

these rarely fall upon any living creatures ; the sheep, oxen, and cows, are turned out into the woods or commons, without any fear for them. Partridges are very common, and are large-sized, with flesh very white. The hares are scarce, and have a white fur. There are a great many beavers, elks, cariboux, (moose-deer) and other beasts of the cold northern countries.

The original inhabitants of this country are the savages, who may be divided into three nations, the *Mickmakis*, the *Mari-cheets*, or *Abenakis*, (being scarcely different nations) and the *Camibats*.

The *Mickmakis* are the most numerous, but not accounted so good warriors as the others : but they are all much addicted to hunting, and to venery ; in which last, however, they observe great privacy. They are fond of strong liquors, and especially of brandy : that is there greatest vice. They are also very uncurious of paying the debts they contract, not from natural dishonesty, but from their having no notion