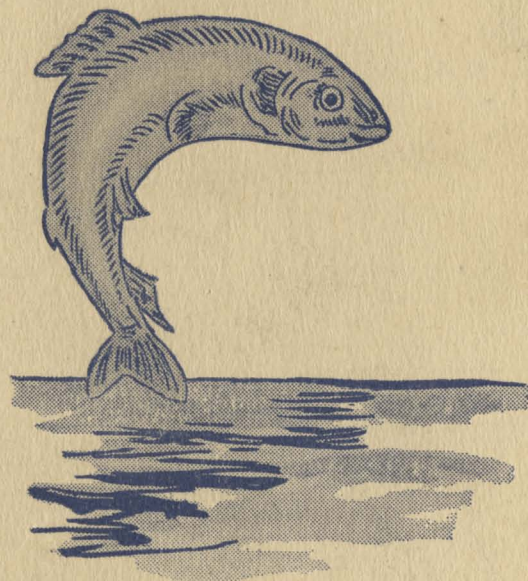


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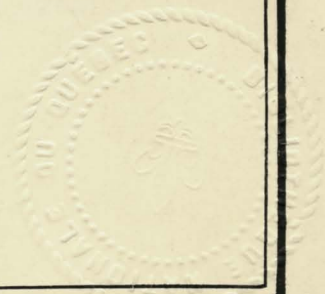
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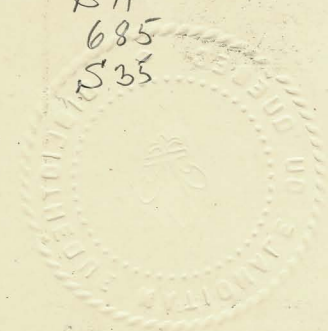
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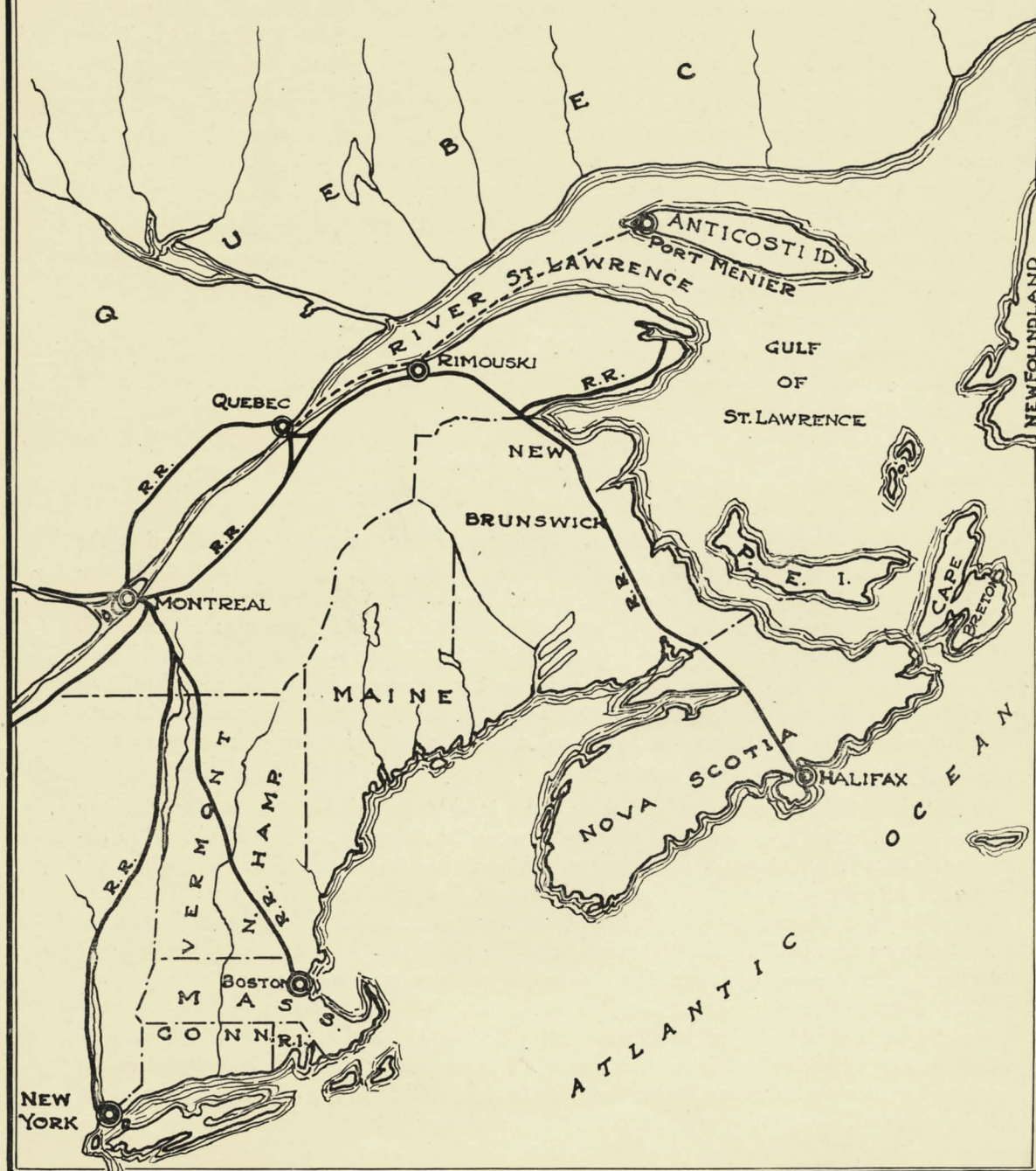
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A Day's Fishing for Two Rods, La Loutre River, 1929



RAIL AND WATER ROUTE  
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## GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND SIZE

The Island of Anticosti is situated in latitude 49° North, and longitude 63° West, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, 360 miles below the City of Quebec. The closest point to the mainland on the South Shore is the Gaspé Coast, 40 miles distant, and on the North Shore, Mingan, which is 21 miles distant.

The Island has a length of 135 miles and a width of 35 miles, the area being 3,100 square miles or approximately 1½ times the size of the Province of Prince Edward Island.

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## HISTORICAL NOTES

The history of Anticosti Island starts with its discovery in 1534; in 1680, it was ceded to private ownership and since then, it has passed through various hands until 1926, when it was acquired by the Anticosti Corporation from Senator Gaston Menier who had succeeded Mr. H. E. Menier of Paris, France, an enthusiastic sportsman and lover of nature.

During their ownership, the Meniers have directed their efforts very intelligently towards the conservation, preservation and the increasing of wild life on the Island, and this policy has been strictly adhered to by The Anticosti Corporation.

As a result of this, the number of game animals, birds and fish has increased very rapidly; and today, one may say that Anticosti is a unique paradise to the angler and the hunter; its rivers are swarming with salmon and trout, its forests are thickly populated with deer, rabbits, etc., and the seashore abounds with various game birds.

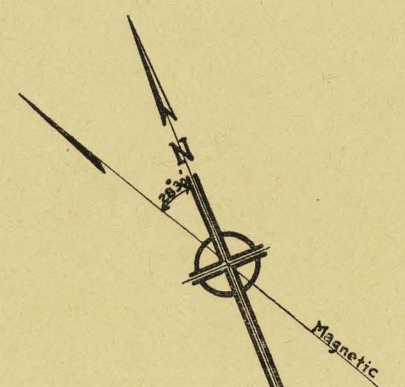
The Corporation takes pride in the possession of this unique property and the policy of conservation, preservation and increasing of wild life has been permanently established on the Island.

