

which *father Vimont*, my predecessor, had given and ceded to them, for 6 years, 6 arpents of grazing land to each convent, on the best natural meadows that we had,—to wit, from the river of the Cabin to the Topiers,²² 12 arpents, in the direction of Monsieur Giffar. The grant was signed in the month of April or of May, 1645, almost a year after he had received the letters patent of his successor, who was expected at that time. After seeing the papers, I returned them without approving or Disapproving them,—not Judging it advisable to do anything further. In reality, I found two things to criticize therein,—one, that he had made this gift for 6 years, whereas he should have been content to make it for one year, at the most; the other, that he had made them such a concession for a considerable time, gratuitously, without any charge—as, for instance, a tenth, or twentieth, or thirtieth.

There were at Sillery, this year, about 167 souls, all Christians or Catechumens,—98 Communicants, 47 not qualified for Confession, 14 qualified for Confession alone, the rest were considered Catechumens.

*Grant of meadow
land to the nuns.*

*Father Vimont him-
self recovered the
whole subsequently;
see hereinafter
under the month of
June.*

*Christian savages
wintering at Sillery.*