

There is a large tract of good land in this locality which is well settled, the population in 1861 being 869 souls. The difficulty of access to Percé has caused this portion of the County of Gaspé to be united to Rimouski for all judicial purposes, except in criminal cases, and there is also a separate Registry Office at St. Anne des Monts.

Mont Louis is the next important settlement. This is also a Seignior, owned by Mr. Thomas Fraser of Quebec.

The next Seignior is Magdelaine, a small settlement; then Grande Vallée des Monts, where Messrs. William Fruing & Co. have a fishing station. Fifthly, Ance de L'Etang, commonly known as Grand Etang. There are thus five Seigniories between Cape Chut and Fox River. The last is owned by the Messrs. L'Esperance, of St. Thomas, who have established there a well-conducted and profitable fishery, combined with which they have a fine farm. These gentlemen, like Alexander Selkirk, may truly say that they are "monarchs of all they survey," and what is more to their credit is, that they are, we believe, the only French Canadian merchants who have been eminently successful in this branch of business on the Gaspé coast.

Fox River, of which a view appears in this work, is the next settlement, and here the postal road, which follows the line of coast until it reaches the Restigouche, commences. A courier manages to carry the mail twice a week throughout the year, from here to St. Annes and back. The opening of the line of road traced by Mr. Bailairgé is much needed, and ought to be urged upon the Government, by the member for Gaspé. It would not only cause the country to become settled, but possibly be the means of revealing hidden treasures, in the shape of minerals or petroleum. The land in the valleys is said to be well adapted for agricultural purposes. This road once completed would enable travellers to drive round the district.—Starting from Rivière du Loup, you would descend along the south shore of the St.

Lawrence, ascend the Bay of Chaleurs, and regain your starting point via Matapédia and Metis.

Following the line of coast from Fox River, we come to Griffin Cove, thence to Cape Rosier, that Scylla of the St. Lawrence. An excellent light-house has been erected on the Cape, to warn the mariner of his danger, and a gun is fired every half-hour in thick foggy weather. The next point is Ship Head, which brings us to the Bay of Gaspé, a full description of which is appended to the view.

Having reached Gaspé Basin, we proceed along the southern shore of the bay, which is well settled, and is known as Sandy Beach. Here we have a neat Protestant Church and comfortable Parsonage, which, though standing on an eminence, are nearly concealed from view by a fine grove of trees. From this we reach Douglas Town Ferry, distant from the Basin seven miles. This is the mouth of the River St. John, a noted salmon stream, whose waters are well worthy of being visited by the true disciple of Isaac Walton. Like all the rivers on this coast, the River St. John has at its entrance a large lagoon, divided from the sea by a low sand bank, forming a safe harbour for small schooners. There is good anchorage in the bay for vessels of the largest size, and it was here that the Royal Squadron first anchored, on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit to Canada.

The site of Douglas Town was originally selected by a Scotch surveyor of the name of Douglas, and intended by the Government as a place of settlement for U. E. Loyalists. The inhabitants are all engaged in the fishery, and are principally Irish and French Canadians. It is a town in name only, the sole public building being a Roman Catholic Church. The high-road from Douglas Town still skirts the line of coast as far as Seal Cove, where it strikes through the forest to Belle Ance, in Malbay, a distance of about eight miles. This *portage*, the Canadian name for all forest roads, is partially settled towards Malbay, but the first four miles, on the opposite side, will