

effecting a landing the fort would be a rallying point, from which the defenders could be driven only by cannon, and after all the formalities of a regular siege.

All now being finished there was nothing to detain Franquet longer at St. Peters, he therefore set out at once on his return journey. Plodding among sandy dunes and over rugged ground, wading through swollen streams, and miry creeks, when he arrived at the dwelling of the widow on the north east river, the road appeared to him a great deal worse than when he travelled it only a few days previous. Personal experience of the grievances that afflict a people is sometimes a strong incentive to officials to devise a remedy. Franquet, during the time he rested at Madame Gentil's set himself the task of planning some other route by which travellers could reach St. Peters with less discomfort than he had endured. He traced the course of the stream which fell into the river near the dwelling of Madame Gentil, and in less than a mile came upon a spring from which by many outlets a copious volume of the clearest water boiled up and gathering together formed a brook which stole away in limpid purity between grassy banks to meet the great river below. Hemmed in by ancient trees it was such a spot as a pagan poet would have made the haunt of Naiads or the buskined followers of Diana. The French called it "La Grande Source." Franquet, after examining the country through which the alignment would run came to the conclusion that with very little labour a good road could be constructed in an almost straight line from the Grande Source to the height on which the church stood near St. Peters' Harbour. He was also assured by residents that the tide made its way up the channel formed by the waters from the Grande Source in sufficient volume to carry shallops at half tide well up toward the fountain head. Here, therefore, in Franquet's opinion was a site adapted in every way for the shipment of merchandize passing from St. Peters to Port Lajoie, and he sent his plans for all this to the Government, and supported them by vigorous argument.

Having finished his survey of this locality, enough of the sunshine of an August day still remained to show him as the