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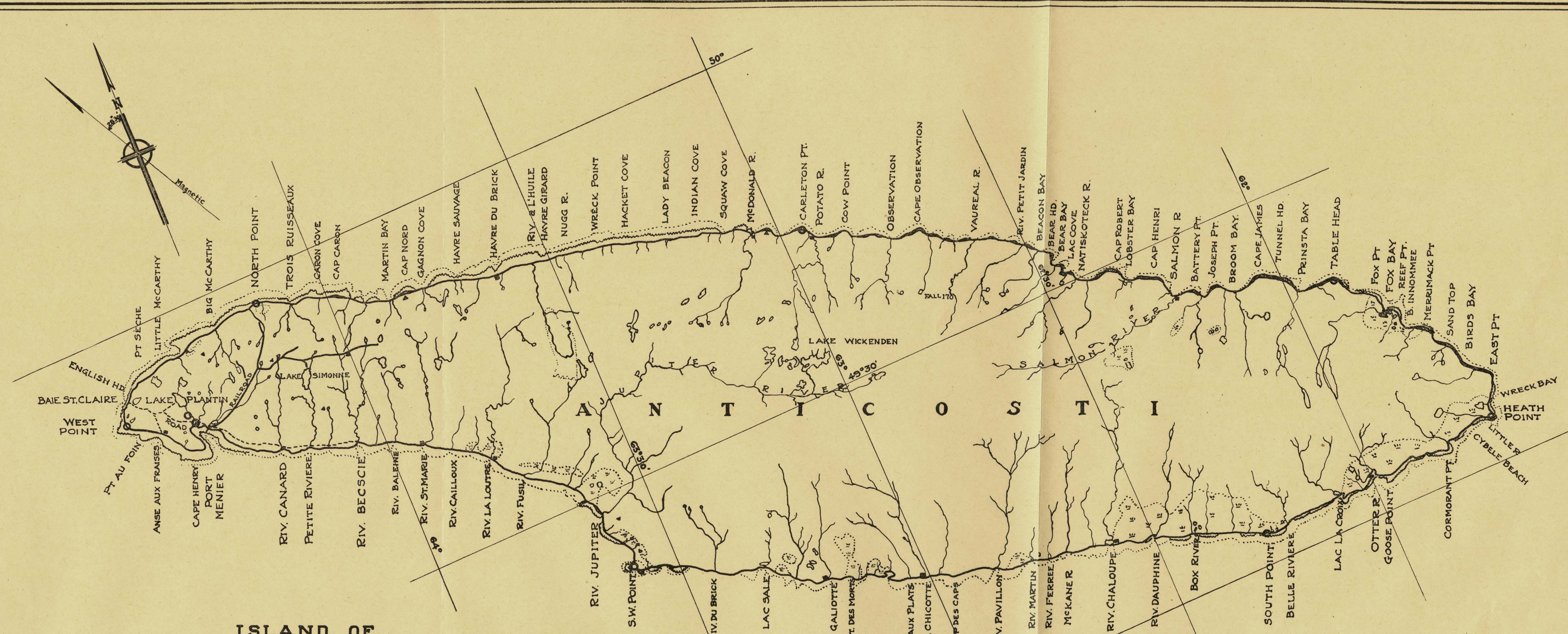
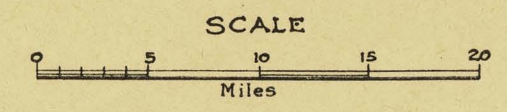
## CONDITIONS AND CLIMATE

Probably the outstanding feature of salmon fishing and hunting game on Anticosti is the exclusive fishing and hunting rights vested with The Anticosti Corporation who is the sole proprietor; these rights can be delegated to whom the Corporation chooses and these guests will then be free to exercise their sport, according to their wishes and the rules of the Island, without interference from outside parties. The charm of Anticosti can be found only by experience. The fighting qualities of the salmon are unsurpassed. The absence of railways and highways and the untouched beauty of the rivers and virgin forest all combine to make a sportsman's paradise. It should be noted that no logging has ever taken place on the watersheds of these rivers and none of them has been utilized for log-driving.

The fact that there are very few flies on Anticosti is worthy of note. On this subject, we may quote the following abstract from the diary of a visiting fisherman:—"The almost entire absence of flies is most amazing and most gratifying. After the rains of June and early July followed by warm weather, it is most astonishing to find the river so free from flies. There are of course a few mosquitoes at sunset. Black flies can be found on the beach but not at the house or up river." Again, "the absence of flies is to me most amazing." There is yet another pleasant consideration for the prospective angler on a strange island. It is never hot, as the average dweller of temperate zone knows heat. In the month of June, the temperature ranges from 40° at night to 60° during the day; in July and August, from 45° at night time to 70° in the daytime. Bright sunny days with a sea breeze and cool clear nights are the rule rather than the exception during the summer months. The pleasure in pursuing the art of Isaac Walton is unmarred by oppressive heat or the ravages of blood-thirsty flies.



# ISLAND OF ANTICOSTI GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE



## SALMON STREAMS

The rivers frequented by salmon are: McDonald River, Potato River, Vaureal River, Salmon River, Otter River, Dauphiné River, Belle River, Chaloupe River, McKane River, Chicotte River, Galiote River, Jupiter River, La Loutre River, Ste. Marie River and Becscie River. Sketches and descriptions of these rivers with the exception of the Jupiter and Becscie are given. The Jupiter River is under a ten year lease which expires in 1935. Becscie River is reserved for logging purposes.

The remaining thirteen rivers have not been under lease since 1926 and practically no fishing has taken place on them since that date. A survey of these rivers made in 1930 showed them to be well stocked with salmon.

It is well nigh impossible to classify and enumerate each haunt of the finny tribe in a stream, unless it is fished by the same man year after year. And even then one cannot be positive. Mr. Hewitt, the author of "Secrets of the Salmon" states: "In the salmon we have a fish changing his habits from day to day and even during the same day. He is unstable and never settled. He is a wanderer and has the doubtful habits of this class. If you want to catch him at all times you must learn to know him in all his moods and know just what to do to meet them. It is this which gives salmon fishing a charm all its own. It is a sport not equalled by any other." The salmon streams of Anticosti are not large rivers where fishing is done from a boat or canoe. They are shallow, rapid streams with clear, sparkling water rushing along over limestone pebbles or solid limestone reefs. And where the river turns sharply or at the foot of a rapid, there will be a pool. Rapid water runs at the head of the pool spending itself in eddies and smoothing away as the pool deepens. In the darker water and the deepest part, wait scores of those magnificent silver-clean fish, with the iridescence of the ocean still on their rounded shoulders. The pool is perhaps five or six feet deep and in the clear crystal water you will see rows of salmon fanning the water as they await dusk to push on upstream to their predestined haunts.

Generally there will be found a nice pebble beach alongside the pool which is of great advantage for casting the fly.

Sketches of the pools in each river are available at the office of The Anticosti Corporation.

