

and the biggest not more than Fifteen hundred pound. The least of 'em may carry Three or four hundred pound weight, together with two Men or Women to steer them along. But the Greater must have Three or Four Men to manage them, and sometimes, when Business requires expedition, Seven or Eight to quicken their pace.

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C H A P. IV.

*Other Motives that induc'd the Author more forcibly to undertake this Discovery.*

I Was passionately zealous, in imitation of many *Priests* of my Order, for enlarging the Limits of Christianity, and converting the barbarous *Americans* to the Belief of the Gospel: and in pursuance of that Design, I look'd upon the Employment of a *Missionary* as a most Honourable Post for me; so that whenever I found the opportunity of a Mission, I willingly embrac'd it; tho' it oblig'd me to travel more than Twelve hundred Leagues off *Canada*: Yet I perswaded several to accompany me in my Voyage; and neglected not any thing that might tend to the furtherance of my Design.

At first, for a Trial I was sent in Mission about a Hundred and twenty Leagues beyond *Quebec*. I went up the River *St. Lawrence*, and arriv'd at length at the brink of a Lake call'd by the Natives *Ontario*, which I shall describe afterwards. Being there, I per-