width beyond the influence of the tides. These extend to the rapids 17 miles up, - Beyond which it is merely a bold stream. At this time it had fallen nearly to the common level, but a few weeks before it rose sixteen feet after a heavy rain - It is very winding, the banks high on one side and flooded on the other.

From the point where the tides ceased open prairies commence, which are dotted along at intervals for some miles. They vary from thirty to one hundred acres in extent, except the lower one, which is 1½ miles long. The rest is fine maple bottom, very level and with a deep rich soil of clayey character.

The maple growth is exceedingly dense and tangled, so much so that passage through it is next to impossible. Some heavy timber of Spruce and Cypress is scattered through the bottom but not in sufficient quantity to render clearing difficult compared with most land in the country.

The general impression obtained is that the bottom above the reach of the tides, embraces a tract of 20 by 10 miles But little of this is overflowed, and that only on the margin of the streams. It is all well watered.

There are no continuous hills in this valley but occasional spurs, thickly wooded, from the tops of which, we made what examination of the country was possible.

From the point of our return, the ranges of hills separating the South fork of the Chikalis from the Willopa appeared to be about 15 miles from us in an

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