

Missions of the Montagnais or Lower Algonquins
during the years 1673 and 1674.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE TADOUSSAC MISSION.

FATHER François de Crépieul, who has charge of this Mission, states that he continues to derive much satisfaction from the conduct of his Christians. The fatigues which he has endured while accompanying them in the woods during the whole winter can be imagined only by those who have experienced them. After all, they are very sweet when one suffers them in searching for poor wandering sheep, whom the Son of God came himself to seek. This small Church of Tadoussac was increased this year by several adults and twenty-two children, who received the grace of baptism. We present here the journal of Father de Crépieul's journey and labors among the Papinachois, the Mistassins, and other tribes, as he has sent it to us.

FATHER DE CRÉPIEUL'S JOURNAL.

ON the 23rd of September, 1673, after journeying seventy or eighty leagues in a canoe, and having encountered various dangers and endured much bad weather in a rather inclement season, sleeping in the sand or on a rock, I reached Quebec. Thence I set out, a few days afterward, to go to the