

The meadows and low lands, near the river and lake, yield good crops of grass.

The rivers which unite with the St. Lawrence, are the Oswagatchie, Ottawas, Sorel, L' Assumption, St. Francois, and Three Rivers. The first settlements were formed upon the banks of the river and lakes, for the convenience of water. Few farms in the lower province are cleared at any considerable distance from these waters. Many mill seats are upon these streams, and wind-mills are frequent near the shores where the waters are smooth.

The vegetation is rapid, and the summer season short. The ice melts gradually by the influence of the warmer waters from the southwest. In winter it is sometimes suddenly broken in some places for a few days, and floating and crowding together by the force of the current, and the confinement of a narrower part of the river below, it is congealed together: One of these collections of ice, is formed opposite Montreal, and a road is cut through it with axes, before a passage can be obtained to the south shore.

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