

pounds⁶⁸ to make a Fort at the three Rivers . . . and moreover 6,000 pounds for the countrey . . . and more, made us pay a custome which was the 4th part, which came to 14,000 pounds, so that wee had left but 46,000 pounds, and took away £24,000⁶⁹ . . . We had brought by that voyage, as the Factors of the said country said, between 40 and 50,000 pistolls⁷⁰ . . . Seeing ourselves so wronged, my brother did resolve to goe and demand Justice in France. It had been better for him to have been contented with his losses without going and spend the rest in halfe a year's time in France, having £10,000 that he left with his wife, that was as good a Housewife as he. There he is in France; he is paid with fair words and with promise to make him goe back from whence he came; but he seeing no assurance of it, did engage himselfe with a merchant of Rochell."

Whatever may be said of the whereabouts of Chouart and Radisson during the summer of 1662, whether they went to James Bay or to Lake Winnipeg, is open to discussion, although I believe they visited James Bay.

We have also to grapple with the puzzle contained in the few lines by Father Jérôme Lalemant of the 3rd May, 1662 (note 51), showing what looks like a positive *alibi*. This will have to be explained, like so many other historical contradictions caused by interpolation or accidental misplacement of an entry in a journal similar to that of the Jesuit Fathers. We must leave it for the present to the consideration of students of the history of Canada.