

post. There is among all the post agents a perpetual rivalry and jealousy, which must be taken into account in all plans connected with their business.

Chicoutimi is "the most valuable post of the whole domain, on account of the quantity of Peltries which it produces." This yield frequently amounts to 40,000 livres a year. In the country adjacent to this post, the game is almost exterminated; accordingly, but few savages live there. Other outlying posts are mentioned, which depend upon Chicoutimi. Coquart advises that trade be carried on with the savages in those districts directly from that place, so that they shall not carry their furs to Three Rivers, where they become demoralized by association with the French. The writer says: "The savages are worthless, and one cannot place too little confidence in them; the journeys to three rivers have completely spoiled Them;" and he advises that a trader be sent to secure their peltries every spring, in order to prevent their resorting to Three Rivers. "The Mistassins are the best people in the world;" they sometimes come to Chicoutimi with their furs, but more often remain at home, and sell these to a trader who is sent to them. Coquart urges that the trade at a remote place called Ounichtagan should be developed, and a post established there. He explains, as in the case of Tadoussac, the extraordinary consumption of provisions at Chicoutimi; and gives advice as to the erection of a sawmill near that place.

At Seven Islands a fairly profitable hunt for seals is carried on each winter. Peltries of the finest quality are obtained there. The resources of this post ought to be increased by utilizing the excellent salmon-fishery in its waters.