

their size, depth and situation, and do they produce any and what species of Fish, and what is the climate and quality of the soil, what Trees grow in the said Country, of what size, and what are the vegetable, animal and mineral productions of the same?

12th.—Q. Are there now in the said two Tracts of Country any Tribes of Indians, and what are their numbers, manners and means of obtaining a livelihood, and have their numbers increased or diminished since you first became acquainted with them, and if they have so increased, or diminished to what cause or causes do you attribute their increase or diminution?

13th.—Q. Are there any and what Traditions amongst the said Indians relative to the late order of Jesuits, and to their labours amongst them?

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To the foregoing Questions the following Answers were transmitted to the Committee by *Charles Taché*, the Elder, of Kamouraska, Esquire.

1. I know the River Saguenay, Lake St John, and its vicinity, as having resided and been in that Country thirty years.

2. The River Saguenay from Tadoussac at its mouth as far as Cape à l'est, is nearly twenty leagues in length by more than half a league in breadth, there it forms on the left a considerable Bay called *Ha ha Bay*, and bending northwards it is contracted to one quarter of a league in breadth, as far as the Fall of the Grand Portage, which forms a distance of nearly ten leagues from Cape à l'est, and thirty leagues from Tadoussac.

3. The Rivers *Ste. Marguerite*, *St. Jean*, the lesser *Saguenay*, *La Trinité*, *Caribou*, *Ontardes*, *Vélin*, *Pissaoutiche*, *Chicoutimy*, and the River of broken Lands, empty themselves into the River Saguenay. The River Saguenay is navigable for the largest Vessels which sail on the Ocean as far as *Cap à l'est*, and thence to the great carrying place already mentioned for vessels, of from eighty to one hundred tons. The other Rivers are inconsiderable, they are nearly such as the River St. Charles is in the vicinity of Quebec. The Fish in the Saguenay are the *Gibbard* a kind of small Whale, which never ascends above Cape à l'est, the Porpoise, Sturgeon, Seal, Salmon, Pike, White Fish, Pickerel and Trout.

Lake St. John situate about thirty-five leagues from *Chicoutimy* and sixty leagues west north west of Tadoussac, is nearly forty leagues in circumference. Its outlet forms the Saguenay. Into this Lake the Rivers *Belle Rivière*, *Metabitchouane*, *Mitabetchouanish*, *Viatchouane*, *Unitchouanish*, *Chuamoushuane*, *Mistasia* and *Perchaca* empty themselves. Each of those Rivers is na-