

ETWEEN
BRITISH

Steam nav'g'n.	Rise	Sections.	Over	Miles.	Stage	Ste'm	Fall.
					Road.	Nav.	
Miles.	Feet				Miles.	Miles.	Feet.
		Middle Portage, between the Dog and Savanne Rivers:		23	28	569	16
		Savanne Portage, very swampy but easily drained.		1 1/2			32
		Total, through an easy country.		5	5		
		12 Down the Savanne River, a meandering stream from 40 to 70 yards wide, with muddy banks and much embarrassed by driftwood, to the Lac des Mille Lacs.		19			7
		Through the Lake with its numerous Islands and bold rocky scenery, many of them, however, containing tracts of good soil.		36			4
		Down the River Seine [increasing gradually from 100 feet wide and winding through a flat wooded valley] to the Little Falls at the Junction of Fire Steel River.		10			37 1/2
		This last portion navigable for light steamers by a dam about 26 feet high, above the Falls.		65		65	
		13 From the Little Falls [24 1/2 feet high] down the Valley of the Seine, now bounded by low hills, of the primitive formation, to the upper entrance of Rainy Lake.			66 1/2		367
		N.B.—A broken navigation for bateaux, with 5 portages, could be easily established on this portion of the River.					
		14 Down the upper and narrow portion of Rainy Lake, 20 miles; then through the main Lake with its rocky shores, and two miles beyond, down Rainy River [with 6 feet fall] to Fort Frances, at Rainy Falls, in all,		50			10
534		The Islands in this Lake [over 500 in num- ber] are mainly composed of pale red granite and chloritic and greenstone slate, and though picturesque, presents a barren and desolate appearance. The Lake freezes over about the 1st of December. There is a population of 1500 Indians here:					
		Portage at Rainy Falls, 171 yards, requiring two Locks.					23
718 1/2		From Fort Frances down Rainy River [from 250 yards to a quarter of a mile wide, and very winding], through a beautifully fertile alluvial country, studded with maple, birch, poplar and oak, and containing at least 160,000 acres of the very best soil, to the Lake of the Woods. There are two in- significant rapids 31 miles below the Fort, which a steamer of moderate power could stem with ease.		74			26 1/2
	level	Across the Lake of the Woods, 55 miles, and thence through a navigable channel, 66 feet wide, with two small bars of loose friable slate, in all 140 feet long, to the north-western extremity of Lac Plat or Shoal Lake, in all		84			7
35		N.B.—The Indians grow large quantities of maize on the Islands, and wild rice grows in the greatest abundance in the whole		208		208	
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569	899 1/2				99 1/2	842	530