

But he found it in a state even far more deplorable 1650-1.  
 than Father Lallemant had represented, and the colony  
 was daily wasting away. The Iroquois, emboldened by  
 their recent victories, began to regard our forts and  
 intrenchments as barriers no longer capable of stopping  
 them. They spread in great bands through all the  
 French settlements, and men were nowhere safe from  
 their insults. A sad event had also just increased their  
 insolence. One of their parties having approached Three  
 Rivers, Duplessis Bochart, the governor, marched out  
 against them in person. In vain representations were  
 made against his useless exposure of his life, when all  
 his valor was unavailing against an enemy whose chief  
 strength is in surprise, and whom their natural agility and  
 the neighborhood of the forests always afford a sure  
 retreat; and that, in fine, there was nothing to be gained  
 in fighting men who had nothing to lose. He turned a  
 deaf ear to all; but he paid the penalty of his obstinacy.  
 He was killed; and his death not only deprived the colony  
 of a good officer and a worthy man, but it gave new lustre  
 to the arms of the Iroquois.<sup>1</sup>

The war which they unrelentingly continued against the  
 feeble remnant of the Huron nation, and against every  
 tribe that offered them shelter, daily increased the terror  
 of their name, and their forces increased by the number  
 of captives whom they brought in from all parts and used  
 to replace those of their braves who fell. At last, Sylleri,  
 become no longer safe with palisades, had to be sur-  
 rounded with walls, and cannon mounted there. The  
 most fearful deserts and most impenetrable cantons of the  
 North no longer afforded secure retreats against the rage

Iroquois  
ravages in  
the North.

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<sup>1</sup> Du Plessis Bochart Querbodo p. 406; *Memoires et Documents*  
 had filled important offices for over publiés, etc., p. 87; Belmont, *His-*  
 twenty years. His wife was Etien- toire du Canada, p. 7; *Relation de*  
 nette des Pres. As to him, see Ra- la N. F., 1652, p. 35. The party at-  
 gueneau, *Vie de la Mère Catherine*, tacking was Oneidas, with a few  
 p. 54; Ferland, *Cours d'Histoire*, i., Mohawks. Besides du Plessis, one