

there are some Spruce and Birch trees, which might be serviceable if accessible. The Soil is indifferent in the low grounds; it is a light sandy mould, and on the Hills a reddish Clay, full of stones. The Thermometer, which I shall except where otherwise expressed in future note as follows, stood at 51° , 60° and 62° ; the first number being the degree observed at 6 A. M. the second at noon, and the third at 6 P. M. We were much fatigued when we encamped, and our Clothes all torn. The Swarms of Mosquitoes tormented us extremely, and they are the only living thing we have seen to day, not even a Bird or a Squirrel made its appearance.

Friday, 26th.—Early this morning we had a few drops of rain, but it soon cleared up, and little after 6 A. M. we proceeded farther into the interior. At noon we reached the top of another high Mountain, from which I could see a great distance, and nothing appearing towards the interior but Mountain succeeding after Mountain, as far as I could see with my perspective Glass, I determined on returning by a short cut, to River St. Paul. We dined on the Summit, and descending into a deep Valley, at half after four P. M. we fell upon a small River running between the Mountains, which we followed till 6 P. M. when we encamped for the night. Along this River we found some large Fir and Spruce, with here and there some Cedar; Birch is scarce. The Country appeared the same as yesterday in every respect. Thermometer at 49, 69 and 66° .

Saturday, 27th.—Began our march at 6 A. M. along the Little River, and at noon came to its junction with Le Bras, which falls into the River St. Paul, a little above the Church. We came down along the Mountains Pereau, where we dined, and in the afternoon went up to St. Urbain's Church, and put up for the night at M. Côté's. Thermometer 57, 76 and 61° .

Sunday, 28th.—After Mass I conversed with many of the Inhabitants of this Parish, among whom I found one who gave me the best intelligence respecting the interior of the Country, of any I had hitherto obtained. This man, whose name is Godefride Girard, I engaged to accompany me through the interior as far as Malbay. I am to allow him two shillings a day, and his fare. It rained hard all day. Thermometer 48, 52 and 46° .

Monday, 29th.—Yesterday it rained hard, but the whole of this day it has poured down without intermission, so that every little Rivulet has become a River; we have been weatherbound in consequence all day. The rain accompanied by a cold N. E. wind. Thermometer 46, 57 and 40° .

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