

Memorandum for a Missionary who will go to the 7 islands, which the Savages call Manisounagouch, or, Properly, Mansounok.

HE will Find there next spring, at various times, about 150 persons, both adults and children.

He will probably see all these—and perhaps others, who will come from the Interior or from the shores of the sea. From above, he can have only the Papinachois; from below, the Oumamiwetch, who are a nation of eskimeaux, and even the eskimeaux may come. All these nations speak nearly the same tongue. The foundation of their language is Montagnais; it is Very different from that of the people who come to Tadoussak and chekoutimi and to Pigwagami. To understand them aright, it is necessary to have a Good knowledge of Montagnais.

Those whom I saw, to the number of 26, during the 3 days that I spent in their country, appeared to me very good and quite tractable. They wish to pray, and complain that, at the most, they only see the Fathers for 2 or 3 nights.

Those who are farther down than the 7 Islands are less sociable, for they have Never associated with the french or europeans. They have, however, gentle natures. Notwithstanding this, they destroyed a european ship; and that in consequence of a quarrel after drinking, and the defeat of some of their people, whom the europeans had first attacked and killed.

The entire sea-coast is of frightful aspect. There is not even the space of a drying-ground of Soil; it is all rocks, covered with Very small trees of spruce