

Antoine, while the one above, and on the opposite side refers to Fort Beauharnois, at or near Frontenac, some nine miles above the foot of the lake, on the western shore. It seems to me, however, that Fort Perrot, at or near the mouth of the lake, on the western bank was the post first referred to by Bellin, and the one above on the other side of the lake was Fort St. Antoine. Dr. Neill while making no attempt to fix the exact locality of Fort St. Antoine, does place it above the outlet of the lake, and on its eastern shore.¹

Hon. Edward Lees, L. Kessinger, surveyor of Buffalo County, A. W. Miller, surveyor of Pepin County, and Hon. John Newcomb, all agree that, during their long residence in that region, they never heard of any vestiges, nor any remains of embankments or ditches, nor any traditions, of any old fort in or near the locality of Pepin village. It is proper to add, on the authority of Mr. Miller, who, as a land surveyor, has been familiar with the Pepin region for thirty-two years, that had there been any old fort remains there, the drifting sand would undoubtedly have long since buried them out of sight.

Both Mr. Newcomb and Mr. Miller, however, state, that there are some vestiges of an old fort, on the east side of Lake Pepin, about six miles above its outlet, and a little above the mouth of Bogus Creek, which were quite distinct thirty to forty years ago, at the first settlement of the country; but that the plow and cultivation have nearly obliterated them.

"During my stay at Lake Pepin in 1855," writes Mr. Miller, "surveying the villages of Pepin and Stockholm, my attention was called to the remains of what was then denominated '*the old French fort*,' on the lake shore, in section 20, T. 23, n. of Range 15, w., located about one hundred and thirty or forty rods above the mouth of Bogus Creek, in a generally timbered region. I found the lines of it to be nearly rectangular, and the lines or embankments were from one to two feet above the surrounding surface. At

¹ Neill's *Hist. Minn.*, fourth edition, p. 833; his *Pioneers and Explorers of Minnesota*, p. 31; his *Concise History*, p. 18; his *Last French Post*, p. 1.