

they often fast in spite of themselves, as they also do in the months of December and January, and when the snow is in poor condition. Some have died of Hunger.

The Seculars and those who say that, if a Savage did not know that he would become intoxicated, he would not drink, are wrong. This is not the general rule, as I have seen; and I think it untrue in the case of many. I have known Medart, an Esquimaux, to have some liquor still in his possession at Epiphany, when I first wintered there with pierre courpon and Martin Echineskawat.

I have known tall charles to keep it better than the French do, and even to Trade it to Others.

I have seen Medartchis, an Etechemin, refuse it,—as did also some Savage women, although they had already drunk some; and there are many who would not take more than a drink or two.

Tall charles at Tadoussak drank some Every Morning as long as his little Keg or case of Bottles lasted; he also took but one drink when he returned from hunting, or from a Journey, and he told every one that this suited him very well.

I have seen Louÿs Kestabistichit, my host, keep a pint for more than ten days—and this on more than four or five occasions,—and not touch what I had put in a little bottle to test him, although he knew Where it was.

Many have carried Barrels of Wine and of Brandy to Lake St. John, more Faithfully than Some Frenchmen and than Some of the hired Men.

Some have kept liquor, and have Traded it to the Mÿstassins. Louÿs Kestabistichit has assured me that he obtained 24 or 26 beaver-skins for a small

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