

MONTAGNAIS DICTIONARY.

Here is another manuscript, whose description commences on the next page.

This manuscript is of particular interest to philologists, who are given to the study of the primitive languages spoken by the Indians of North America.

This volume formed part of the Jesuits' Library, in their ancient College, at Quebec.

In 1800, after the death of Père Cazot, the last surviving member of the Order of the Jesuits in Canada, the British Government seized their property, and their library was sold at auction. Hon. John Neilson bought a certain number of volumes, among which were, singularly enough, the precious manuscript, whose analysis is given in the preceding pages, and the Montagnais Dictionary (no less precious), whose description follows.

These two documents are in the hands of John Neilson, Esq., a son of the honorable purchaser, who knows the full value of them.

Surgeon-Major Neilson, residing at Kingston, seems to be more especially the owner of the preceding manuscript.

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