

length of Fourteen Feet. For many years after the discovery of this Country, the Walrus was common about the Saguenay, but it is not now to be seen in the Gulph or River. It is from this Animal that the Pointe aux Vaches, about a Mile from Tadoussac, takes its name.

Q. Does the Land afford any and what facilities for settlement for any and what number of Persons ?

A. At no point except one does the part of the Coast I have seen offer any great attraction to the Settler ; that one is Pointe aux Bouleaux ; a piece of low, level and exceedingly rich Land, forming the Western Bank of the Saguenay at its junction with the Saint Lawrence. This spot certainly offers very strong inducements to the Settler, such, I conceive, as would instantly secure its occupation if granted.

The principal plot of cultivable ground may be said to be about Nine Miles in superficies, on which Sixty or Seventy Families or Four hundred Souls might find subsistence and comfort. In its present condition an Indian Family of Four or Five persons forced to stay upon it for Three Months successively, at any Season of the Year, would most certainly starve. The Soil overlies the Bed of Clay I have spoken of ; it is composed of the usual Vegetable Mould, a rich Loam, and sometimes of a Bed of Sand, which together give an average depth of Soil of Twelve or Fifteen Inches. The little Rivière aux Canards bounds it on the North West, and a Brook empties itself on the North East into l'Anse Sainte Catherine ; on the first, Mills might easily be erected. The Tract is otherwise well watered, and a small Lake, fed by a Spring, lies at a few Arpents from the Saint Lawrence. The Timber is Birch, Sapin, Cedar, &c. of a pretty large size. Wild Hay grows all over the Tract.

I ascended the River aux Canards about Two Miles, and the Soil did not vary in its general character. The Mouth of the River forms a safe Harbour for Boats and small Craft. The Battures opposite the Tract extend into the Saint Lawrence about Eight or Nine Miles ; they are however without any useful vegetable Production, but the resort of immense collections of Water Fowl.

Pointe aux Bouleaux is only Four or Five Miles from Tadoussac. A Settler, I am confident, might with very little labour, having the great and cheap Highway of the Saint Lawrence to transport his Produce to Market, be able to live in comparative affluence, a few years after going there.

On the North West of this Tract on the other side of Rivière aux Canards, towards Echaffaud des Basques, there is a long low point of Land where it is probable a number of Families might also settle ; and the Settlements could likely be made to extend by the Vallies between the Hills into the Interior, where I have been informed there are pretty large Tracts of tolerably good Land.

It is misusing the Gifts of Providence thus to allow the fairest of them to lie waste, and that, at the door of a Father whose Sons are settling on