

effected from the source of the River St. John, 50 or 60 miles from Quebec, at all events with few interruptions. For further information respecting this communication, I beg leave to refer to my 'Topography of Canada.'

Q. What is the distance from the St. Lawrence at l'Islet to the River St. John?

A. Perhaps about fourteen leagues.

Q. What is the depth of the Settlements of l'Islet?

A. About a league and a half.

Q. Would there be any and what advantage derived by the opening of such a Road, and is the St. John navigable at the point such a Road would strike and for what distance?

A. The River St. John is navigable nearly from its source to its confluence with the River Madawaska, and from where such a Road would intersect it—the distance to the junction of the two Rivers may be said to be from twenty five to thirty Leagues by the courses of the River; upon the borders of which a chain of Townships might be laid out to advantage for Emigrant Settlements, and the surplus population, the Militia of this Province, and more particularly for those residing in that direction, indeed from the general course of the River St. John which takes its source near that of the Etchemin (I believe in Standon) to the *Madawaska* and running as it does, nearly parallel to the St. Lawrence, I have always viewed the same as offering a fair and extensive field for settlements which would in a short time be connected with those on the St. Lawrence by various roads traversing therefrom.

Q. What is the breadth and depth of the River St. John from its source to its confluence with the *Madawaska*, and is it a rapid river or otherwise, and for what description of vessels is it navigable?

A. I have no personal knowledge of that River from the *Madawaska* to its source, but have been informed that it was navigable for Boats of every description and was not interrupted by Rapids. At its confluence with the *Madawaska* it is 15 or 20 Chains wide. I believe tolerably deep: but a short distance below the forks, there is a rapid, and the water is very shallow.

Q. How far is the *Madawaska* navigable, for what description of Vessels and what is the general description of that River?

A. With the exception of the little Falls at its confluence with the St. John it may be said to be navigable for Boats of every description and like the St. John, there are shallow parts but no rapids. It is 30 miles to Lake *Temiscouata*, on which Lake