

Three Indians of Sylleri, having gone a short distance from their town, were murdered. Another, travelling with his wife, was attacked and dangerously wounded. His wife was scalped and left for dead. Both were found in a pool of blood and carried to the Hotel Dieu, where the husband died, but the wife recovered. All suspicions fell at first on the Iroquois; but it was subsequently ascertained that the assassins were Sokokis, who, embittered against the Algonquins, had used every device to divert the Iroquois from concluding peace with them, and failing, now sought all means to break it off.<sup>1</sup>

These accidents had, therefore, no evil consequences. On the contrary, the treaty of the preceding year was ratified by new deputies, who came to deplore Father Masse and Father de Nouë,<sup>2</sup> and cover the two illustrious dead—that is to say, offer condolence and presents to the Jesuits on the death of their brethren. But as the French had as yet negotiated only with the Mohawk canton directly, these deputies warned the governor-general to be on his guard against the others till they were all included by name in the treaty; which would have been done already, they added, had Ononthio anticipated them by restoring to liberty some braves of those cantons held as prisoners by our allies.

To all appearance de Montmagny would not have omitted so trifling a matter to secure the peace of the colony; but I find nothing in my memoirs. We shall even see the four cantons soon fanning the embers of discord and setting all Canada in flames. It is certain that the wisest

<sup>1</sup> This Indian, Vincent, died March 14: Lalemant, *Journal*, March 14, and preliminary *Estat du Pays*. The three Montagnais were killed October 12: *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1646, p. 3. The Hotel Dieu is the hospital under the care of the Hospital Nuns, who came from

Dieppe in 1639 (*ante*, p. 100). They soon after established a house at Sillery: Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hôtel Dieu de Quebec*, p. 27.

<sup>2</sup> *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1646, p. 6; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 449; De la Potherie, *Hist. de l'Am. Sept.*, ii., p. 44.

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