

and a brother; the Iroquois (at Sault St. Louis), three priests; the Abenaki, five priests. Coquart is alone among the Montagnais, while La Morinie and Du Jaunay are at Mackinac. At New Orleans are two priests and two brethren, and Le Febvre is the sole laborer among the Choctaws; but in the Illinois mission are five priests and a brother. The entire number of persons in all these missions is fifty-one.

CCXVIII. This is a memoir, privately written for the intendant of Canada by Father Claude Coquart, minutely describing the so-called "King's Posts" of Eastern Canada, and making various practical observations and suggestions regarding their resources and management. It is, for purposes of economic study, one of the most valuable documents in our series.

Beginning at Malbaie, Coquart praises in high terms the beauty and varied resources of that post. He recommends that a greater extent of land be cleared there; that permission be given to certain persons to manufacture tar; that the local farmer be less restricted in trading with the savages, and given half the proceeds of his hunting. The same encouragement should be given to the farmer at La Comporté, near and auxiliary to Malbaie; and more lands should be cleared there also. Cattle form the most profitable produce at these posts; but Coquart observes that animals of all sorts are degenerating there, and recommends the importation of larger and more vigorous breeds, in order to improve the stock. He also advocates an increase in the number of sheep raised. Poultry might be reared; but the girls employed at the farms are already taxed beyond their strength, and cannot take such a