

The surface of these provinces is flat, and the soil good, being well wooded, and furnished with many streams, rivers, and lakes.

The river St. Laurence, cannot be exceeded in the endless variety of objects, which are connected with it. It begins at the outlet of the Lake Ontario, seven hundred miles from the sea, and is navigable for large vessels as far as Montreal, which is five hundred miles from the mouth, where it is ninety miles wide. The tide flows as far as Three Rivers, eighty miles from Quebec. In its course, it forms an endless variety of bays, islands, and harbors.

A general fertility prevails on its shores, as we advance into the country. It is evident that many of the islands, have been formed in the revolutions of the seasons, by the altered courses of the river, by the lodging of floating trees and sediment, which have collected together during the floods. The bed of the river is left dry, in many places below Quebec. Its bottom is chiefly composed of flat rocks in such places, and pilots are obliged very carefully to keep the channel. The constant current has worn away the bottom and shores so far, that the water has sub-

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