

1682-3. the Hurons, who sought only to embroil matters, far from discharging their commission, had inflamed the Iroquois still more against them. The general insisted in vain in his endeavor to persuade them to further measures for the sake of peace. All that he could obtain was, that they would act solely on the defensive.<sup>1</sup>

Arrival of  
Messrs. de  
la Barre  
and de  
Meules.

Affairs were in this position when Messieurs de la Barre and des Meules arrived at Quebec.<sup>2</sup> They had even just learned that Teganissoren's deputation had been sent by the cantons with no other object than to amuse the French, and that war had actually begun against the Illinois. Accordingly, they expected soon to see the Iroquois in arms in the midst of the colony. On the other hand, they were not long in perceiving that the creatures of Mr. de Frontenac would not find the same protection in his successor; and it seems, in fact, that Mr. de Barre had either arrived from France already prepossessed, or allowed himself from the outset to be prejudiced against the Sieur de la Sale, in regard to whom he avowed himself too soon not to give reason to judge that he did so without having actually well weighed himself the conduct of that explorer.

Mr. de la  
Barre writes  
to the court  
against  
Mr. de la  
Sale.

On the 14th of November, in this same year, he wrote to the minister that de la Sale's imprudence had enkindled war between the French and the Iroquois, and that the colony might well be attacked before it was in a position to defend itself. He added that the Recollect Father Zenobius, who had just arrived at Quebec in order to proceed to France, had been unwilling to impart any information to him in regard to the new discoveries; but that he did not believe that much reliance could be placed on all that that friar might relate, or regard these discov-

<sup>1</sup> The conference with the Western Indians was in August 13, 1682, that with the Iroquois September 11. For the former see Canada Doc., II, i., p. 183; N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 176.

<sup>2</sup> They arrived in September, 1682 (de la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Septentrionale*, ii., p. 148), to find Quebec nearly destroyed by a conflagration in which, in Aug. 5, says Mother Juchereau, more wealth perished than Canada had left: *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 256.