

about twelve miles in length by five in breadth, which we skirted on the north side, on account of the ice that still partly covered it. The banks were of sand, low, and but thinly wooded, and the lake shallow near land. Some strata of shale was observed on the Ross shortly before the lake was reached. On the 7th we had to make several portages over long necks of land to avoid the ice, and then paddled to the side of the lake opposite the exit of the Ross, when we made a portage of four miles through a swampy country interspersed with morasses and small sheets of water to the next lake, the river thither being too rapid for our canoe. This lake we found almost entirely covered with ice, a narrow lane of water only appearing in its centre, which we followed and got safely through, though at great risk, the ice having begun to close on us so that we had to cut our way at one spot with the axe. We then continued along the lake until we reached the Ross. It was ascended next day to another and larger lake. From a sandy knoll at its entrance, we had a view of a high and rocky mountain of an angular form, at the base of which the Anderson is said to take its rise. It then lay N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. of us.

The afternoon of that day and some portion of next was occupied in proceeding along this lake, when we crossed over and made a portage of five miles to another lake, in the vicinity of which we expected to find some Indians. We therefore halted and made a large fire, which was shortly answered by a volume of smoke rising in the east, in the direction of which Brulez and I set out, and reached it in an hour and a half, when we found six lodges of Hare Indians under the Chief, "La Rocque." They were employed fishing on the banks of a small river, which empties itself into the Anderson some distance above the Upper Ramparts. All the rivers and lakes in this part of the country abound with white, blue and jack fish, the former of excellent quality. The summer is passed by the greater portion of the Hare Indians in fishing among the rivers and