

their deputies witness the conversion of a man so generally esteemed. The bishop, accordingly, had no hesitation in admitting this illustrious proselyte into the bosom of the church; he knew that he was sufficiently instructed, and baptized him himself. The governor-general acted as godfather, and Mademoiselle de Bouterouë, daughter of the intendant as godmother. The former gave him the name of Daniel, which he bore himself. Nothing was omitted to give lustre to the ceremony, all the deputies of the Indian nations attended, and were afterwards plentifully feasted.¹

1670.

While Mr. de Courcelles thus maintained his colony in profound peace, and adopted the most sagacious measures to meet whatever could disturb the good understanding between the French and Indians, the North of Canada was ravaged by a contagious disease, which almost entirely completed the depopulation of those vast countries.² Many Christians died in their baptismal innocence, and in sentiments which tended greatly to console the gospel laborers for so many losses!³ The Attikamegues among others have not appeared since those times, and if some remain, they must be intermingled with other tribes who have no intercourse with us.⁴

Mortality
in the
North.

Then too, it was, that Tadoussac, where hitherto scarcely ever less than twelve hundred Indians were seen at the time of trade, began to be almost entirely abandoned,⁵ as well as Three Rivers, from which the Algonquins withdrew to Cap de la Magdeleine;⁶ but there was this difference between these two posts, that the French continued at the latter, while the former, where we had no permanent

¹ Relation de la N. F., 1670, ch. ii., pp. 6-7; 1673-9, pp. 186-9.

² Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1670, p. 7. Chaumonot. *Ib.*, p. 20, says: "For the last year the small-pox has furiously desolated this colony. The Montagnais and Algonquins have almost all died of it."

³ Relation, 1670, pp. 7, 14, etc.

⁴ The Attikamegues are not mentioned after 1658, except as individuals. Albanel speaks of a woman in Relation, 1670, p. 14. See as to them the Relation, 1641, p. 29.

⁵ Relation de la N. F., 1670, p. 11.

⁶ *Ib.*, p. 14.