

the general level of the surrounding country, and nearly bare of vegetation. Towards Lake Metapedia and the line of the Intercolonial Railway, the great ridges of the Gaspé peninsula become much less prominent, but a little to the westward of the lake, another range, that of the Notre Dame Hills, rises somewhat abruptly from the surrounding plateau, and stretches away in the direction of the head-waters of the Grand Metis and Patapedia rivers. It does not, however, quite reach these latter, and to the westward of these streams no ridges of a well defined or continuous character are to be met with.

The rivers which drain as well as owe their origin to the great belt of high land here described, present many interesting features. They are quite numerous, including, in the Gaspé peninsula proper, the St. Anne des Monts, the Dartmouth, York and St. John; at the eastern end of the peninsula, with the Grand Pabos, Bonaventure, Big and Little Cascapedia, tributary to the Bay Chaleur. Farther west we have, on the north or St. Lawrence side, the Little and grand Metis, the Rimouski, the Trois Pistoles, Rivière Verte and Rivière du Loup; while on the southern side, besides the Metapedia, there are the Restigouche, with its tributaries the Patapedia and Quatawamkedgwick, the Madawaska, the St. Francis, the Big Black and Little Black rivers, with others of minor importance. As might be expected, the streams flowing northward into the St. Lawrence are, as a rule, much smaller than those flowing in the opposite direction, but if we include the entire distance of the latter to the sea, the contrast is in some instances quite remarkable. Thus while few of the streams tributary to the St. Lawrence show a greater length than thirty miles, the length of the Metapedia, including the lake, is nearly sixty miles, that of the Restigouche from the source of the Kedgwick nearly ninety miles, and the St. John, measured in the direct line from Temiscouata to the Bay of Fundy, 260 miles, or from the source of the St. Francis, over 300 miles. The streams on the north shore also differ in being usually more irregular in course, with more