

## [106] CHAPTER VII.

## OF THE RESIDENCE OF LA CONCEPTION AT THE THREE RIVERS.

I BELIEVE that the poor Church of the Three Rivers has been beaten this year by more kinds of winds than pilots and mariners have marked on their wind roses or on their charts. There has occurred there, from time to time, a gathering of different Nations, who have indeed given exercise to our Fathers. They have seen there Savages from the Island, those of the petite nation, of the Attikamegues, of the Montagnais, of the Oukotoemis,<sup>13</sup> of the Ounatchataronons, and many others,—in peace, in war, and in little jealousies, one toward another; so that the bad harmed the good, and the Demons revived superstitions that are no longer seen at Saint Joseph, and which seemed to be extinguished at the Three Rivers. But let us listen to what Father Jacques Buteux and [107] Father Jean de Quen write of this in the letters which they have sent to our Reverend Father Superior, and in the accounts they have transmitted to me. “The Christians of Saint Joseph who have come up here are doing very well. The fewer of them that can come, for the present, the better it will be for them; for the Savages recently arrived from lands of divers countries, not having yet had any instruction, resuscitate the old superstitions; they make the drums rattle, of which there was almost no longer remembrance; they revive the be-