

morning, with a favorable wind; and on the following day, before dawn, I proceeded to Chekoutimy. This year I sent Philibot, whom I always retain in my service, to Sept Iles to spend the winter there, and to prepare quietly during the winter, and early in the spring, all that is needed for building their chapel.²⁵

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1746.

AT the death of Father Maurice I was appointed to confess the French at the posts. I therefore left Quebec on the 13th of May, and returned on the 17th of July. I was afterward permanently appointed as the successor of that dear Father, and I left Quebec on the 27th of October. After officiating in my mission at la Malbaie and at Tadoussac I arrived on the 20th of November at Chekoutimi, which I had selected as my winter-quarters,—after running the risk of drifting about in the ice, by which I was surrounded for nearly two hours.

1747.

On the 21st of March, Blanchard departed to prepare the timber for the new Church at Tadoussac, in accordance with the written agreement which I had with him.

On the 16th of May, I blessed the site of the new church, and drove the first nail.

Nota. Monsieur Hocquart,²⁶ the Intendant of New France gave all the boards, planks, and shingles, and all the nails necessary for the building; while I undertook, for myself and my successors, to say mass