

Wood, which plies both with Oars and Sails. 'Tis equally sharp at Prow and Poop, and is built for a quick Sailer.

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Calumet in general signifies a Pipe, being a Norman Word, deriv'd from Chalumeau. The Savages do not understand this Word, for 'twas introduc'd to Canada by the Normans when they first settled there; and has still continued in use amongst the French Planters. The Calumet or Pipe is call'd in the Iroqueuse Language Gannonadaoe, and by the other Savage Nations Poagan.

Canadese or Canadans, are the Natives of Canada sprung from a French Father and Mother. In the Islands of South-America the Natives born of French Parents are called Creoles.

Capa y despada, A Gasconne Title which the People of that Province gave in former times by way of Irony, to the Members of the supream Council of Canada, because the first Counsellors wore neither Robe nor Sword, but walk'd very gravely with a Cane in their Hands, both in the City of Quebeck, and in the Hall.

Casse-tête signifies a Club, or a Head-breaker. The Savages call it Assan Oustick, Oustick signifying the Head, and Assan, to break.

Channel is a space of pretty deep Water between two Banks, or between two Shoars. Commonly the Channels are inclosed by Flats, and for that reason Bouys or Masts are fixt upon 'em, in order to direct the Pilots, who steer either by these Marks, or by sounding, for they would run the risque of loosing their Ships, if they did not keep exactly to the Channel.

Coast along, see Sweep.

Compass of Variation. 'Tis larger than the ordinary Compasses, and serves to point out the unequal Motions of the Needle, which leans always to the North-East in the other Hemisphere, whereas it still plies to the North-West; in this, I mean on this side the Equinoctial line : The Needle