

Monsieur Gosselin, priest and canon of the Quebec cathedral, embarked with Monsieur Cugnet to see whether he could not find some especial plants on the lands of the Domain. He was fortunate enough, I am told, to find some which were considered valuable, and were accepted in the King's garden in France.

I spent the winter of this year at la Malbaie, where during my wintering they hewed in the forest, and brought down to the site selected, the timber required for erecting a new chapel. It was to have been built in the summer of the year 1743; and this would, in fact, have been done had it not been for the negligence of one of the farmers of that place.

On the 14th of October, after having spent a month at Quebec on my return from my mission, I embarked on the small vessel from Sept Isles, called the *St. François*, with the purpose of wintering that year at this post, where I arrived for the 1st time on the 10th of November. We had anchored on the 27th of October in the Harbor of St. Nicolas, to leave the provisions required by those who were to winter at the post of pointe à la croix, about a league above that Harbor.

On the 10th of November, I at last landed at Sept Isles, where I had on the same day, which was a Sunday, the happiness of celebrating mass for the first time. On the 12th of March, 1744, Joseph Philibot—whom I had taken with me the previous autumn, and whom I had brought to Sept Isles to winter there with me—and Michel Drapeau, one of the engagés of the post, were among the first to square timber for the chapel that I intend, with the favor of God, to build at this spot. In the afternoon of