

in the evening at the entrance to Lake des Puans [Winnebago], which we have named Lake saint François; it is about twelve leagues long and four wide, extends from the North-Northeast to the South-Southwest, and abounds in fish, but is uninhabited, on account of the Nadouecis [Sioux], who are there held in fear.

On the twentieth, which was Sunday, I said Mass, after voyaging five or six leagues on the Lake, after which we came to a River, flowing from a Lake bordered with wild oats; this stream we followed, and found at the end of it the River that leads to the Outagamis, in one direction, and that which leads to the Machkoutench, in the other.¹ We entered this first stream, which flows from a Lake; there we saw two Turkeys perched on a tree, male and female, resembling perfectly those of France—the same size, the same color, and the same cry. Bustards, Ducks, Swans, and Geese are in great number on all these Lakes and Rivers—the wild oats, on which they live, attracting them thither. There are large and small Stags, Bears, and Beavers in great abundance.

On the twenty-fourth, after turning and doubling several times in various Lakes and Rivers, we arrived at the Village of the Outagamis.

This people came in crowds to meet us, in order to see, as they said, the Manitou, who was coming to their country. They accompanied us with respect as far as the door of the cabin, which we were made to enter.

This Nation is renowned for being populous, the men who bear arms numbering more than four hundred; while the number of women and children there is the greater on account of the polygamy which prevails among them—each man having commonly four wives, some having six, and others as many as ten. Six large cabins of these poor people were put to rout this month of March by eighteen Iroquois from Tsonnontouan²—who, un-

¹Allouez's course led through Grand Lake Butte des Morts, the Upper Fox river, and up Wolf river. He saw the wild turkeys at Lake Winneconne.—Ed.

²The name of the westernmost Iroquois tribe, now known as Senecas. Sonnontouan, their principal village, was located two and a half miles north of Honeoye Falls, near Rochester, N. Y.—Ed.