

locality will fast increase in population, industry, trade and wealth. Situated at the very point where the Inter-colonial arrives from the back and extensive agricultural country, extending from the northern limits of New-Brunswick to the waters of the St. Lawrence, Rimouski must forcibly become the port in connexion with the Railway.

The lovely surrounding scenery, the extensive and level lands along the shore with a gentle rise towards the south, the fertile soil of the surrounding neighbourhood and of all the district of Rimouski, the great water powers of the Rimouski River, with its splendid Flour and Saw mills and other factories, give this locality all that could be desired in order to form, in a short time, a commercial and industrious City: and when compared with the high and rocky mountains, deep gulleys and broken lands surrounding Old Bic in all directions, the mind is forcibly inclined to believe that nothing, but an act inconsistent with common sense, could cause a preference to be given to this wild and dangerous place, fit for nothing else but a solitary meditation.

