

country, having a number of villages near it, on both sides of the river, which runs in two distinct channels, with a dangerous and rapid current that is almost impassable.

Above this town, the country is well peopled on both sides the river, and seems to extend on all hands into a vast plain, without hills or mountains, except that of Chambli, nine miles below the bason, which bears its name; at the foot of which mountain the stream of the river is deep, rapid, and very narrow.

Forty-nine miles from Sorel, and 36 miles from Montreal, stands the little fort of Chambli, one of the frontier fortresses of Canada, commanding the head or bason of Sorel River, about 10 miles from where it rises in Lake Champlain, and from whence it runs with inconceivable rapidity, until it washes the walls of the fort,
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