

Pine creeks, a distance of some six miles, of which the upper half is one continued series of perpendicular rocks, from two hundred and fifty to three hundred feet high, jutting close to the lake."

This old fort locality presents apparently the strongest probability of having been the site of Fort St. Antoine. We have no historical evidence of any other early establishment having been erected on the southeastern shore of Lake Pepin.

It may be added, in this connection, that Dr. Neill in his earlier publications—notably, his *Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota*, supposed that La Potherie's description of Perrot's wintering establishment at the "butte" or bluff of Trempealeau, with the post at the foot of the bluff, where timber was plenty, and the large prairie in the rear, referred to the locality of Fort St. Antoine on the eastern shore of Lake Pepin; but when he came across Franquelin's map, and examined the Trempealeau region, he discovered his error—so that description has no application whatever to Fort St. Antoine and its situation.

Fort Beauharnois not in Wisconsin

In Dr. Neill's publications, he indicated that he thought, perhaps, that Fort Beauharnois, established in 1727, was first erected on the eastern shore of Lake Pepin. "Misled," he writes, "by Guignas' statement, that it was placed on the *north* side of the lake, I erroneously inferred in one of my publications, that it was first temporarily located on the Wisconsin side, and afterwards removed to the opposite shore of the lake. After expressing this opinion, I visited the lake, and found that the trend at Point du Sable was toward the north, whence the declaration, that it was really on the western shore of the Lake, as stated in my latest publication, *The Last French Post near Frontenac*. Snyder and Van Vechten copied this erroneous locality of Fort Beauharnois into their *Historical Atlas of Wisconsin*, suggesting that its locality was probably in the town of Stockholm, in Pepin County.

But Dr. Neill is unquestionably correct. Fort Beauharnois