

was necessary to dismiss two of our people, which was immediately done, and with the remainder of the party we struck off towards the first fork of the River Jacques Cartier in Tewkesbury. This tract we were anxious to find good Land as a continuation of that lying along the S. E. shores of the three Lakes before noticed. For a Mile we saw but little to satisfy us; but afterwards there began a parcel of excellent quality expanding over a spacious hollow between two Mountains, and covered with hard Timber of a fine growth, Birch, Maple, and Ash, with very large Spruce and Sapin, and becoming finer and finer until we reached the River Jacques Cartier, which we struck some distance below the fork. This Land is really capital and such as a settler has only to look at to convince him of its capability. Here again we found another instance of the incorrectness of our Diagram. The first fork of the Jacques Cartier is marked on the plan by its junction with a wide River flowing from a Lake: this River is only a narrow streamlet which we passed in two steps, and there is no Lake at its Source. We continued our course to the second fork along good Land, and there encamped opposite a very high Mountain which occupies the angle of the fork, and the summit of which terminates in a singular and apparently inaccessible conical Peak rising high above all others.

Thunder and violent rains kept us in Camp all the 12th; but next day we ascended the main Branch of the River with one Indian, while the others were occupying in constructing two Rafts. We went a distance of about four Miles above our Camp and found along the River an interval of good Land extending to the basis of the Mountains on each side, and in general width averaging a quarter of a Mile. The Lots also run very favorable to take advantage of this, lying lengthwise along the River. This tract of cultivable soil is ended by the Mountains on each side, suddenly closing right down upon the water's edge, and exhibiting stupendous rocky declivities too steep to be climbed. These in fact are the Mountains noticed on the Chief's Bark Map as those over which the Sun in winter cannot be seen till 10 o'Clock, which is simply occasioned by their steepness and clipping in the River so narrowly; for they are actually not higher here than when a little removed from the River below, nor are they really so high as the noble Mass opposite our Camp, which, from that point of view, seems to stand unrivalled towering above all in solitary grandeur.

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