

what I was able to learn about the Savages of that Country.

There are seven or eight different Tribes who come to the Fort; and in the year 1695 possibly three hundred or more Canoe-loads of them came to trade. The most distant, the most numerous, and the most important of these Tribes are the *Assiniboëls* [Assiniboines] and the *Kriqs*—or, otherwise, the *Kiristinnons* [Creeps]; indeed, it is necessary to learn only the languages of these two Tribes. The language of the *Kriqs*, which is *Algonquin*, and that of the Savages nearest to the Fort are the same, with the exception of a few words and some slight difference of accent. The language of the *Assiniboëls* is very different from this latter; it is the same as that of the *Scioux*, to whose country my brother has made two journeys.<sup>21</sup> It is even asserted that these *Assiniboëls* are a *Scioux* Tribe who have been separated from that nation for a long time, and who since then have constantly made war upon them. The *Kriqs* and the *Assiniboëls* are allied together; they have the same enemies, and undertake the same wars. Many *Assiniboëls* speak *Kriq*, and many *Kriqs*, *Assiniboël*.

The *Kriqs* are numerous and their Country more vast; they are spread as far as Lake superior, where many go to trade. I have seen some of them who have been at the *Sault Sainte Marie* and at *Michilimakinak*; and some who have gone as far as *Montréal*. The river *Bourbon* flows as far as the Lake of the *Kriqs*.<sup>22</sup> it takes twenty or twenty-five days to go there from here; it takes thirty-five or forty to go to the land of the *Assiniboëls*.

These Savages are well formed; they are tall,