

young Frenchman and a Huron ; and, as the rivers began to be navigable, they built a small canoe and embarked.¹

The next day they were obliged to make several portages, and they were engaged on the third, when the Huron, who was somewhat in advance, felt himself suddenly seized from behind. The missionary and the Frenchman were at the same time stretched on the ground by a volley of musketry. The former received two balls in the breast ; a third broke his right arm. He had but time to say two words to his companion, who was no less severely wounded, to exhort him to die well, and to offer voluntarily to God the sacrifice of his life. The Iroquois at once dispatched both, stripped them, and flung their bodies into the river.²

The Huron was destined to the stake, but he had the adroitness to effect his escape. He reached Three Rivers on the 8th of June.³ A body of young Indians were at once dispatched⁴ to look for the missionary's body, but they could not find it. Thus scarcely a year passed that did not see the soil of New France bedewed with the blood of some missionary. In fact, the destruction of the Huron towns had left several unemployed ; but they were almost all spent with their toils and labors, and no longer of an age to acquire new languages, so that they were obliged to return to Europe.⁵ Among these was Father Bres-

1652.

Death of
Father
Buteux.

¹ Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1652, p. 2 ; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 657. The Frenchman was Fontarabie, and the Huron, Thomas Tsoudoutannen : Ragueneau, *Journal*.

² Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1652, p. 1 ; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 657. Father James Buteux was a native of Abbeville, in Picardy, born in April, 1600. He entered the Society of Jesus at Rouen, Oct. 2, 1620, and was sent to Canada in 1634. He was eighteen years a missionary to the Montagnais

and Algonquins. He was a man of prayer, mortification, and zeal. He was killed, May 10, 1652 : Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1652 ; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 657 ; Tanner, *Die Gesellschaft Jesu biss zur Vergiessung ihres Blutes*, etc., Prague, 1683, p. 694.

³ Ragueneau, in his *Journal*, says May 28, though the Relation gives June 8.

⁴ Not from Three Rivers, apparently, but from the Attikamegues' camp : Relation, 1652, p. 3.

⁵ No missionaries returned in 1652.