

by the Illinois, who slew great numbers of them; the rest took refuge on the River of the Outagamis [Fox River], which empties into the end of the Bay.

They settled upon the Shores of a sort of Lake; and perhaps it was there that, as they lived on Fish, which the Lake furnished them in great abundance, the name Puans ["foul-smelling"] was given to them; for along the entire length of the Shore, where their Cabins were built, one saw only rotten Fish, with which the air was tainted. At least, it seems probable that such was the origin of that name, which the other Savages had given them before we did, and which has been transferred to the Bay, from which they have never strayed far. Some time after they had abandoned their former Location, they undertook to revenge the defeat which they had suffered from the Illinois; but that Enterprise caused them a new loss, from which they have not recovered. Six hundred of their best Men had embarked to seek their Enemy; but while they were crossing Lake Michigan they were surprised by a furious gale, which caused them all to perish.

We have at the Bay a Fort, which is situated on the West bank of the Outagami River, half a league from its mouth; and before reaching it we pass, on the right hand, a Village of *Sakis*. The Otchagras have recently come to settle near us, and have built their Cabins all around the Fort. The Missionary (whose lodging is quite near the Commandant's) hopes to find them, when he shall have learned their Language, more docile than the *Sakis*, among whom he is laboring with very little result. Both tribes appear to be very well disposed People, especially the Former, whose greatest fault is to be somewhat Thievish. Their Language is very different from all the others, which leads me to believe that it is not related to any of those in Canada. Moreover, they have always had more intercourse with the Western Peoples than with those whom we know in this Country.

The *Sakis*, although few in number, are divided into two factions, one of which is attached to the Outagamis, and the other to the Pouteonatamis. Those who are settled at this Post are mostly of the latter party, and consequently in our interest.