

and was ever firm without giving offense. He arranged my few articles of furniture; he undertook to put up my chapel; and this generous frenchman shall have a share in the prayers as long as God's praises are sung in it. This is the least tribute of gratitude that religion owes him. Although this Church, dedicated under the names of St. francis Xavier and the Blessed Regis, consists only of logs laid one upon another, it has its beauty. Plastered with mortar, well glazed, with painted ceiling and altar-screen, it possesses nearly all its furniture—and, I might say, every convenience. May Heaven grant that similar ones be seen before long at Tadoussac and at the Islets.

All that the missionary lacked was a dwelling near his Church; and this has just been built, as a permanent establishment.¹² A large number of resident savages would complete his happiness; but, as neither Indian corn nor peas, etc., can ripen here, owing to the prevalence of the northeast wind, on what could a village subsist? It would be well and good if the Gentlemen of the Domain, wishing to restock their already ruined lands with Beaver, would incur the slight expense of keeping the neighboring savages here for 3 months, at most, under the eyes of the french, in order to prevent their completely destroying the summer beaver, whose fur is worthless. The benefit that would be derived therefrom in winter would amply repay the expense—which would consist merely of a few barrels of indian corn, of peas, and of coarse flour. I even maintain that, instead of making them lazy, it would make them all the more active in the proper season, when they are better hunters and would have been longer