

is not unfit for building, Wherever this sort of coast is, it diminishes considerably every year upon the breaking up of the frost, which moulders away a great part of it. It may probably be owing to this cause that the Sea betwixt the Island and the Continent is frequently of a red hue, and for that reason by many people called the Red Sea ; on the North and South-east side, it has received some addition by the banks of sand which the Sea has thrown up.

There are no high hills in this part of the Island, but merely a small ascent inland. The Rivers are properly Sea creeks, the tides flowing up to the heads, where generally streams of fresh water empty themselves. In most parts of the Island the sarsaparella root is in great abundance, and very good. The mountain-shrub and maiden-hair are also pretty common, of whose leaves and berries the Acadians and Soldiers frequently make a kind of tea. The ground is in general covered with strawberries in their different seasons, which are very good ; with proper care, it produces most kinds of grain, wheat, barley, oats, peas, beans, &c. ; also, cabbage, cauliflower and potatoes, very good, in great abundance ; carrots, turnips, &c. In those places which have been settled, and are still tolerably cleared, is very good grass ; but a great part of the lands formerly cleared are so much overgrown with brush and small wood, that it will be extremely difficult to form a true estimate of the cleared lands, or to make it fit for the plough again. It may be proper to observe here, that very few houses mentioned in the explanation of the Townships are good for anything, and by no means tenantable, except one or two at St. Peter's, kept in repair by the officers, and one built by me at Observation Cove.

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Red and white oak, neither of which are in plenty, or of large growth ; beech and maple very good ; black and white birch, the former of which is a useful and handsome