

an oak grove and a flooded meadow to reach the Kakaling river,¹ which falls into the bay of the Puans. Misconsing flows between two ranges of hills which widen out from one another at times, leaving between them quite large meadows and lands without trees, sandy and of but little fertility. At other places the level land between the hills and the river is lower, and swampy in some spots; and then it is covered with timber, and flooded by the overflowing of the river. The mountains gradually diminish as the river is ascended; and finally, about three leagues from the portage, the land becomes level and swampy, without trees on the side of the portage, but covered with pines on the other side. The place where the canoes are carried over is marked by a tree, on which two canoes have been clumsily drawn by the Savages. At a distance of about half a league from this spot is the river Kakaling, which is only a stream with its source in the swamp, through which it winds a great deal, and forms small lakes by frequently widening and narrowing. The route continues about forty leagues down this river, following its windings, and then the village of the Outagamis is reached, half a league from the river on the north side. Before reaching that place, the river flows into a lake about eight leagues long and three leagues wide; and about two leagues beyond the village are what are called the Kakaling rapids. They are difficult to descend, owing to the swiftness of the water, the quantity of rocks against which it strikes, and three falls where the canoes and their cargoes have to be portaged; they are six leagues in length. At the mouth of this river, where it falls into the bay of the Puans, is a house belonging to the Jesuits,—who really hold the key to the country of Castoria [Beaver land],—where a lay brother that they have, who is a blacksmith, with two companions converts more iron into beaver-skins than the Fathers convert Savages into Christians.

About twenty-three or twenty-four leagues to the north and northwest of the mouth of the Ouisconsing—where there is

¹A reference to Fox river. The name Kakaling was usually restricted to the rapids and portage at the present Kaukauna (the name of which is but a corruption of Kakaling).—Ed.