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bors in all America; it is nearly four leagues in circuit, and you can anchor anywhere in six or seven fathoms of water; the anchorage is good, and ships can be beached without risk. Its entrance is only two hundred fathoms wide, between two small islands, which can easily defend it. The cod fishery is very abundant, and can be conducted from the month of August to the end of December; but it was objected that the soil all around is barren, and that it would cost immense sums to fortify it, as it would be necessary to transport all the materials from quite a distance. Moreover, it had been remarked, so they said, that there was not grève (beach) enough in the harbor for more than forty fishing vessels.

Port St. Anne, as already stated, has before it a very sure roadstead between the Cibou Islands; the port is almost completely closed by a tongue of land, leaving passage for only a single ship. This port, thus closed, is nearly two leagues in circuit, and is oval in form: ships can everywhere approach the land, and scarcely perceive the winds, on account of its high banks and the surrounding mountains. Those who declared in its favor, added that it could be rendered impregnable at little expense, and that two thousand francs would go further there than two hundred thousand at English Harbor, for the reason, that all needed to build and fortify a large city could be found on the spot.

Description
of Port St
Anne,
otherwise
Port
Dauphin.

It is moreover certain that the grève there is as extensive as that of Placentia; the fishery very abundant, great quantities of good wood found there, such as maple, beech, wild cherry, and especially oaks very suitable for building and masts, being twenty-eight to thirty-eight feet high: marble is common, most of the land good; in Great and Little Labrador, which are only a league and a half off, the soil is very fertile, and it can contain a very large number of settlers. Finally, this port is only four leagues distant from Spaniards' Bay, another very good harbor, with excellent soil, covered with wood suitable for building and masts. It is true that the prevalent westerly