

side of the St. John River, the Jemseg, the outlet of Grand Lake, flows in. This whole region is a magnificent agricultural section, and the portion of the river between this point and Upper Gagetown, eight miles above, has long been famed for the splendid black duck and snipe shooting which can here be obtained.

Though the land is flat, the scenery throughout this part of the river, far from being uninteresting, is absolutely beautiful. Nowhere do elms attain a more perfect growth than along this section of the St. John. Now on one bank will be seen a little village nestling among gigantic willows, then on the other side some insignificant streamlet will flow in, its course to be traced through the intervals by the mass of foliage that hides it entirely from view. As the steamer rounds some bend, the long, low, sandy point of some interval island will show itself and offer alternate channels which are generally taken on different days. The extent of some of the islands is surprising, the level interval covered uniformly with its heavy, waving crop of hay, stretching three, four and sometimes five miles, without any rising ground, and dotted with the omnipresent elm. The steamer may have chosen one of the narrower channels and have proceeded, perhaps, half or three-quarters of a mile, when ahead is seen one of the peculiar low-lying paddle tugs struggling with an enormous raft of logs, and the passenger boat is forced to turn back and seek another path. Then again, a wood-boat loaded ten or twelve feet up the mast, until only a few feet of the bow and stern portions of the rail are visible, is seen slowly working her way up stream. An occasional scow, sloop rigged, is seen on her way to St. John with produce, the greater part of which, however, is carried down by steamers. The village of Upper Gagetown stretches along for some distance on the west bank of the river, and three miles above it is Mauger's Island, in Sunbury County, just opposite which on the right bank is situated one of the most beautiful of all the river villages, Sheffield. Four miles above this and on the same side of the river, is Maugerville, directly opposite Middle Island.