

first of the interval islands. Throughout the whole lower portion of the St. John there is a great deal of very valuable interval land in the form of river islands. It is not to be supposed that there is any great expansion of the river where these islands are found, a narrow channel, as a rule, flowing on each side of them.

As we proceed up stream the first of these interval islands of any importance that we meet with is "Spoon Island," just after crossing the border into Queens County. This is a long low-lying piece of interval of alluvial formation roughly horse-shoe shaped, with the mouth of the bay down river. Around the shores, as is usually the case, both on the main land and on these islands, is a heavy growth of elms and willows. On each side of the river stretches the interval and then the gradual slope of the lower uplands, finally ending in considerable hills. As we proceed up river, however, these hills become lower and lower, until by the time the mouth of the Washademoak is reached the country as far as the eye can see is comparatively flat and rapidly becoming typical of the Grand Lake region. Above Spoon Island is the largest of the river islands, "Long Island" by name, situated near the little village of Wickham; its entire length is four miles. Just at the head of Long Island, on the west bank of the river, the steamer calls at the mouth of the Otnabog Lake, an expansion of a little river of that name. Opposite this is another horse-shoe shaped island, Lower Musquash, and just above this point Upper Musquash Island is situated. Without exception, the soil of which these islands are composed is of the finest quality. It is practically all self-sustaining interval, flooding every spring and fall and needing no further manuring. Two and a half miles above the head of Upper Musquash Island the mouth of Gagetown Creek is situated, a short distance above Fox Town. Gagetown, which can be seen from the river, is the shiretown of Queens County. The steamer does not run up to the town, but is met by a large row boat, capable of taking all passengers and baggage, while the boat proceeds on her way up river. Directly across Grimross Neck from Gagetown on the other