres, that is to say, that it exceeds by 14,752 kilometres the whole of Belgium, by 11,248 kilometres the whole of Holland, by 9,346 kilometres the whole of Wurtemberg and Baden together, and by 5,870 kilometres the whole of Denmark.

Tributaries of the Saguenay proper.

River St. Marguerite.....	60 miles	River Valin.....	100 miles
" Shipshaw.....	110 "	" Chicoutimi...	55 "
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Tributaries of Lake St. John.

River Chamouchouan.....	150 miles	River Metabetchouan	90 miles
" Mistassini.....	160 "		
" Peribonka.....	140 "		
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On the south side, the principal affluents of the St. Lawrence are the following rivers :

River Richelieu.....	72 miles	River Ouelle.....	45 miles
" Yamaska.....	87 "	" du Loup.....	50 "
" St. Francis.....	85 "	" Trois-Pistoles...	40 "
" Nicolet.....	80 "	" Rimouski.....	65 "
" Bécancour.....	75 "	" Madeleine.....	68 "
" Chaudière.....	110 "		<hr/>
" Etchemin.....	55 "		882
" du Sud.....	50 "		

The following rivers empty into the Bay des Chaleurs :

River York	63 miles	River Matapedia.....	60 miles
" Bonaventure.....	75 "	" Ristigouche.....	70 "
" Cascapedia.....	65 "		<hr/>
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Addition of all these data will show that the collective length of the principal rivers of the province amounts to 7,306 miles.

All these rivers constitute and furnish means of transportation which are of the greatest utility. Several of them are navigable for the greater part of their course, especially the Saguenay, Ottawa, St Maurice, Yamaska and St. Francis : the others are used for driving timber and thus greatly facilitate the working of our immense forest domain : these rivers also supply manufacturing industry with almost unlimited water power, and thus permit the establishment in all parts of the province of factories of all kind, whose motive power costs almost nothing. These water powers offer above all special advantages for the making of wood pulp. Indeed, there is no country in the world, which can offer so many facilities to this industry, as the province of Quebec.

The length of the principal lakes is as follows :

	<i>Length</i>		<i>Length</i>
Lake Matapedia.....	12 miles	Lake Memphremagog.....	22 miles
" Témiscouata.....	26 "	Lake Nemicachingue	15 "
" St. Francis	15 "	" des Males.....	35 "