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## THE SALMON

In rivers ranging in length from two miles to forty miles, the angler will appreciate that the fish frequenting them are not as big as those of some of the larger rivers, tributaries of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In the smaller streams of Anticosti the salmon runs from 8 pounds to 20 pounds whereas in the larger rivers like Jupiter, Salmon, Vaureal and La Loutre, they are heavier, ranging from 10 pounds to 25 pounds; bigger fish have occasionally been taken but they were the exception. The fighting qualities are perhaps, pound per pound better than those of a larger fish. On a 6 oz. or an 8 oz. rod and light tackle one of these salmon will provide all the sport and vim required to give the angler an interesting time. It has been noticed that a number of fishermen who have visited, return with their 18 oz., fourteen foot rod and evidently find the fish capable of giving a royal battle even against such armament.



McDonald River, Pool No. 1

## DESCRIPTION OF SALMON STREAMS

### McDONALD RIVER



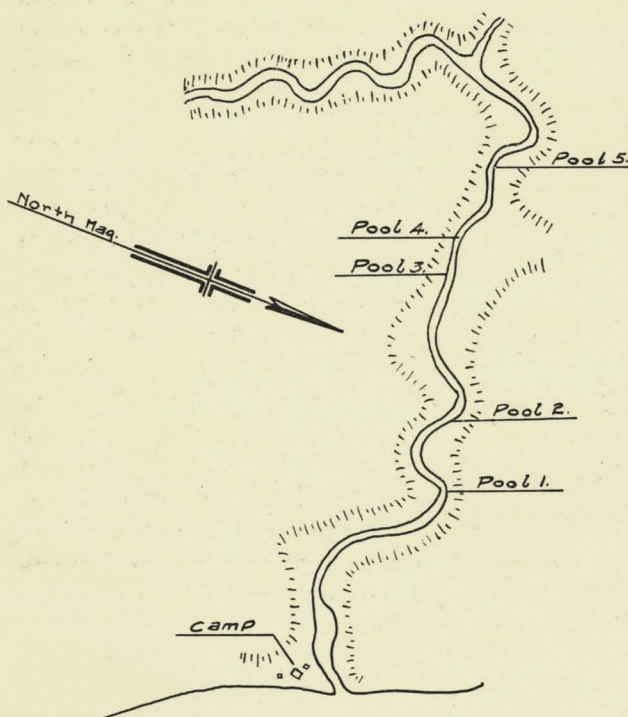
On the North shore and about three miles west of Carleton Point Lighthouse is McDonald River. Through a densely wooded country this river winds about in a series of short rapids and swift descents. The river valley itself is from 100 to 200 yards wide and is skirted by wooded hills on either side. At the mouth of the river is a comfortable fishing lodge with four bedrooms, bath-room, living-room with fireplace. The spot is enjoyable with a view of the river mouth and the sea from the lodge door.

There is a fork in the river three miles from the sea. Up to this point there are five salmon pools, none of them large in size yet so clean and free from obstructions that there is no difficulty in playing a salmon although the runs are short and fast and the fish does not tire easily on a short line. All of these pools were well-stocked with salmon in 1930.

Past records show that whenever fished, this river gave excellent results.



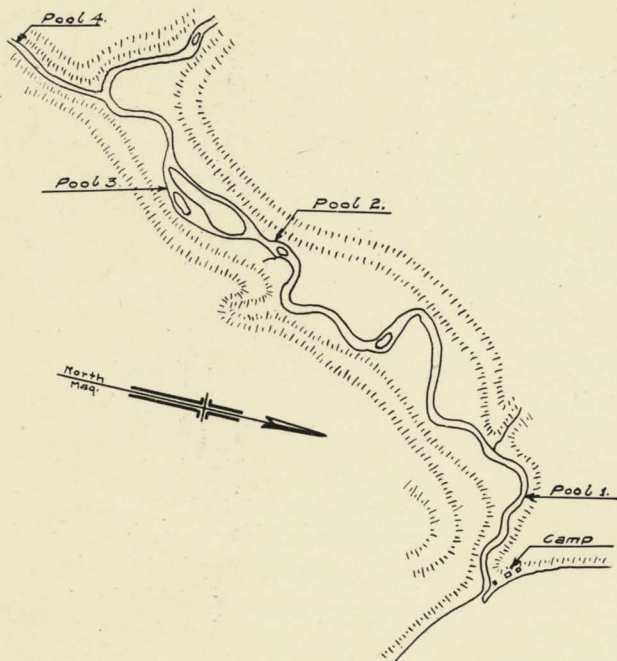
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Potato River, Pool No. 2

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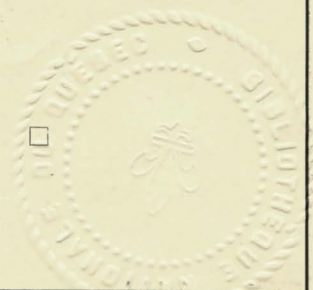


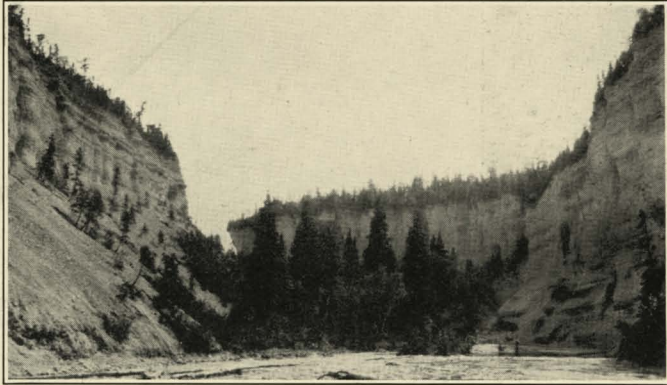
## POTATO RIVER

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Just east of Carleton Point Light-house, Potato river enters the sea. Sailing along, as you round the Light, the bay opens up before you, with the fishing lodge nestled at the foot of a wooded slope. The clean, white gravel beach, with the green forest behind it, forms a pretty contrast on a bright summer day. The river is just a step from the lodge and around the first bend, a quarter of a mile upstream, is a pool. And within two miles there are two more pools, all containing silver salmon. The river is not large, nor are the salmon, but the clean sparkling water, the absence of snags and the excellent fighting qualities of these fish make delightful sport. Three miles up-river there is a fork and salmon go up past here. On the east branch, just a little way past the fork is an inviting pool. Although it was not sketched, this pool contained a goodly number of salmon, as did the pools below.

The fishing lodge on the seashore at the mouth of the river, is a convenient arrangement for the comfort of the guests, having four bed-rooms, a bath-room and living-room with fireplace. The guide's house is attached and its dining-room provides sufficient space to accommodate the guests for meals. There is an ice-house nearby to insure the good keeping of the salmon for shipment, upon the guests' departure. The attractiveness of the river, combined with the comfort offered, will provide a pleasant vacation for any outdoor enthusiast.





