

the new continent. The waves of the lakes are sometimes thrown into violent agitation by stormy winds; and when hurricanes blow, which is often the case in summer, the fury of their commotion resembles that of the ocean.

All the great lakes are supplied with numerous rivers, many of whose remote sources have not yet been discovered. They are also connected by intervening streams, which flow from the west to the east. Lake Superior and Lake Michigan communicate with Lake Huron; the former by the Straits of St. Mary, and the latter by those of Michillimachinac. By the Straits of Detroit, a commercial passage is opened between Lake Huron and Lake Erie. The river Niagara, which is the last in this chain of communication, descends from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. From the eastern boundary of the latter lake, the river St. Lawrence takes its origin, and shapes its course along the lower and southern boundaries of the province on its way to the ocean. In