

a plentiful supply of water from a spring on its very summit. The work which he proposed to place on this height was a fort with four bastions, enclosing an area sufficient to contain all the necessary buildings for the accommodation of a garrison of four hundred men, with stores and provisions for two years.

The projected fort was planned in accordance with the newest principles of fortification. The bastions and curtains were to be of solid masonry—brick and stone. Excellent brick clay had been discovered at a short distance from the site where the fort was to be built, and if the Island sandstone was found to be too soft for such a work, it was proposed to import from Isle Royale the same quality of stone as was used in the defences of Louisbourg.

To ensure still further the safety of the harbour, a square redoubt was to be erected on the Point a la Framboise, and the Vidette Station on Point de la Flamme strengthened. The redoubt, so far as can be judged from the plan, was not intended to be a temporary work, thrown up to be armed and manned only to meet an emergency, but designed to contain a permanent garrison, with which an enemy striving to enter the harbour would have to lay his accounts to reckon.

It was now the ninth of August, and Franquet having accomplished the more important portion of his mission at Port Lejoie, hastened, while the pleasant months still lasted, to visit St. Peter's and other settlements of the Island.

Embarking in a flat-bottomed barge manned by six stout oarsmen, he directed his course up the North East River. He had not proceeded far, however, before he discovered that the strength of the current was setting a severe task to the rowers. The barge was accordingly taken in tow by a small schooner, and proceeded on her way up the stately river, Franquet taking dilligent note the while of the changing scenes that presented themselves to right and left. The unexplored forest was to be seen everywhere—a waving sea of verdure throwing itself from the distant uplands down to the river banks. There small openings were beginning to appear, with the log houses of the settler rising among the stumps of the recently felled trees, and strong though patchy harvests waving over the yet unlevelled and un-