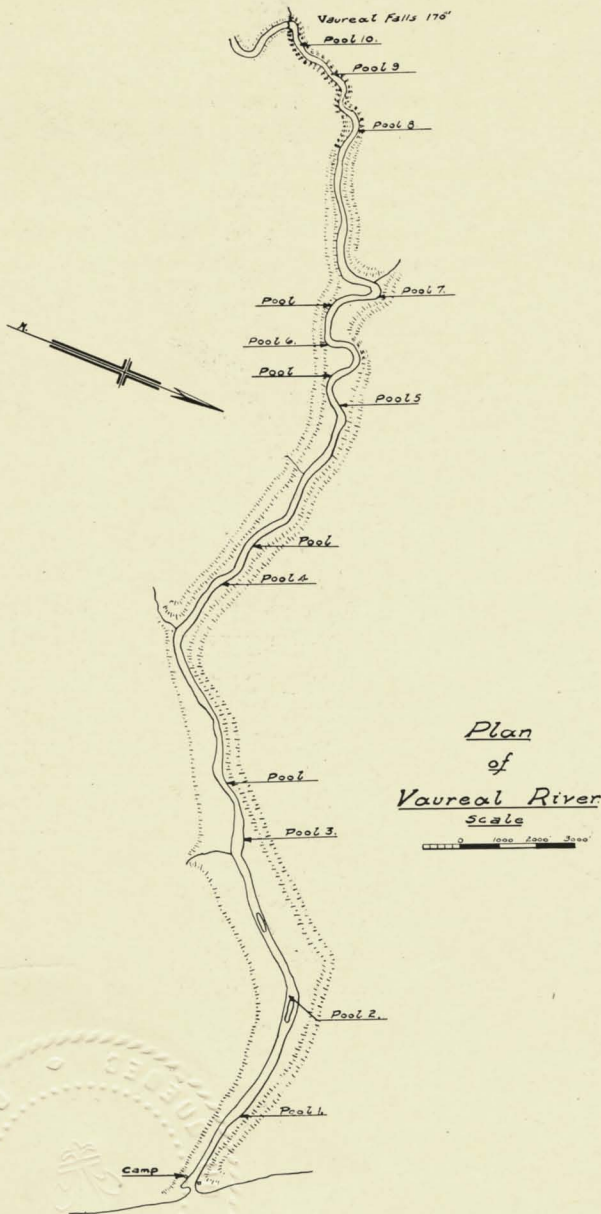
Vaureal River, Pool No. 9

## VAUREAL RIVER



This river located on the North Shore of Anticosti has without doubt the finest scenery on the island. The river has its origin in several lakes and flows in a north-easterly direction to the sea. About seven miles from its mouth it plunges through a series of rapids and finally falls abruptly over a cliff 170 feet high. This fall is truly magnificent and the river tumbling in a narrow gorge below is indeed an impressive sight. For a distance of two miles below the fall, the river finds itself in this narrow gorge formed by vertical limestone cliffs. These Cliffs have adopted many odd shapes and forms, and looking at this rugged work of nature one can almost imagine that he is looking at the battlements of some ancient castle.

Towards the sea, the river valley gradually widens out, the slopes becoming less severe. The river bed is of limestone gravel and flat fragments of limestone. The walking is good in the valley and there is a portage through the woods running three miles upstream from the sea. The pools are free from snags and drift wood with small limestone boulders and gravel in the bottom. Occasionally the solid limestone reef is exposed in a pool. The water is remarkably clear and in the quieter water of the pools the salmon can easily be seen. The plan shows ten recognized pools but there are a number of additional places where salmon lie on their way upstream and some good fishing may be secured in these. The survey in 1930 showed the pools to be well stocked with salmon. Both from the view point of scenic beauty and the possibilities of taking fish, this river ranks high among the salmon streams of Anticosti.





Salmon River, Gravel Bar Separating it From the Sea, S.S. Fleurus in Bay

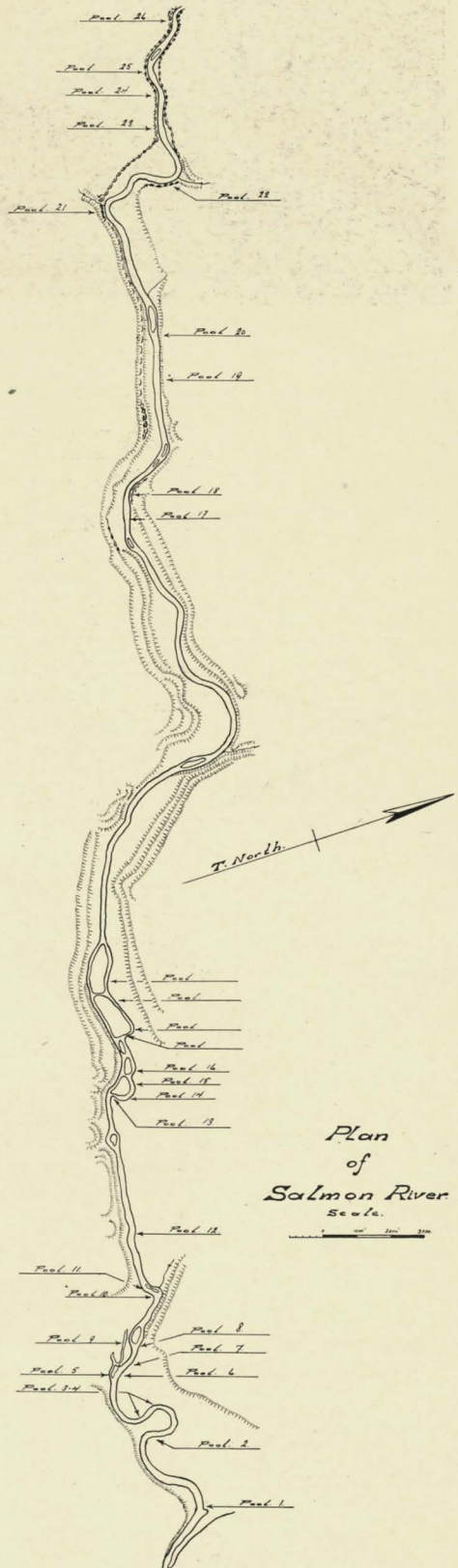
## SALMON RIVER



This river, located on the northern side of Anticosti is well named. It is the second in size on the Island, being surpassed only by the Jupiter. The general course of the river is easterly in direction. It rises in numerous lakes and flows gently until about fifteen miles from the sea, where it passes through a rocky gorge in a series of short falls and steep rapids; from here on, its descent to the sea is gradual.

The plan of Salmon river shows its lower portion and the location of 26 pools. Although only this lower part has been examined, it is known that salmon go above the falls and are found in the upper reaches of the river when there is plenty of water. At the present time a fishing camp of four bed-rooms, living-room, bath-room, etc., is located at the mouth of the river. This camp has a fine situation on a low bluff overlooking the mouth of the river and the bay. The bay has an attractive beach of limestone gravel, descending at once into deep water with no intervening reef or mud flat at low tide. The usual mode of conveyance for reaching the upper pools is with a boat drawn by a horse.

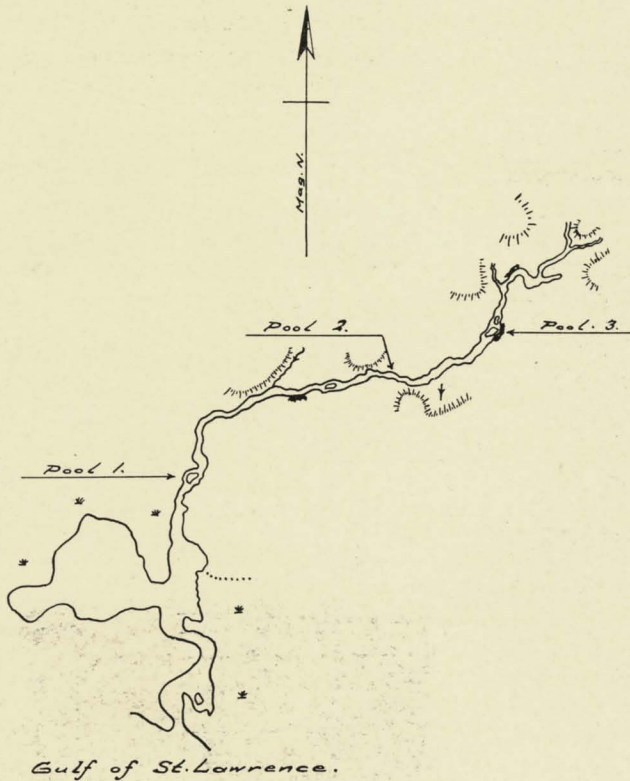
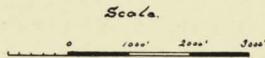
The watershed of the river is densely wooded with virgin forest and the river itself attractive. A survey of the salmon in the river in 1930 showed practically all the pools to be well stocked. A wireless telephone at the river mouth communicates with Port Menier.





