

little beyond the Rivers *des Outardes* and *Betseamis*, so as to have the right of making hay on the shore of these rivers and at their embouchures. This reserve is from about four to six leagues in depth. They claim the proprietorship of the wood fit for building purposes on this reserve. It is to be observed that Mr. Price has obtained permission to cut timber on the river *Papinachois*, the mouth of which river is nearly in the middle of the reserve prayed for. This gentleman has caused to be constructed on this river the dam of a mill which he is about erecting. Should he not have made his arrangements with the Agents acting on behalf of the Indians, in place of obtaining permission from the Crown Lands Agent? Might there not be exacted from him an annual rent for the lands occupied by the mill and its dependencies, following therein the example of Messrs. Tremblay & Co., who give yearly the sum of £100 to the Honorable Hudson's Bay Company for the lot occupied by a mill and its dependencies in the Seigniorie of Portneuf?

It is to be desired that permission should not be granted to cut wood on the River *Betseamis*, so as to prevent as much as possible the Indians from coming into contact with the whites. Such connexions are always fatal to these men of the woods.

It is to be desired that the Indians should have the exclusive right of hunting and fishing on the reserve prayed for. They ask, moreover, for the exclusive right of fishing on the smaller rivers *Betsi*, *Mistaskini*, *Escoumains* and *Romaine*. It must be observed that fishing is also carried on along the sea shore: there it would be left free. The sea fishery requires a somewhat larger outlay. The Honorable Hudson's Bay Company has in fact the exclusive right of fishing on the rivers most abounding in fish viz. *Godebou*, *la Trinité*, the River *Moisie* &c.

These Indians petition that they may be allowed the exclusive right of the seal fishery, during the summer, in the Bays *des Kawis*, *Minikouagan*, *des Outardes* and *Betseamis*, and for the winter, at the Point *des Monts*, at Point *à la Croix*, and at *Bon Désir*. It would then be necessary that there should be granted to them at *Bon Désir*, a reserve of ten *arpents* in front, by forty in depth, where they may be able to encamp and cut wood for fuel. It would not be necessary to allow them reserves in other localities for the seal fishery, because it is only at *Bon Désir* that the lands are cultivable. These lands are otherwise wild and uncultivated.

I must call your attention to the fact that in Lower Canada the Micmacks have obtained a reserve at *Isle Verte*, the Hurons at *Lorette*, the Abenaguais at *Bécancour*, and at *Saint François* on Lake St. Peter, the Iroquois at *Sault St. Louis*, the Algonquins at the Lake of Two Mountains. These Indians receive, besides, presents annually. In Upper Canada the Indians are still better treated.

The shanty establishments on the territory of the petitioners are as follows:—
Black River, *Port au Saumon*, *port au Quilles*, *Baie des Rochers*, *River aux Canards*, *Anse à l'eau*, *Moulin Baude*, *Bergeronnes*, *Escoumains*, *Portneuf*, *Sault au Cochon*, *River Papinachois*, *anse St. Jean*, Little Saguenay, the Smaller Islands, and the river *St. Marguerite*.