

*Edward Isaac Mann*, Esquire, appeared before your Committee and answered as follows :

Q.—Where does the River Saint John take its source, what is its usual distance from the St. Lawrence, its course, breadth and depth, and how far is it Navigable and for what description of Vessels or Boats ?

A.—I have never travelled up the River St. John, further than the settlement of *Madawaska*, but I am informed that it takes its source near the River Chaudière, and runs thence in a very winding course about east to *Madawaska*—its general distance from the St. Lawrence is from twelve to fifteen leagues—it is Navigable for a considerable distance above *Madawaska* for flat bottomed boats of a large description, and for Canoes—it is from one hundred to one hundred and fifty yards wide.

Q.—Are there any falls in it ?

A.—I believe not of any consequence, I learn that this River has been lately explored a long distance above or West of *Madawaska*, and that there is a fine tract of level Country on its Shores, where large quantities of Red and White Pine Timber, have been found, and a great number of Lumber-Men are now employed in getting out timber, and this induces me to suppose that there exist no considerable falls in this River.

Q.—Have you any idea what the quality of the Land is which lies between the River St. John and the Parishes of Beaumont, St. Michel and St. Thomas, and what distance is the River St. John, in those parts from the St. Lawrence ?

A.—The land in these parts is reported to be of excellent quality, the distance of the St. John from the St. Lawrence, I have already stated in my answer to a former question.

Q.—To what depth do the old settlements extend in the tract lying between Point Levi and Cacona ?

A.—From three to four leagues in some places, and not so far South in others ?

Q.—At what distance are the Mountains generally from the St. Lawrence in that Tract of Country ?

A.—From six to seven leagues in general, but in some places considerably farther South, say eight or nine leagues.

Q.—What would be the probable distance of Fredericton from the St. Lawrence, following a Road traversing the Mountains at the most convenient place, and proceeding as nearly as possible in a straight line 'till you reach Fredericton ?

A.—Not understanding from what part of the St. Lawrence, this Road is contemplated to set off, I cannot form an idea what