

Father, are equal to many missionaries through the care that you, like a true father, take of your children—who are scattered, but whom you bear, all united together, in your heart. Consequently, what would we not say, had we to repeat your Praises? I shall therefore render you a summary account of my years' labors, happy if I had a multitude of true converts to present to Your Reverence as a new year's gift.

The King's Domain—which here comprises the whole depth of the north shore, and extends from the lower end of Ile aux Coudres to the Seven Islands—contains but 4 posts solidly established: Tadoussak, Chekoutimi, the Jeremie Islets or Papi-nachois, and the Moisy River. At these various points The farming Company, or Company of the West, maintains warehouses, clerks, and other french employees, for the purpose of hunting and trading with the Savages belonging to each district.¹ For 20 years, to tell the truth, no missionary had been seen there; at last, one was asked for. As I was the only unemployed one at the college, the lot fell upon me. Reverend Father de la Chasse, then Superior of our missions,—animated by that zeal which, after leading him to conceal so many admirable talents that he has received from heaven, and to endure so many and so protracted labors among the Savages, still makes him regret to-day that his duties are confined solely to the french of the colony—made me leave on the 1st of june, 1720, for Chekoutimy.

This post—which lies to the north, and at least 60 leagues from Quebec—is not remarkable in any way, except for a certain number of savages who, from time to time, for the purpose of purchasing what they need, come here with their rich furs from