

were generally low bottoms covered with a stout growth of timber principally elm. These were occasionally intercepted by sand ridges approaching to the river covered with pine, both white and yellow. One of them afforded us a fine encamping ground the second night after leaving the lake. It was at the foot of a rapid on the left shore. These prairies commence about 300 miles above St. Peters and continue much the same the whole way. Some are elevated to a considerable height; and there is a gradual rise discernible after the first 100 miles.—They are frequently from 1 to 200 feet above the river. This may be owing however to the descent of the river, which is very rapid, and can never, with but great difficulty, labor and expense be ascended. For miles it is but a continued succession of rapids, and if the waters had not been at more than their usual height, we could not have run them as easily and with the security we did, nor have went from 140 to 150 miles in a day with birch canoes. The only timber growing on the prairies is oak, and this but a mere shrubbery. When a prairie extends to the river, the opposite side is generally a bottom thickly covered with elm, maple, beech birch and some large oak. Wherever the banks were sandy or gravelly we found cornelians and agates in abundance. On one of these Mr. S. found a piece of agateised wood.

In this distance the river receives seven tributary streams. The river de Corbeau (Crow) is a large stream navigable for boats and canoes. It is sometimes used as a channel of communication with the Red river of the North. The Pine, Elk and St. Francois rivers are also of good size. A short distance above the falls of St. Anthony a river empties in, which *Carver* calls Rum river. The Indians say it is the residence of good and bad *spirits*. Carver not understanding them must have entirely mistaken their meaning; and instead of its waters being filled with aerial things he has made the waters *real old Jamaica!*

A short distance above the falls of St. Anthony is a large Island: We had passed some way down on the right hand side, and were rapidly approaching them, before we ascer-