

1642. arms and ammunition, and to whom they sold the furs swept away from our allies, continued their raids and plundering. The rivers and lakes swarmed with their war-parties, and trade was no longer possible, except at great risk. The Chevalier de Montmagny complained to the Governor of New Netherland, who contented himself with a courteous but very vague letter, and made no change in his course ; there was even a suspicion that he, or at least those under his orders, urged on the Iroquois against us, although it had been agreed that the allies of the two nations should commit no hostilities on the two colonies, and the French had faithfully kept the agreement.¹

The Dutch supply the Iroquois with arms and ammunition.

Indolence of the Hurons.

It is true that our Indians were neither in a state nor a humor to trouble the Dutch ;² far from seeking to raise up new enemies, they scarcely thought of defending themselves from the Iroquois. The Hurons especially, either from indolence or fear of provoking an enemy who had acquired a superiority over them, which they could no longer dissemble, or because they were not yet fully persuaded that the Iroquois aimed at their whole nation, saw their frontiers desolated without taking any steps to check a conflagration which surrounded them on all sides. These losses, nevertheless, as to which they remained so tranquil, weakened them so at last that terror spread through all their towns ; and when the enemy no longer saw fit to cloak his real design by any pretext, he found, as he had anticipated, a terrified people, incapable of offering the slightest resistance. The consequence was that the Huron Church, cultivated with so much toil, had scarcely begun to bear fruit unto salvation, when its pastors were smitten, and the flock not only dispersed, but almost entirely destroyed.

Father Jogues, whom we mentioned above, was the first

¹ This correspondence escapes the researches of O'Callaghan and Brodhead in New York, and of Ferland, Faillon, Martin, and others in Canada.

² Montmagny is said to have prevented war-parties against the Dutch : *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1643, p. 62.