

comforts as in Europe, while the tables of persons who have money to spend on them are as good as in France. Time only is needed to make New France similar to old France.

The rosaries that you sent me are small. The savages like them as large and as black as possible. They prefer above all others those made of black horn.

Father Marquette¹³ and Master Elie have arrived safely, after a somewhat protracted voyage—which, however, has been prosperous for them and for all the 8 ships that have come to us from France. Not a single one of these fell into the hands of the English or of the Turks, although several were pursued.

Father Marquette will leave in 8 days for Three Rivers where he will study algonquin. Master Elye will teach 3 or 4 classes. We have philosophy, and 7 Students who have sustained theses.¹⁴ From that you may judge that Kébec is a place of some importance. I would not have much trouble in giving you a description of Kébec, for there is but little to say. 1st, Kébec is situated on a point of land watered on one side by the great river saint Lawrence,—which at that spot is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a league in width,—and on the other by the river St. Charles. Ships of 600 tons can anchor within gunshot of the port, where they are sheltered from every adverse wind. The fort is a very small affair. There are an upper and a lower town; the lower town is built on the water's edge, above high-water mark. The great barks are grounded quite close to the warehouses, to discharge their cargoes. Some houses are of considerable dimensions. Two were built last year, one of which was sold for 22 thousand livres, and the other is well worth 15 thousand.