

stone and gravel, until it falls into the Ste. Anne, in the Seigniory of Grondines. This little River winds along a small valley two or three arpents wide, and bounded on each side by high banks, which however rises gradually and consist of land fit for cultivation and of very fair quality. The timber fit for service on the higher ground, consists of maple, birch, beech, spruce and fir; and on the low ground of ash, aspen, poplar, spruce, fir and alder.

I went down along the West Bank of the Black River, as far as the first settlements on the River Ste. Anne, in the said Seigniory of Grondines, and from thence I proceeded to the last settlements on the River Batiscan and in the Seigniory of Ste. Anne where I provided myself with a Canoe. I then ascended the said River Batiscan as far as the Post of the Great Rapids, a distance of seventy five miles from the River St. Lawrence.

That part of the said River within the Seigniories of Ste. Anne and Grondines is almost straight. There are five Falls upon it, in the intervals between which the current is very gentle, and the River is generally deep. Its course is from North to South. Its banks are low except near the Falls, where they are rather higher. Having reached a point about three miles and a half above the said Seigniory of Grondines, I explored the country on the North West side of the said River to the distance of seven or eight miles back. Leaving the said River, there is a valley of five or six arpents in width. The land then rises gradually for about two miles and a half, after which it rises suddenly at intervals, and these rises are in some places steep and some of them abrupt, particularly about the end of the said distance of seven or eight miles. The land is however susceptible of cultivation throughout the whole of this distance, and is of very fair quality. The timber fit for service consists chiefly of maple, black birch, beech, ash, elm, spruce, fir, &c. After this I continued my route up the said River. From the Seigniory of Grondines as far as the mouth of the River des Aunaies, its course is generally towards the North East; it has many windings, and flows through a valley of eight or nine arpents in width. Its banks, which are low, are composed of clay, covered with a layer of fine sand. It runs over a bed of mud and sand, and its current is very gentle between the several Falls which lie in this neighbourhood. Above the mouth of the said River des Aunaies, the River turns to the Northward, and its course is generally