

respected. I have seen a man having 14 wives. There they have no wood, and make provision of mosse for their firing. This their place is environed with pearches which are a good distance one from another, that they gett in the valleys where the Buffe used to repaire, uppon which they do live. They sow corne, but their harvest is small. The soyle is good, but the cold hinders it, and the graine very small. In their countrey are mines of copper, of pewter and of ledd.⁴⁶ There are mountains covered with a kind of Stone that is transparent and tender, and like that of Venice. The people stay not there all the yeare; they retire in winter towards the woods of the north, where they kill a quantity of Castors, and I say that there are not so good in the whole world, but not in such a store as the Christinos, but far better.

"We stayed there 6 weeks, and came back with a company of people of the nation of the Sault, that came along with us loaden with booty. We weare 12 dayes before we could overtake our company that went to the lake. The spring approaches, which is the fittest time to kill the Oriniack. A wildman and I with my brother killed that time above 600, besides other wild beasts. We came to the lake side with much paines, ffor we sent our wildmen before, and we two weare forced to make cariages 5 dayes through the woods. After we mett with a company that did us a great deale of service, ffor they carryed what we had, and arrived att the appointed place⁴⁷ before 3 dayes ended. Here we made a fort.⁴⁸ Att our arrivall we found att least 20 cottages full.

"One very faire evening we went to finde what we hide before, which we finde in a good condition. We went about to execute our resolution, fforseeing that we must stave that yeare⁴⁹ there, ffor which we weare not very sorry, being resolved to know what we heard before. We waited untill the Ice should vanish, but received news that the Octaouacks built a fort on the point that formes that Bay, which resembles a small lake We resolved to cover our bussinesse better, and close our designe as if we weare going a hunting We thwarted a place of 15 leagues. We arrived on the other side⁵⁰ att night We are received with much Joy by those poore Christinos We went away with all haste possible to arrive the sooner att the great river.⁵¹ We came to the seaside⁵² where we finde and old howse all demolished and battered with bouletts They tell us particularities of the Europeans We went from Isle to Isle all that summer We weare well beloved, and weare overjoyed that we promised them to come⁵³ with such shipps as we invented. This place hath a great store of cows. The wildmen kill them not except for necessary use. We went further in the bay