

Savages upon the South Shore

These have wandered about the Country so very much and have been so unsettled by the continued Wars and frequent revolutions that have happen'd in this part of the Continent, it is hard to give any tolerable account of them at this time. By the best informations we have been able to collect, the Miamies were settled, and some are still, about the Bay des Chaleurs, and upon the Coast and Bays in the Gulph, they are not at present numerous. In 1759 about one hundred of them joined the French.

The Hanibas and Malecites, inhabit about the Rivers S^t John and Pentagonest; their Language and that of the Abenakis is pretty nearly alike, and the three Nations are a good deal intermixed. The latter were settled about Narantsauc and Panaouanské, now wander about the South shore, and range the woods as they find it best answer their purpose, with those of the same tribe at S^t François and Beauncourt in the Government of Trois Rivières, it is computed they may amount to twelve or fifteen hundred families, and in 1759 about 600 fighting Men of these Nations joined the French army near Quebec.

Under the French these were the only Indians who resorted to this place, where they received from the Government presents of Powder, Shot, vermillion and other trifles; in a time of War, Clothing and Provisions.

Montreal was the chief seat of the Fur trade and the greatest concourse of remote and back Indians or of those who traded with them, was there. There the Governor