Otter River, Pool No. 2

Otter River



OTTER RIVER

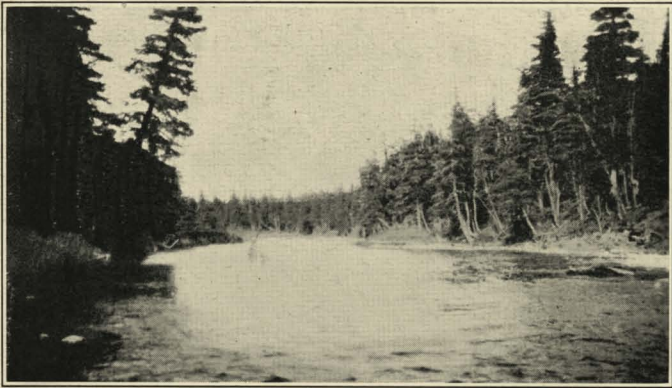


Otter River, sometimes called Eel River, is 125 miles east of Port Menier on the South coast of the Island. Very few people have explored this attractive little river and it remains untouched by the hand of man. The lower part of the river is wide with a slow current, it resembles a chain of lakes more than a river and one may canoe through this portion of the river. The country surrounding the lower part consists of flat mossy plains studded with patches of wooded land. The upper part is a gentle, rolling country covered with dense forest.

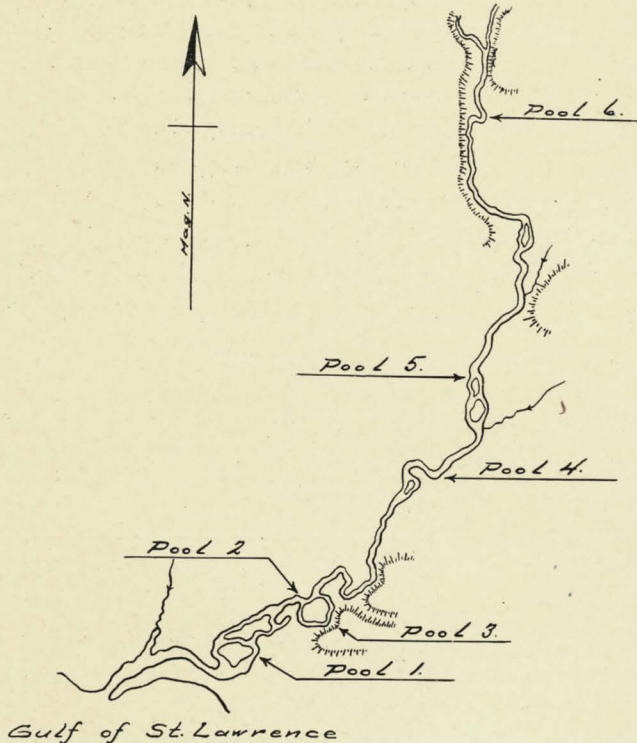
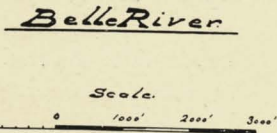
Two miles and a quarter from the sea there is a fork in the river, and up to this point there are three salmon pools in which salmon abound. On September 24th 1930 it was estimated that there were 250 salmon or more in these three pools. Fishing conditions are very good in Pools Two and Three—see location plan.

Walking in the river valley is good and it is but a short distance from where you leave the canoe to the last pool.





Belle River, Typical View



## BELLE RIVER



East of Port Menier 115 miles along the South coast is Belle River. The first quarter mile of the river parallels and is separated from the sea only by a gravel bank. At high tide the sea enters this part of the river, forming a splendid harbour for motor boats. Above this, the river is split up into several branches, and at one half mile it finds itself again in one channel, with numerous turns and bends. The river is from 40 to 60 feet wide up to two and one half miles from the sea, where it is again split up. In this distance there are six salmon pools, as located on the plan, all with good fishing conditions for salmon and trout.



Belle River, at the Forks



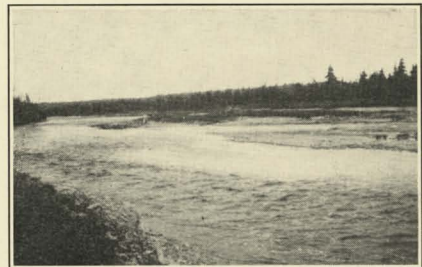
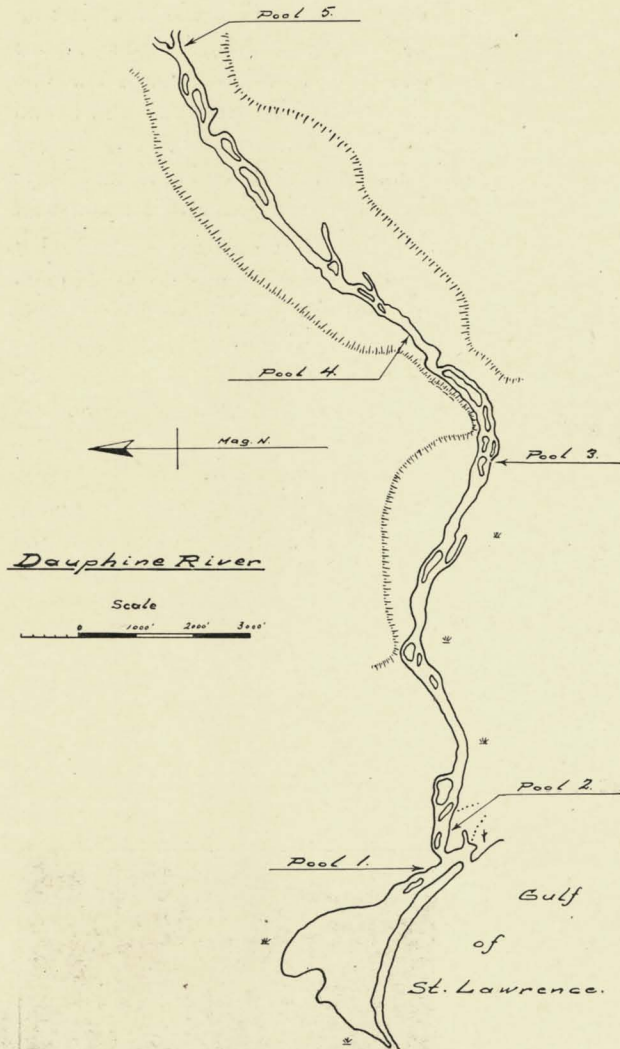
Dauphiné River, Looking Upstream

## DAUPHINÉ RIVER



Dauphiné River is situated 10 miles west of South Point or about 100 miles east of Port Menier. The river flows through a wide open valley and at the lower part the country on either side is rather flat. The upper part of the river is in higher country covered with stands of virgin timber. At the mouth of the river is a lake about half a mile in length, sufficiently deep for canoeing. There are 5 salmon pools in the first three miles of river and they are clean, large pools with splendid fishing conditions. Plenty of salmon were seen in them when the survey was made.

