Missions in the North, among the Montagnais, Mistassins, Papinachois, at Lake Saint John, and elsewhere.

E cannot say anything about the Mission of Hudson bay. Father Albanel set out for that country over two years ago, and we have received no letter from him since his departure. The Savages of that quarter do not agree in their reports about him. Some assert that he is dead, and has probably been killed; others state that he has fallen into the hands of the English, who have sent him across the sea.

What we have positively learned is that he has had to endure enough labors and hardships to wear out the little strength remaining to him, and to gloriously end his life there.

The Missions of Tadoussac and lake Saint John, and among the Mistassins and Papinachois, have kept Father de Crépieul occupied for over a year, without discontinuing his wandering life in the woods with the Savages, among a thousand discomforts, both in summer and in winter. These labors and sufferings, which gave him no respite, have reduced him to such a condition that it has become necessary to make him take some rest after four arduous winterings. Meanwhile, Father Boucher has gone to take his place. 49

I may say that these wandering Christian communities live very innocently while in the woods.