

1671. them, although she did not lose consciousness for a moment. She even rallied strength and courage enough to drag herself to her town, related her adventure to Father Pearson, and added that she would be very glad to retire to Lorette, because she durst not promise herself great fidelity if she remained among her kindred. The missionary took ample time to try and instruct her; he found her docile and firm in her resolution. In a short time she recovered perfect health, then gained over her husband, and induced him to accompany her to Lorette, where they were both baptized, with their little daughter.<sup>1</sup>

Mission of  
Sault St.  
Louis be-  
gins.

Mr. de Courcelles, who had been carefully informed of all this, was charmed to see the Iroquois neophytes moving to settle among the French. He saw that as their number increased, they might form a town, which would in time, serve as a barrier against the cantons themselves, if war broke out again. He accordingly received with open arms all who presented themselves, and took great care that they should want nothing.

They were at first in very small numbers, but a short time after, Father Boniface having brought in several families from the Mohawk canton, he deemed it best to separate them from the Hurons, and place them opposite Montreal, on the south side at a spot called Prairie de la Magdeleine.<sup>2</sup> In my Journal I have explained how this town was transferred to Sault St. Louis, and how it has always continued to bear the name of that rapid, although now located two leagues higher up.<sup>3</sup>

Talon's  
measures to  
secure all  
north of  
Canada to  
France.

On the other hand a number of tribes of the Algonquin language, who felt their indebtedness to the French for the peace which they enjoyed, became more closely attached to them than they had hitherto done, and Mr. Talon

<sup>1</sup> Relation de la Nouvelle France, one of the Company of a Hundred Associates. See Creuxius, Historia

<sup>2</sup> This place was so called from Canadensis, Relation, 1647, p. 77.

<sup>3</sup> Charlevoix, Journal, pp. 175, 176.