The scenery along this river is attractive and game frequent the river valley. The lake is a feeding ground for migratory birds and flocks of them are seen in the early fall.



Dauphiné River, Typical View



Chaloupe River

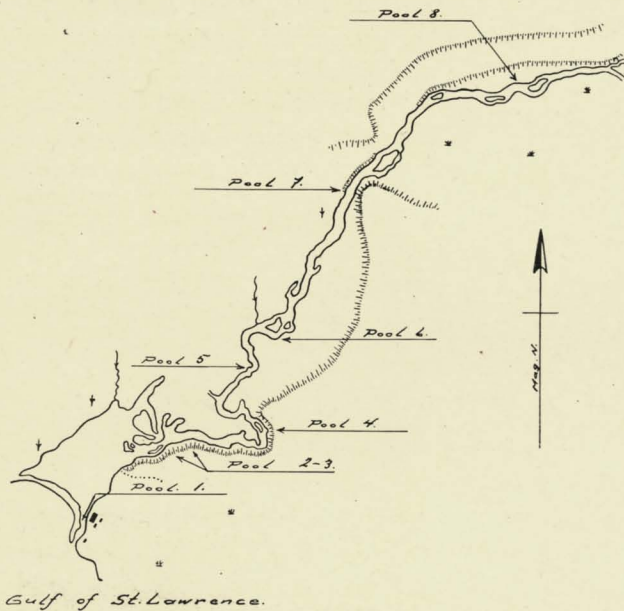
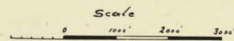
## CHALOUPE RIVER



This river is located 95 miles east of Port Menier on the South coast. It is a paradise for the lover of good sport. On the edge of a lake just at the river mouth is a fishing pavilion of the type already described. The lake is really an expanse of the river just before it enters the sea and is separated from the sea by a gravel bank. At the lower part of the river there are several bends, but after passing the first mile and a half, the general direction is more or less straight. The country is rather flat, particularly on the lower west side and the upper east side, whereas the lower east and the upper west part are gently rolling. There are eight pools in the first two and a half miles of river and in all of these were plenty of salmon when surveyed in 1930. The salmon were large in size, comparing with other rivers. The fauna of Anticosti is well represented along this river and the lake at the mouth of the river is a feeding ground for migratory birds. Wild life, there is in plenty in the surrounding country, and the fisherman is sure to find subjects for his camera if he is inclined towards photography.



### *Chaloupe River*



Chaloupe River, Typical View



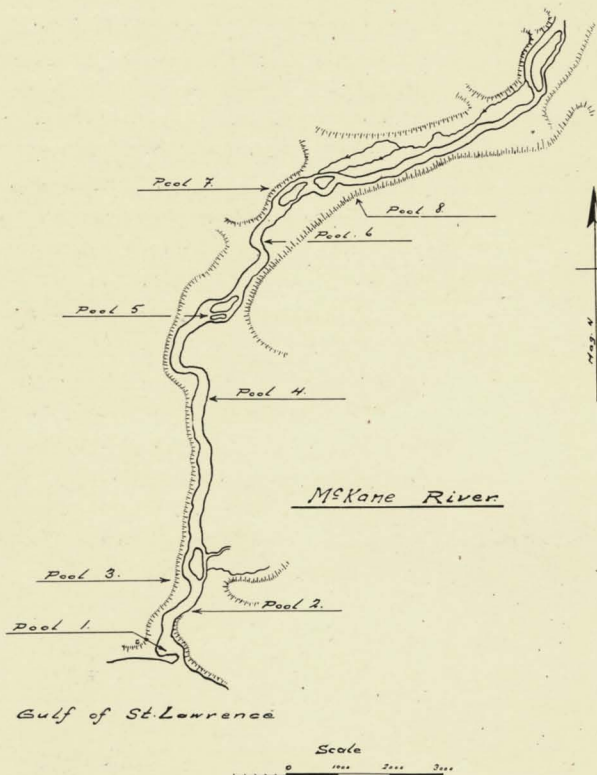
McKane River

## McKANE RIVER



McKane river is situated on the South coast of Anticosti about 90 miles east of Port Menier.

The river is straight and its bed is of clean limestone gravel. There is always a good flow of water throughout the summer. Of salmon pools there were eight found up to a point two miles and a half from the sea. These were all stocked with salmon in 1930. At this time there were over 400 salmon in these pools. It is altogether likely that farther upstream there are numerous other pools containing salmon and the angler who comes to this river will have the pleasure of exploring its upper reaches for himself. The walking all along the river is excellent. Wild life is plentiful in the river valley: deer, foxes, ducks and geese were seen in numbers, as these pools were examined.



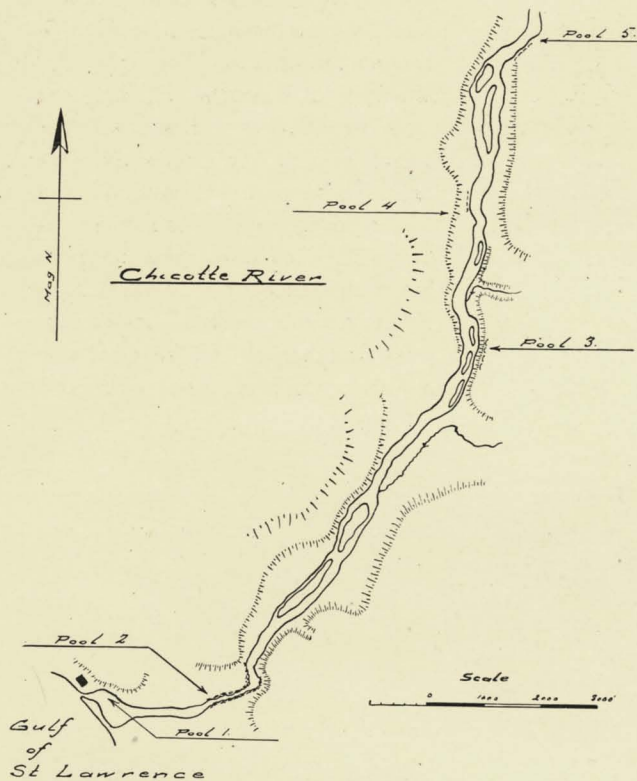


Chicotte River, Pool No. 1 at Outlet

## CHICOTTE RIVER



Chicotte River is situated 75 miles from Port Menier on the South coast of the Island. Here at the mouth of the river and close to the sea is one of the comfortable fishing pavilions with four bed-rooms, a bath-room and hall with an open fireplace. It is a beautiful river with ever-varying scenery surrounding it. Half a mile from the sea the river passes through a narrow canyon 1,000 feet long in which the river is twisted into a tortuous rapid. After the canyon is passed, the valley widens out and the course of the river is generally straight and here the traveller has a splendid view of the forest covered hills, extending far up river. The walking along the river is excellent and passing through the canyon does not offer any difficulties in the summer. There are flat limestone ledges on either side which form a natural sidewalk. There are five salmon pools on the lower three miles of the river and from there to the source there are probably others. The first pool is located just at the river mouth, near the pavilion. It is both large and deep, salmon are always plentiful and fishing conditions are excellent. Chicotte River is exceptionally good in its first pool at the river mouth. Half a mile farther up, the second pool is located just at the foot of the canyon. This pool is of particular beauty being hollowed out of solid limestone, long, narrow and deep. The salmon can readily be seen in the clear, crystal water. The other three pools are located at mileages 2, 2½ and 3 respectively from the sea and all are large with splendid fishing conditions.





