

which I wish, not being able to do more, and having spoken the truth.

*Detroit the entrepôt for the southern posts.*—Detroit the entrepôt for the southern posts, is a large town situated between Lake Erie and Lake Ste. Claire, from the entrance of Lake Erie to Detroit it is six leagues, from Detroit to Lake Ste. Claire, two; from the outlet of that lake which is seven leagues long to Lake Huron, they reckon eleven leagues.

The situation of that post is very beautiful, the climate charming, the air healthy, the land excellent and adapted to all kinds of productions; hunting is abundant. A man in fifteen days can secure three hundred head of game of different kinds, excellent to eat. The season for game lasts from February to May, and from September to Christmas.

On the north there are three leagues of land inhabited by the French, with three arpents to the habitant; to the south there are two leagues and a half thus occupied. The river as one leaves Lake Erie to go to Detroit runs northeast; it is a league and a half wide in front of the town, and has an island that serves as a common, fifty arpents long and twenty wide. It is called *Isle au Cochon* (Hog Island). A quarter of a league above the entrance of Lake Ste. Claire is an island named *Isle du Large* (Wide Island), twenty arpents long by seven or eight wide.

The habitants raise in ordinary years two thousand five hundred minots of wheat, much hay, and Indian corn, they sometimes sow grain in the autumn, but often it produces only rye. A habitant of the place assured me that he had sown a dozen minots of very fine wheat and had harvested only very fine rye. They sow in February and March and harvest in July, the wheat production is ordinarily twentyfold.

At a day's journey from there at a large point on Lake Huron there is a stone, which is wanting at Detroit, suitable for making mill-stones. It will be necessary to encourage agriculture among the Detroit habitants by assuring them of an outlet for their products, an easy matter, by having them