

that come from France. It is here that the savages witnessed the arrival of Father Paul le Jeune, who came back once more from France, whither the affairs of these poor peoples had taken him. God knows with what joy and with what satisfaction they received him. Those of Tadoussac went at once to visit him, on board the ship that carried him. Noel Negabamat, one of the chief Captains of the Kebec savages, who went to embrace him, made this short and truly Christian speech to him: "It is a good thing, my Father, that thou hast returned. I came down from Kebec expressly to see thee. When I learned from the first ships that arrived that thou wert coming back, I set out, so as to be the first to see thee. We have all prayed for a safe journey for thee. We said to him who has made all: 'Preserve our Father. Open the ears of those to whom he is to speak in his own country, and direct his words so that they may go [238] straight, and that not one of them may be lost.' He it is who has guided thee, who has brought thee back, who has calmed the sea. Oh, how happy we are to see thee appear once more in our country!" This greatly consoled the Father, whose joy was increased when, on landing, Father Dequen presented to him five savages to be made children of God. Madame de la Pelterie, who had gone to Tadoussac to witness the fervor of these Neophytes, was godmother for some of them. The two Ursulines who had recently arrived, and who landed from the ship for the first time since they had embarked at la Rochelle, were greatly edified when they saw with their own eyes what they had so long and so ardently desired.

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