

water, that runs into one of the small lakes we had passed. The soil throughout this day's journey, is a light black mould of an inferior quality. About the lakes it is rather swampy, and in some places, we sank up to the knees in the moss. I saw no pine, cedar, nor maple to day; nothing but red and white spruce, with here and there a small birch and aspen. The underwood is very thick, and intermixed. Berries abundant in many places, but quite green yet. Thermometer, 66. 79. and 68 °.

Friday, 24th—Started at 6 A. M. and went in a straight course to where we had left our canoe and baggage. Arrived there at noon, and found all safe. After taking our dinner, we embarked and went down to Baie des Roches, and encamped at the entrance of the Little River. This Bay is about two miles deep. We saw many porpoises and seals. Thermometer, 64. 76. and 68 °.

Saturday, 25th—After placing our canoe and baggage in safety, we breakfasted; and at 7 A. M. began to ascend the hills, which are pretty high and steep at this place. From the height we saw two little lakes, towards which we directed our course. At noon we reached the one farthest off, which is about a league and a half from Baie des Roches. As I neither found or saw any thing in this quarter worth mentioning, I returned by another route over the hills, but all was the same. Timber and brushwood the same as yesterday. On the hills near the Bay there are some fine birch and cedar trees. At 6 P. M. we were again in our camp, at the Bay. Thermometer, 67. 82. and 71 °.

Sunday, 26th—Embarked at 7 A. M. to go down to Baie de l'Echaffaud du Basque, or Riviere aux Canards, but when we reached the Point of Baie des Roches, the wind blew too hard for us to proceed, and we put ashore in a little cove till noon, when we embarked again, and kept close in shore with the tide and wind in our favor. We had not proceeded far when we were pursued by a monstrous fish of prey, in consequence of which we put ashore again. This animal was four hours about us, and apparently watching us. It came sometimes within twenty feet of the rock on which we were. It was at least from twenty to twenty-five feet long, and shaped exactly like a pike; its jaws were from five to six feet long with a row of large teeth on each side of a yellowish colour. It kept itself sometimes for nearly a minute on the surface of the water. At 5 P. M. seeing
nothing.