

Provincial of the Recollects, and afterwards Bishop of Vence, embarked with Mr. Talon, who had filled up his quota of settlers by means of some companies of Carignan, which had returned to France; three other priests of the order,¹ a deacon named Brother Luke, esteemed for his paintings,² and a lay brother. Their voyage was prosperous,³ and the Provincial, after putting his religious in possession of the lands at Quebec, which they had occupied before the English invasion, returned to France.⁴ The accident by which Mr. Talon's vessel was lost the year before, was like a general tempest, which extended its effects to Quebec, where it caused a damage of one hundred thousand francs. Nevertheless, they consoled themselves for this loss more easily than they did for that of the settlers, of which it had deprived the colony. The only thought then was of peopling the country, and they were not as scrupulous as they had been in the choice of settlers; the consequence was, that vices theretofore unknown were soon prevalent.

Sometime before Mr. Talon's arrival, three French soldiers having met an Iroquois chief, who had a large quantity of furs, plied him with liquor, and, when he was intoxicated, murdered him. Notwithstanding the precautions which they took to conceal their crime, they were discovered and thrown into prison.⁵ While their trial was progressing, three other Frenchmen found six Mohegans who had goods to the value of a thousand crowns; they, too, rendered the Indians intoxicated, and after mur-

1669.

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men.

¹ Le Clercq, *Etablissement de la Foi*, ii., 88. The king, by *Lettres de Cachet*, April 4, 1670, ordered Father Allart to go in person with four friars. His companions were Father Gabriel de la Ribourde, Simplicius Landon, Hilarion Guesnin, Brother Luke le François, and Brother Anselm Bardou, lay brother.

² For Br. Luke le François' paintings, see *Le Clercq*, ii., p. 96.

³ The voyage was long, and they were nearly wrecked at Tadoussac: *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1670, p. 2.

⁴ Le Clercq, *Etablissement de la Foi*, ii., pp. 91-93. Their new chapel was opened Oct. 4: *Ib.*, p. 93.

⁵ Mother Mary of the Incarnation, *Lettres*, Oct., 1669; *Lettres*, p. 645. The assassins were three soldiers of the garrison of Montreal.