Galiote River, Pool No. 1

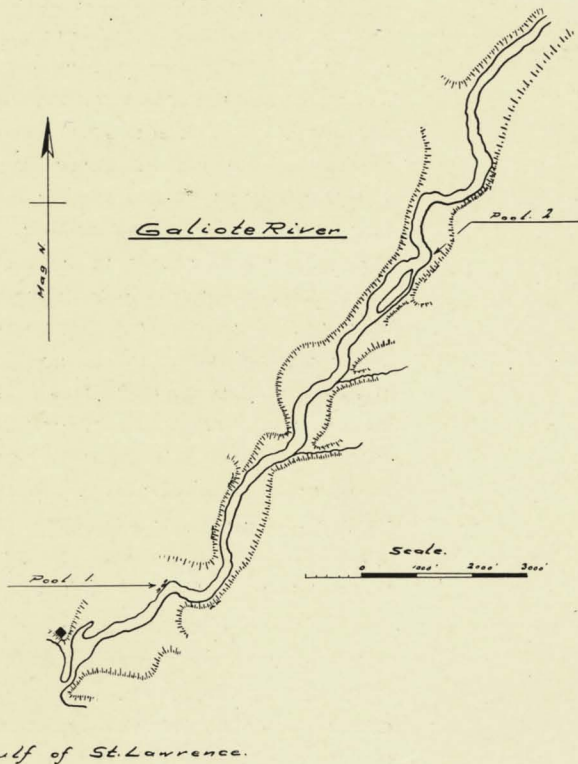
## GALIOTE RIVER



Galiote River is located on the South coast of Anticosti about 65 miles from Port Menier. At the mouth of the river one of the ever comfortable fishing pavilions has been erected for the use of fishermen. From the pavilion verandah one has an attractive view of the river as it enters the sea. At night the weary fisherman is lulled to sleep by the music of the sea breaking on the reef.

The river runs through a gently rolling country covered with virgin forest. Its valley is from 100 to 300 yards wide, with gravel banks offering excellent walking. The first salmon pool is located just below a sharp bend in the river, a quarter of a mile from the sea—a beautiful pool in which salmon are always abundant. Fishing conditions are very good with a gravel beach skirting the river on the east side. The second pool is found about two miles from the sea beneath a steep slope of bare gravel; this is a large but shallow pool, with excellent fishing conditions. Three miles above this pool there is a third pool which always contains plenty of salmon.

The geological formation of the country is quite interesting. Animal life is plentiful and will provide many moments of interest for the visitor.



Galiote River, Fishing Camp on Seashore

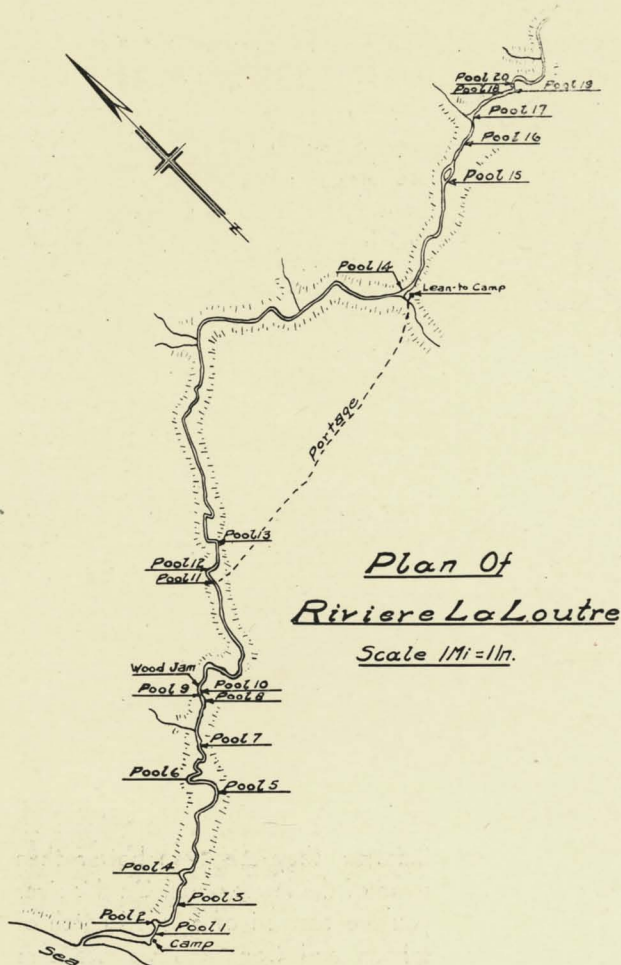


Salmon and Trout from La Loutre River

## LA LOUTRE RIVER



Eight miles below Ste. Marie or 28 miles east from Port Menier is found that delightful La Loutre. This river must not be confused with Otter river east, which is located east of South Point and described elsewhere. La Loutre is a charming place. At the end of a miniature lagoon, just inside the sea is the fishing lodge. From the door, one looks down this river expanse to the sea. Almost a stone's throw from the lodge is a pool. Above this there are more pools, in fact, the river is nothing but a series of pools for the first four miles. There are thirteen of them on that stretch. Then for a distance of four miles the river is not favored by the finny tribe for some mysterious reason. To reduce the walk and bring the upper reaches of this fine stream within easier access for the angler, a trail was cut some years ago. This was the means of opening up seven more wonderful pools rich with fine fish that have passed on over the rugged and shallower stretches to gain the deep, dark, ice-cold waters of these magnificent pools. You cannot but be delighted with these pools—everyone of them, and the seven mile hike to these parts is well worth your while. In a year when there is plenty of water it is possible to get up to these parts with a boat drawn by a horse and one can always go three miles up the river in this manner.

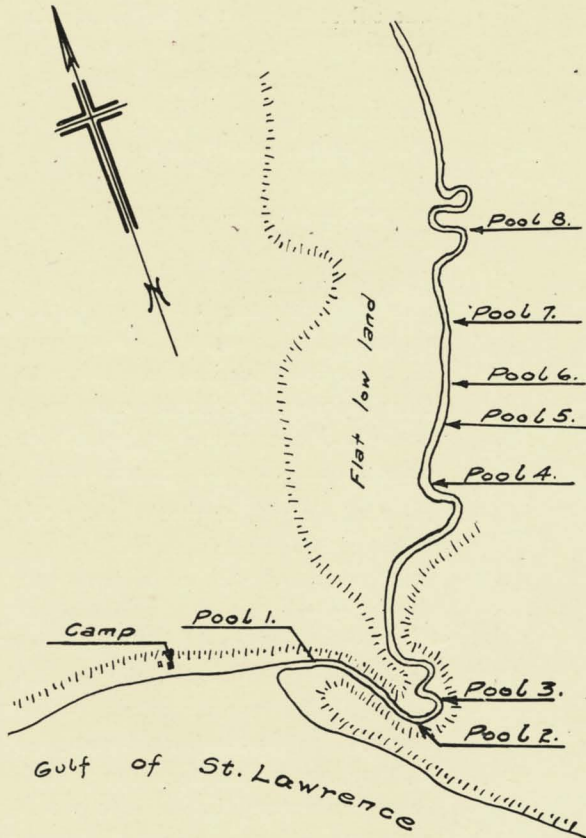


At pool No. 14, or the Wilson pool, is a lean-to camp overlooking the pool, and here, with a well arranged tent, one may enjoy the silence of the "great outdoors" with only the occasional splash of a leaping salmon to break the murmur of the rapids below. From the few people who have visited this picturesque spot there have been many enthusiastic words of appreciation. A trip to this delightful place will leave one with pleasant memories of the virgin country, the campfire and the catch.



