

Further on are clayey schists similar to the slate already mentioned near the Ontario boundary. Continuing, one finds schistous diorite with small quartzous threads running through the rock. After passing the narrows leading to Indian Bay, I followed the shore of the peninsula where there is a coarse-grained rock whose basis is hornblende and which I called syenite; then I came back to the entrance of the Keekeek river where similar rock is seen.

On both sides of Lake Keewagama, the land is generally undulating, timbered with grey and black spruce, poplar and white birch with a little cedar on the shores. There are some pine trees on the peninsula. The soil is clayey, especially in the southern part where the land is flat and more suitable for farming.

I ascended the Keekeek river which is easily navigated as far as the lake of the same name.

The land is fairly level and rock is met with only at the single portage on that river: the rock is schistous diorite.

Lake Keekeek is surrounded by rocks consisting of schistous diorite and of another kind resembling slate. In the north-western part there is a rather considerable development of talcous schists. I afterwards entered a river on the south which is practically the continuation of the Keekeek river; it is fairly navigable to the portage on the left, about 500 feet long. There are but few outcroppings of rock which is chiefly diorite. From that portage to Long lake the river is very crooked and difficult to navigate, being full of obstacles and fallen trees, sometimes being barely wide enough for a canoe to pass or to turn. Many travellers proceeding to lake Keewagama, prefer taking the route by the Kinojevis river, although it is longer, to avoid this difficult passage. To go four miles in a straight line with 2 experienced men, it took five hours of hard work although the canoe was lightly loaded. The Transcontinental voyagers who at first followed this route to get to the line have now abandoned it.

On the shores of Long lake are rock outcroppings consisting of compact diorite and granite.

From this point I had to hasten my return to Ville-Marie owing to an