



*Spoon Island, St. John River*

the outlet for some large, important lakes, but the innumerable brooks and mountain streams that flow into it comprise by far the greater body of its current and render its water as clear as that of a wayside spring. The farming land along its banks is of marvellous fertility. Especially is this true of the fine agricultural county of Carleton, justly termed the "Garden of New Brunswick."

If the reader will refer to his railroad map, he will observe that the valley of the St. John is made accessible in every part by the admirable railroad service which extends from Edmundston to the sea. This is supplemented in the summer season by steamboat lines that cover daily the distance of eighty-four miles from Fredericton to St. John. There is no point in all this vast extent of river-land to-day that is not within twenty-four hours' travel of the city of Boston. The recent extension of the railroad system from Edmundston to