

intersected by Lakes and Rivers, that the two principal Ports join together only by an Isthmus of about eight hundred Paces over, which separates the Bottom of Port *Toulouse* from several Lakes, which are called *Labrador*. These Lakes discharge themselves Eastwards into the Sea, by two Channels of unequal Magnitude, formed by the Island of *Vederonne*, or *La Boularderie*, which is seven Leagues in Length.

The Climate of this Island is nearly the same as that of *Quebec*, (e) and tho' Fogs are here more frequent, the People do not complain of an unhealthy Air. All the Lands are not good, yet they produce Trees of every Species. Here are Oaks of a prodigious Magnitude, Pines proper for Masts, and all Kinds of Timber for Carpenter's Work. The most common Sorts, besides the Oak, are the Cedar, the Ash, the Maple, the Plane, and the Aspin Tree. Fruits, especially Apples, Pulse, Corn, and other Grains necessary for Life, as also Hemp and Flax, are in less Abundance, but as good in Quality as those of *Canada*. It is observed that the Mountains here will bear Cultivation up to the Top, and that the
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(e) Father *Charlevoix*, in the same Work, makes the Climate of *Quebec* to be very sharp in Winter, when the Gentry ride out on Sleds over the Snow, or skait upon the Ice : But in general he describes it as a very desirable Spot, and pleases himself with the Idea that this Capital of *New France* may be one Day as great, and surrounded with as many Villages and Noblemens Seats as *Paris*, the Capital of the *Old*, which he says, was for many Centuries more inconsiderable than *Quebec* is at present.—But according to his own Description of these *French* Canadans, whom he represents as an indolent People, not at all solicitous about making their Fortunes, it is not in the least probable that *Quebec* should be raised to this Greatness by them ? Shall we suppose him then, unwittingly, a Prophet in favour of the *English Americans*, whom he represents as an industrious thriving People, who improve every Thing that falls into their Hands ?