

ten to twenty Tons with the greatest safety and facility.—This handsome River in its numerous and extensive branches, waters and enriches a large tract of excellent Country which are principally the *Piscaminean*, the *Casimiquagan*, the *Casupscull* and the *Humquin* Rivers.

From the Mission or Indian Village, the River Ristigouche is much interrupted by Shoals during the dry Season of the year to Mr. Adams's, a neat establishment and the last Settlement in the District.—The River forms between those two points a deep Bay, along which are settled from six to eight families much on the same system as that of our Canadian Farmers. At Mr. Adams' the Rivers is divided into numerous Channels by Islands, some of which are one to three miles long, the southern Channel is however the most navigable at all Seasons.—On the New Brunswick side flourishing Settlements are to be seen, which with the small Church of the Mission in the distant perspective, and the prominent Mountains to the South East, combine to enhance the beauty of the Landscape. Progressing upwards in a West and by South course from Mr. Adam's betwixt several Islands, which contract the Channel about the distance of one mile and a quarter, the River is interrupted by a considerable rapid, which is however easily surmounted by the surprising skill of the Indian in the management of his Canoe, so peculiar to the tribe which inhabit this part of the Country. At this place, on the South Shore, there is a good road that runs along the Bay of Ristigouche, on which are settled upon lots of two hundred acres each about forty families.

The land which assumes a highland appearance, descends in a gentle slope to the River and is thus rendered more practicable for a road, and eligible for settlers.—From this place the River takes a western course to the mouth of the *Matapedia*, interspersed with several small Islands—its banks are clothed with mixed Timber, amongst which however quantities of Pine may be clearly distinguished.—From the mouth of the *Matapedia* to a small Creek on the East side, the land rises gradually into steep and lofty Mountains; about a mile and a half above this Creek at a sudden bend the range of hills, which commence at Mr. Adam's running from thence in a North East Course, bear a prominent appearance, the principal Mountain called *Pectianook* rising from the River to a height of about three hundred feet.—The western shore also bears a bold aspect which here gives to the waters an apparent tinge of obscurity.—This mountainous appearance however, is not so prevalent on the Eastern Shore as we approach the *Piscamineau*, a River on which is built a Saw Mill appertaining to Messieurs Chamberlain and Rice, it affords immense quantities of Pine, which can be floated down to the Mills with facility for many miles in the interior of the Country.—From this River on both sides of the *Matapedia*, the land, with little exception although Mountainous, is fit for Agriculture to the River *Casimiquagan*, which discharges itself on the Eastern side, affording at its entrance a favorable Site for a Mill and excellent situation for Settlers It is I am informed navigable for many miles and abounds with valuable