

## The Klondike Road/Trail

Philip Tocque- Clerk, Missionary, Naturalist, and Writer- who lived in Bird Island Cove, describes a trek to Bonavista a few years earlier:

*...Tired of the dull monotony of Bird Island Cove, I felt disposed to accompany a friend as far as Bonavista (five miles distant)... Our road lay along the sea shore, skirted on either side with birch (Betula Alba), willows (Salix), wild roses (Rosa Blanda) and (Rosa Parviflora)...On arriving on top of a hill about half way, we had a beautiful view of the surrounding country. On the west spread out before us were hill and dale richly clothed with the charms of summer. South of us appeared the large island of Baccalieu, and the south shore of Trinity Bay, just emerging out of the water like specks on the verge of the horizon. On the north appeared Bonavista Bay, covered with small fishing boats, traversing its splendid and ample waters in every direction; on the east appeared the long swell of the mighty waves of the great Atlantic Ocean...After walking about a mile from this we arrived at Spillard's Cove. As yet this place is uninhabited...*

(Wandering Thoughts or Solitary Moments, Philip Tocque, MUN CNS, FF 1013 T6 1846.)

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