

westward towards the Eastern Branch of the
River Norumbega, now called Canobscot.

As this point is of so much consequence the
underwritten Agent requests to be indulged
with transcribing in this place, the description
of the same route, from the History written
by Champlain, who, as we have seen accom-
panied the Sieur Desmonts at the time this
Isle and River S^t Croix received this name.

(a) "From the river S^t John we were at four
"Islands, on one of which we landed (b) & there found
"a great quantity of birds called margos, of which
"we took abundance of young ones which are as
"good as young Pidgeons, the Sieur Portmancourt

(a) Champlain B. 2. c. 3. Edit: 1613. Vid: Appendix N^o II.

(b) These are the Islands now called the Wolves

"was near losing himself there, but at length he
"returned to our bark, as we were going in search
"of him round the Island, which is distant about (36)
"three leagues from the land; - more westerly there
"are other Islands and among them one contain-
"ing six leagues, which the Indians call Man:
"thane, (a) to the south of which there are among
"the Islands many good harbours for vessels. -
"From the margos Isles we went to a river in the
"main land, which is called the River of the Es:
"techemins a Nation of Savages so called in their
"Country, and we pass'd by so great a quantity of
"Islands, that we were not able to ascertain the
"number, they were pleasant enough, contain-
"ing, some two leagues, some three & others more
"or less. All these Islands are in a Cul de Sac which
"contains in my judgment more than fifteen
"leagues in circumference, and in which there
"are many convenient places for anchoring as
"many vessels as you please, and which in their
"season abound in Fish such as Cod, Salmon, Bass,
"Herrings, flaitans, and other Fish in great numbers.
"- Going West north West, three leagues, by the
"Isles, we entered a river, which has near half
"a league in width at its mouth, in which

(a) In the Edition of 1632. b. 2. c. 2. p. 58. - This Island
is called menane.