

to a part of it lower down, where the Indians informed us it was sufficiently deep. Till noon of the 9th was accordingly spent in doing so, and during the remainder of that day and till the afternoon of the next: we toiled in a river from one to ten yards wide, extremely tortuous in its course, with the navigation impeded by immense quantities of drift-wood. We had considerable difficulty in getting on. The wood had to be cut and afterwards removed before we could proceed. On the afternoon of the 10th it was found utterly impracticable to make any further progress. The drift-wood was in such large piles as would occupy more time for its removal than we could spare. Another portage was therefore decided on. Several Indians who had joined us on our route hither were sent on ahead, with all the 'pieces,' to the junction of this river (called the Iroquois after my steersman) with that coming from a lake known as the "La Porte," and lying three days' march to the north-east of Good Hope, and we made a portage of six miles with the canoes to a part of the Iroquois, on which we launched them. Finding it deeper and clearer of drift-wood we reached its mouth early next day. The Iroquois flows through a flat plain, bounded on both sides by two ridges of ground composed of sand and fragmentary rock, and well covered with pine and willow. The driftwood on this river is doubtless the accumulation of many years. Its course is so very tortuous that any floating wood easily gets jammed between the growing trees on both banks, and thus forms into large piles, so that very little of it ever reaches its mouth.

Halting for an hour, we then embarked the 'pieces' and commenced the descent of Lockhart River (I have named it after a friend and brother officer), finding it much broader and deeper than the Iroquois and the adjacent country better timbered. The river varies in breadth from 50 to 300 yards, the greater breadth occurring near its mouth, where it receives the waters of three small rivers, two of them coming from the westward and the third from the east. A strong head wind greatly retarded us in