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CHANGE OF THE DISTRICT-TOWN OF THE DISTRICT OF KAMOURASKA.

The District of Kamouraska comprises the Counties of Kamouraska and Temiscouata. The District-town ought not therefore to be at the centre of one, but as near as possible to the centre of the two Counties. It ought also to be one of the most important villages of the District. Two localities contend for that honor, ST. LOUIS de Kamouraska and FRASERVILLE in Rivière du Loup. The first of these two places is situated at the centre of the County of Kamouraska ; the second is close to the boundary line separating the two counties.

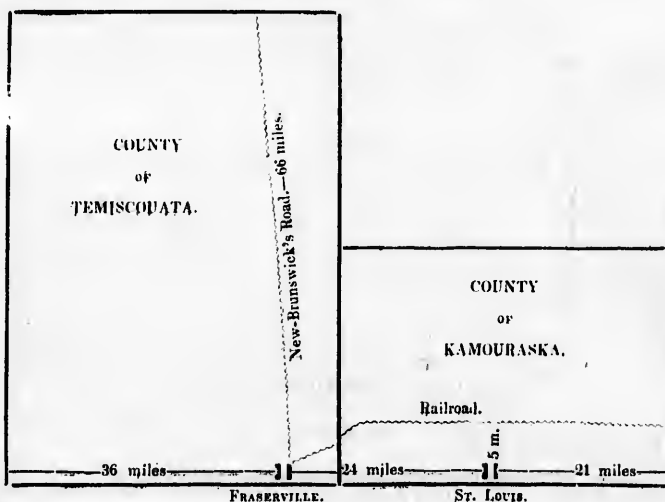
In 1846, when the District of Kamouraska was formed, a Report of the Legislative Assembly, recommended Rivière du Loup, the parish which includes the village of Fraserville, as the District-town. (See Appendix of 1846, vol. V, letter I, English edition). In 1849 the County of Temiscouata was included in that of Rimouski ; it then was already contemplated to make of this last county a district by itself distinct and separate from that of Kamouraska.

The member for Rimouski, fearing no doubt that the choice of Rivière du Loup as the District-town would prevent the proclamation and setting apart of Rimouski, joined the member for Kamouraska in demanding, and notwithstanding the above report, they obtained the selection of St. LOUIS de Kamouraska situate at the centre of the county of that name, as the District-town of the District of Kamouraska.

Inspectors of Jails and Grand Jurors of the District have since often recommended its removal to the village of FRASERVILLE in Rivière du Loup.

These recommendations and the numerous petitions presented to the Government on that subject have, up to this time, received for answer that it was impossible to incur the expense of erecting new buildings for a Court-house and Jail at FRASERVILLE when they already existed at Kamouraska.

These buildings no longer exist : they have been lately destroyed by fire : and therefore there remains but to decide upon the respective merits of the two localities, which will at the next session contend for the honor of being the capital of the District.



10. As to distance and transport :

DISTANCE—

From the upper extremity of the district to
ST. LOUIS (with railroad)..... 21 miles. FRASERVILLE (with railroad) 45 miles.

From the lower extremity of the district to
ST. LOUIS (36 of which without railroad) 60 miles. FRASERVILLE (without railroad) 36 miles.

Difference..... 39 miles. 9 miles.

Against ST. LOUIS in favor of FRASERVILLE, 30 miles.