Ste. Marie River, Fishing Pavilion

Plan Of  
Riviere Ste-Marie  
Lower Part  
Scale: 2000' = 1"



STE. MARIE RIVER



This river is one of the stand-bys of the salmon fishermen who have visited the Island. It is only 20 miles from Port Menier and can be easily reached by small boat or by road for most of the way. As regularly as the bitterness of winter is replaced by the warmth of the summer so do the salmon forge their way up this stream. A series of excellent pools from the head waters to the mouth offers fishing unsurpassed by any river of its size.

In the lake at the head waters there is excellent trout fishing and in certain parts of the river, trout up to two pounds are abundant. By making a few short portages it is possible to canoe to the lake so that the angler need not undertake a strenuous march to try the speckled beauties of the lake. They go up to three pounds, and in the clear deep water of this lake you will experience trout fishing "de luxe."

Near the river mouth is a well-equipped fishing lodge prettily situated at the seaside and overlooking the bay. Here, with the attention of a resident guide who has made his home at this river for many years, your sojourn will be extremely pleasant.

There are eight excellent pools in the first two miles of river and invariably these are well stocked with salmon running from 7 to 20 pounds. By taking trips up river the upper pools may be fished and, while they have not been sketched, in the guide's estimation, they are even better than some of the lower pools. On this river you are assured of a good catch of salmon and trout and we are sure that your recollections of Ste. Marie will be pleasant ones.



## FISHING EXPERIENCE



For the sake of illustrating past experience in salmon fishing on one of the rivers of Anticosti, we give below the results obtained.

Perusing the notes of a party of two rods on La Loutre river during the Menier administration, we find a short description of their activities consisting in fishing, exploring new trails, hunting seals on the sea shore and resting in the "Chalet" during rainy days. The annotations are always very enthusiastic and go a long way towards demonstrating that sportsmen and sportswomen will fully enjoy their stay on one of the rivers of Anticosti, far from the noises and worries of City life.

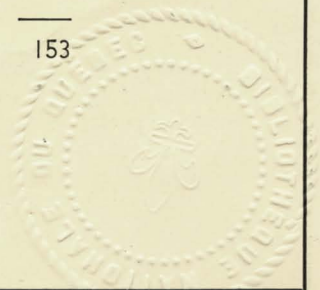
The excursion took place from the 24th of June to the 5th of August. The results obtained by this party of two rods were as follows, as to numbers of salmon caught, in what pools they were taken, and with what flies:—

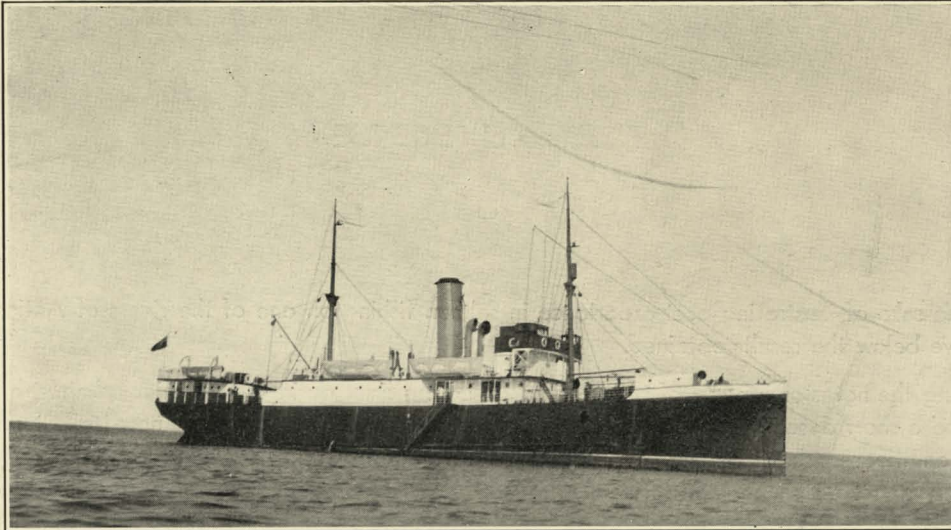
### LA LOUTRE RIVER

Pools	Salmon
Upper Twin .....	32
Lower Twin .....	22
De L'lle .....	15
Castor .....	13
Older Sister .....	13
Sapin Rapids .....	11
Cliff .....	8
Spruce Tree .....	7
Wilson .....	4
Other pools .....	28
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with the following flies:—

Jock Scott .....	43
Dusty Miller .....	40
Silver Gray .....	31
Silver Doctor .....	18
Black Dose .....	11
Butcher .....	6
Thunder and Lightning .....	3
Black Hackle .....	1
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## TRANSPORTATION

The sailing points to reach the Island are Quebec and Rimouski. The service will be effected by the steamship "Fleurus" and possibly other boats. Special arrangements can perhaps be made to sail directly from Gaspé.

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## PORT MENIER

Good accommodation is provided at the Hotel here for visitors to the Island. The use of wines and liquors on the Island is subject to the regulations of the Quebec Liquor Commission. Through a special permit the Corporation is able to supply wines and liquors at Port Menier.

There is an excellent landing place for flying boats at Lake Plantin about four miles north of Port Menier, with an automobile road connecting the lake with the town.

The harbor at Ellis Bay will accommodate at low water boats with an extreme draft of 17 feet, and lying berth can be had at the inside wharf, with a depth of 20 feet at low tide. Fresh water is available on the wharves and arrangements may be made with the Corporation for a supply of coal, gasoline or fuel oil.

A plentiful supply of ice is available at Port Menier. Fish to be shipped off the Island are repacked at Port Menier before going forward to Rimouski or Quebec.

The Corporation maintains a complete and well-stocked store where all staple and many fancy articles may be obtained.

At Port Menier, lessees and their guests can readily wile away a few days under ideal conditions. Wild life is abundant in the neighborhood and stalking with a camera here is fascinating sport. There is excellent deep-sea fishing at Baie Ste. Claire which is connected with Port Menier by an automobile road.

The Corporation maintains an up-to-date medical service on the Island with headquarters at Port Menier and if necessary, arrangements can be made to have a doctor attend guests at any of the rivers.

Port Menier is connected with the mainland at Gaspé by a cable. The Marconi Company has a wireless telegraph station at Port Menier. The Corporation has a private wireless telephone station here and another such station at Salmon River on the north shore of the Island. A Corporation telephone line runs from Port Menier along the south shore of the Island around the east end and as far as the lighthouse at Table Head.

**EXTRACTS FROM FISH AND GAME LAWS,  
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

Lake Trout, Gray Trout and Landlocked Salmon: May be taken December 2nd to October 14th.

Speckled Trout: May be taken May 1st to September 30th. Sale of trout forbidden.

Salmon: May be taken from May 1st to August 31st.

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