

REPORT OF GASPE IN 1777.

This is the only safe Harbour between Quebec and Nova-Scotia, and on that account will in time likely be the Principal fishing Post. Upon ^{an} average there has been for the last five years exported from this post, about sixteen thousands quintals of fish and about twelve sailing vessels yearly employed, beside coasters.

Three families only occupy land at Gaspe Richard Ascah at Peninsula, Felix O'Hara-At Gaspe Basin, and John Patterson, on the York River. But about thirty men winter there belonging to the difficult fishing places in the Bay of Gaspe, St-George's Cove, Grand Greve, and L'Anse Brillant.

The land at Gaspe is very mountainous a hard dry soil which has been cleared. Produces wheat Barley, oats and all kinds of vegetables in perfection. But believe it must require great labour to continue it in heart. I could fix on no place in this Bay for Barracks for want of fresh water.