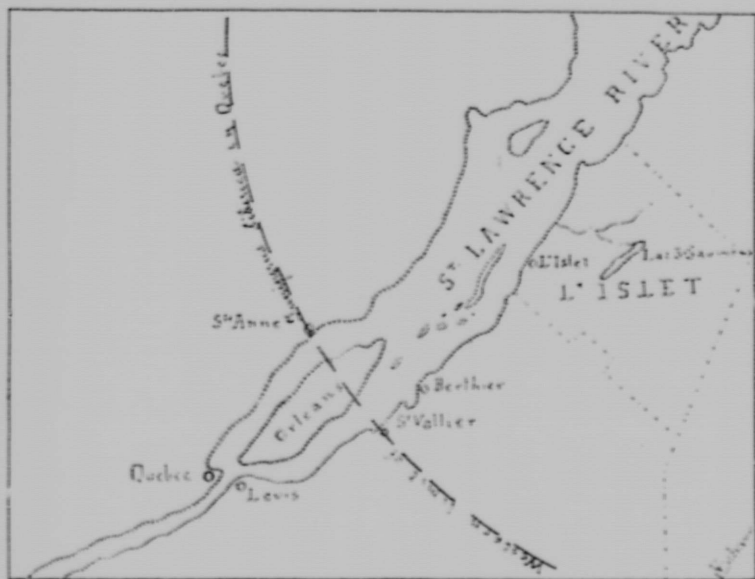


The range of the halophytic goldenrod is thus notably extended westward. On the other hand, *Ranunculus Cymbalaria* was to be expected as it is sometimes found inland; Bro. Rolland has recently met it near Ottawa city. To this small list of halophytes must surely be added *Plantago decipiens* Barneoud, which we collected twenty-five miles above L'Islet, at Berthier-en-bas. The Berthier locality is exactly half-way between L'Islet and the city of Quebec.

L'Islet owes its name to an isolated outcrop of conglomerate and limestone protruding from the muddy shore. The very short distance between this and the mainland has been bridged by the wharf which furnishes easy access. A few hundred yards above, a geologically similar mass, but much smaller, emerges from the water. It is locally known as

plant had been hitherto recorded from Anticosti, the type locality, Newfoundland and the Mingan Islands. There was, however, in the Gray Herbarium an old record: "Quebec, 1860, Dr. Charles Pickering," which, owing to what was known then of the range of the species had always been suspected as far as locality was concerned. The discovery of *Gentiana nesophila* at L'Islet gives full authority to the Pickering label and we may consider this lovely gentian as fairly frequent along the St. Lawrence river from Quebec city to the Gulf and Newfoundland.

Thus roused to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the treasures of Rocher Panet we crossed to Rocher de L'Islet with unbounded ambitions, which, however, were only partially satisfied. At this late season of the year, many of the early floristic ele-



Map of L'Islet and vicinity, Quebec.

"Rocher Panet." The hollows left in the matrix of the conglomerate by the weathering of the dolomite inclusions, have given rise to a legend which any genuine L'Isleter will tell you.

Rocher Panet has yielded more than a surprise to us. *Astragalus alpinus* L., var. *Bructianus* Fernald was a thing most interesting with its fine young fruit, while *Agalinis paupercula* (Grey) Britton in full flower occupied an extensive patch. The latter is apparently new to Quebec. But the climax of the day was reached when we found, hidden among tall grasses, a good number of late specimens of the little-known *Gentiana nesophila* Holm.* This

men's had withered beyond recognition, but we were able to collect the following:

- Selaginella rupestre* (L.) Spreng.,
- Juniperus horizontalis* Moench.,
- Rosa blanda* Ait.,
- Campanula rotundifolia* L.,
- Scutellaria parvula* Michx.,
- Euphrasia canadensis* Townshend.,
- Potentilla pectinata* Raf.,
- Draba arabisans* Michx., var. *orthocarpa* Fernald,
- Rumex maxicanus* Meism.,
- Cerastium arvense* L.,
- Woodsia ilvensis* (L.) R. Br.,

*For description of the plant see The Ottawa Naturalist, Vol. 15, p. 111.