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In conclusion, I will reiterate that no finer forests are to be found in this province, than these of the Bonaventure river. These forests cover a large area, and would furnish material for a long period of years for extensive lumbering operations. The *Spruce* itself at a yearly cut of 200,000 logs will furnish timber for 25 years, as the smaller trees increase quite rapidly in girth, say  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch per annum. *All operations* could be carried on under the most advantageous conditions that it is possible to imagine. Many lumbering firms in this province and elsewhere, spend immense sums in transporting all supplies, provisions &c., for their shanties and this through regions difficult of access, sometimes for hundreds of miles, and drive rivers and streams (also hundreds of miles) every part of which need untiring watch, and months of uncertain and dangerous work for large gangs of men, besides all the repairs of works such as dams, slides &c., required to keep the worse parts of these streams drivable, all these troubles and sources of expense are conspicuously absent from lumbering operations in the forests and streams of the Grand Bonaventure River.

I will now state the result of my observations on an examination of the Islands and Battures or shoals lying at or near the mouth or discharge of the River Bonaventure into the Inlet or Barachois (as it is called) on the Baie des Chaleurs, also of the *Easterly* part of this Barachois. In company with my assistant *Timothé Goudreau* who is eminently a *practical* man, versed in all the details of construction of the works required by the nature of