

is Isle Plate, or Isle à Pierre à Fusil, just at forty-six ^{1713-24.} degrees, eight minutes, north. In among all these isles and rocks there is good shelter, and they may be approached without fear.

Thence ascending three leagues northwesterly, you come to l'Indiane,¹ which is a good harbor; but for small vessels, only: from l'Indiane to the Bay des Espagnols,² is two leagues: this bay is a very fine harbor. Its entrance is only a thousand paces in width, but it enlarges gradually, and a league further on it separates into two branches, which can be ascended three leagues. Both are very good ports, which can be much improved at little cost. From this bay to the smaller entrance of Labrador,³ is two leagues, and the island which separates it from the greatest entrance, is the same length. Labrador is a gulf, which is more than twenty leagues long, and three or four in its greatest width. From the larger entrance of Labrador to Port Dauphin or St. Anne's, is reckoned a league and a half.⁴ Ships anchor off shore in all security, among the Cibou islands. A tongue of land almost completely closes the port, leaving only passage for a single ship. The port is two leagues in circuit, and the vessels scarcely feel the winds on account of the highlands and mountains surrounding them. Moreover, they can approach the shore when they will. All these harbors and ports being so near each other, might be easily connected by roads overland, and nothing would be more advantageous for the inhabitants than these communications, which in winter-time, would save them the trouble of sailing around.⁴

As long as France possessed Acadia and the south shore of Newfoundland, little account was made of this island. The Messieurs Raudot were the first to see that it was not to be neglected. They even undertook to make it one of the principal objects of attention of the Ministry in regard to New France, and in 1706 they sent to the

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¹ Glace Bay.

² Sydney Harbor.

³ Little Bras D'or.

⁴ Pichon, pp. 5, 46-50; Jefferys, pp. 119-20.