

that season. By making all these little advantages avail, each post would increase its profits.

That is what I can say regarding the posts; if my knowledge is limited, it is correct.

I will add one word in reference to the Agents.

I think that there would be a great risk in changing them now, and that, on the Contrary, everything possible ought to be done to engage them to remain. 1st. No better farmer for La Malbaye could be found. He is so attached to it that he regards as his very own what is placed in his hands, using all his efforts to make it valuable, so far as that depends upon him. 2nd. The Tadoussac agent has found the way to attach the savages to him. He does with them as he pleases; and during the 4 years while he has been Agent, his post has always succeeded in regard to Seal-oil. He is not very skillful in Writing, but he renders his Accounts faithfully, and Monsieur Cugnet has always appeared satisfied with him. Besides, the savages would perhaps disperse if any one whom they did not like were given to them. 3rd. The chekoutimi agent has been managing the post for more than 14 years; He is liked by the savages, who are quite difficult to lead in This Canton. He has the talent to Encourage them; and, if He were removed, It is to be feared that the Mistasins, who are attached to Him, would have their Peltries taken to hudson's bay, from which they are not as Far as from chekoutimi; and that the savages of chomoukchwan would carry theirs to three Rivers. 4th. The agent of the Jeremie islets has always conducted his post well; and I have, in the proper place, remarked that his careful administration has

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