

two miles and a half, and at the foot of the descent is the River Batiscan, which is there about two arpents and a half wide, and runs slowly over a bed of gravel to the southward: it winds along a valley of two or three arpents in width. Almost all the land between the River Pierre and Batiscan might be cultivated, and the soil is of good quality. The timber is chiefly maple, black birch, beech, spruce and fir.

The temperature appears to be much higher on the Batiscan than on the Ste. Anne, for those kind of fruit which I found green when I crossed the Ste. Anne, were ripe when I arrived at the Batiscan, a circumstance which announces an earlier season by at least fifteen days; and this may be accounted for by the fact that the Batiscan runs in a much deeper channel than the Ste. Anne.

The valley on the north western side of the River Batiscan is bounded by rocks of moderate elevation. The land then rises gradually, and the soil is susceptible of cultivation and of tolerable quality, for about two miles and a half, after which there are many high mountains covered with rocks. In this chain of mountains I found three small lakes, surrounded by very abrupt rocks. On the north western side of these lakes is a high mountain which I ascended, and immediately afterwards descended on the opposite side, where the descent is very steep. At the foot of this mountain is the River Propre, ninety feet wide, running with great rapidity over a bed of large rocks: it winds along between two high mountains. The distance between this River and the Batiscan is about six miles; and it is only for about three miles, reckoning from the River Batiscan, that the land is susceptible of cultivation. In the course of the other three miles, there are also some spots which might be cultivated, but they are of a very small extent.

Leaving the said River Propre, I proceeded southward, and at the distance of about three miles I came to a small lake, and about a mile further to the southward, I passed between two other small ones. The waters from these three lakes run to the westward. The lakes are surrounded by high mountains, almost entirely covered with rocks. Between the said River Propre and these Lakes, there is but very little land fit for cultivation among the rocks which cover the surface of the said tract. There is some timber fit for service on it, and of tolerably good quality, particularly