

at the Foot of Lake Huron which ends at Lake Ontario. The Detroit is one hundred Leagues from Missilimakinac; and from its lower end there are one hundred more to Niagara, which is distant one hundred and fifty leagues from Montreal. And if an Establishment be made at this post, it has been resolved that our people shall build Barks at Katara-Kôui,¹ to convey necessaries to Niagara. At the latter place a fort will be erected, in order that Wagons may be kept there for transporting the goods, which will be placed on other Barks, to be carried as far as the Detroit. From this place they can be sent to the Miamis and to Chikager [Chicago] and to la Baye [Green Bay], for the purpose of carrying on Trade with the many nations there.

Our Fort covers a square of one Arpent in extent, without the Bastions, and is very advantageously Situated on an Eminence, separated from the River by a gentle slope of about forty paces, which forms a very pleasant Glacis.² Care has been taken to place it at the narrowest part of the River, which is here a gunshot in width, while everywhere else it is a good quarter of a league. And, if a settlement be made at the Post, the ground is very well suited for building a large town there in the future. The various conditions to be encountered in this

trail from Georgian Bay (via Lake Simcoe) to Lake Ontario, and was transferred to the shore of the great lake, and finally to the present city of Toronto. See Bain's note thereon, *Henry's Travels*, pp. 170, 171.—Ed.

¹Kartarakoui (Cartarcoui): the Iroquois name of the place where Kingston, Ont., is now situated; a place of great strategic importance, where Frontenac erected (1673) the fort that bore his name. It was abandoned in 1689, but restored in 1695; it was finally captured and destroyed by the English, in 1758.

In 1679 La Salle had erected blockhouses at the entrance of Niagara river; on that site a fort was built by Governor Denonville in 1687. This was for many years one of the most important French posts; in 1759 it was surrendered to the English.—Ed.

²A military term, meaning the mass of earth outside a fort which serves as a parapet to the covered way, and gently slopes to the exterior ground. Du Luth's fort was built, not at the place chosen by Cadillac in 1701, but at the southern end of Lake Huron, apparently at or near the present Fort Gratiot, Mich.—Ed.