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A Journey from Port La Joie to St. Peters in 1751.

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LEAVING the house of Madame Gentil, the road bent away from the river in a north easterly direction, leading through an extensive stretch of blackened and charred timber, relicts of the great fire which consumed the forest from the sources of the north east river to St. Peters. Plodding along under a burning sun, Franquet and his companions picked the blue berries, which grew in great plenty along the route, and found them in the heat of the day a welcome refreshment. The road leaving this burned track approached the southern waters of Savage Harbor, and crossing the estuary of a small stream, which at high tide was covered with two feet of water, it entered thick woods, from which it issued to plunge through another creek, which was always filled with water, and having a soft mud bottom was most difficult to cross. At this point the gray sand dunes began to appear on either hand, then came a succession of ponds along which the road skirted. In heavy floods these ponds overflowed, covering the roadway and causing, not indeed danger, for the bottom was hard, but much inconvenience to the pedestrian. Leaving the ponds, the travellers soon arrived at the enclosed lands of the settlers, through which they passed till they reached the entrance to St. Peter's harbour.