

no want of it near the river, from the great quantity left on the shoals. What other treasures may be concealed in this unknown repository, or what valuable ores may be intermixed with the coal, I will not take upon me to determine.

All the lower country near the river for a considerable distance, affords no other wood than willows, and a few small poplars. The land is exceeding marshy, and abounds with all kinds of aquatic birds in the spring and autumn. Higher up, the banks of the river are steeper, and pines become frequent, which are intermixed with a few insignificant elm and birch trees.

All these countries are well stored with moose, beavers, otters, &c. but the red deer, jumping deer, and buffalo, are not to be found till you are considerably higher up the river, where the country becomes more open, and so free from woods, that in many places scarce a sufficiency can be procured to make a temporary fire for travellers, who are obliged instead thereof to use buffalo dung. During the winter, distant journies become dangerous, as
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