

The St. Francis, sixteen miles from the St. Lawrence is about thirty feet wide and very shallow, this is the only river on the Portage, which runs continually in a southern direction and is said to fall into the St. John.

In addition to the above named Streams there are the *Verte, Grand, Petite Fourche* and Little, Rivers, all of which are from fifteen to twenty-five feet wide, besides a number of smaller ones which vary from ten to fifteen feet in width, and also run towards the north; these different streams are all very shallow and in general supplied with Trout and other small fish.

In exploring to the north of the Portage, I came upon the banks of a small Lake of about three miles in circumference, its average breadth being about one quarter of a mile, and on the south I saw two more, one of which appeared to be about three and the other from five to six miles in circumference, but not having made any survey of their exact positions, and my guides having told me they had no names, I can give no further information respecting them, except that they are said to abound with Fish and that the land about them appeared in many places fit for cultivation.

My guides also informed me there were two Lakes on the north (which I did not see) of larger dimensions, which from their account appeared to be situated somewhere about three leagues from the Lake Temiscouata and nearly the same distance from the Portage Road.

The River Cabinot runs into the Lake Temiscouata to the south of the Portage about three miles from Long's and is said to be thirty feet wide, but no great depth.

The Lake Temiscouata is a very fine sheet of water, said to be 27 miles long, averaging I should suppose one mile in breadth and is of a sufficient depth to be navigated by Vessels of considerable burthen, this Lake is said to abound with most of the varieties of Fish usually found in the waters of this Country, among which is a species of Salmon or Lake Trout weighing from ten to twenty pounds, which the Settlers frequently spear.

Q. What is the nature of the Climate and what is the general appearance of the Country?

A. Having only visited the section of the Country once and that in the month of July last, I can merely observe that there appears little difference of climate between it and Quebec—I was however informed by the settlers that wheat is an uncertain crop, and that they are more subject to frosts in the Autumn, which sometimes destroys their Potatoes: this evil may in a great measure be removed when a greater space is cleared.