

Mission of Tadoussac, 1740-50.

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I LEFT Quebec on the 14th of June, 1740, to take the place of Reverend Father Laure, who died two years before at les Eboulements.

Reverend Father Chardon,—a former missionary among the Outtawàs, who, 40 years before, had gone to the Mistassins to visit that mission, and to ascertain whether he could winter in that region,—through zeal and through love for me, with the purpose of assisting me at the beginning, was pleased to embark with me in the little vessel called the *St. Etienne*, on which Monsieur Cugnet had also embarked to visit the posts of the King's domain, of which he is now the farmer. We went first to the missions of the Jérémie Islets and of Tadoussac. Thence we ascended the Saguenay, and, on the 2nd of the month of July in the same year, we landed at Chikoutimy.

On the 22nd of August, I went down alone to Tadoussac, for some reasons of importance, by the advice and with the consent of Reverend Father Chardon; he was very willing to remain alone at Chikoutimy for some weeks until the return of the bark, on which he took passage, to return to Quebec, on the 1st or 2nd of September.

On the 4th, the same schooner passed before