

prisoners those horrors which disgrace most of the other nations on this continent, and that they have a very clear knowledge of the one sole God. 1660.

I have elsewhere mentioned the pretence set up that these Sioux have a Chinese accent. This has not been yet substantiated, but in mode of life they greatly resemble the Tartars.¹ Few Frenchmen have learned their language, which would, nevertheless, be of great advantage in exploring all northwest of the Micissipi; and every thing leads us to believe that useful discoveries would be made there, especially in regard to the South Sea,² from which it is almost certain that they are not extremely distant.³

Meanwhile no relief came from France,⁴ and the colony of Canada maintained itself only by a kind of miracle. Men durst not leave the neighborhood of the forts without an escort; and in many places there was no apparent means of gathering the harvest, the season for which approached.⁵ Many believed that they would at last have to abandon every thing, and some began to take measures for recrossing the ocean. Seven hundred Iroquois, who had just defeated a large French and Indian party,⁶ held Quebec in a kind of blockade, the Ursulines and Hospi-

Extremity to which Canada is reduced.

¹ The affinity of the Dakota and Tartar, alluded to in Charlevoix's Journal, pp. 183-4, has been recognized even by modern philologists.

² The Pacific Ocean.

³ Relation de la N. F., 1660, p. 5.

⁴ On the 31st May, 1660, Mr. D'Ail-leboust died at Montreal: Lalemant, Journal; Belmont, p. 11.

⁵ On the 5th June a woman, with several of her family, was carried off before Quebec; but the captors, renegade Hurons, were pursued, defeated, and taken: Relation de la N. F., 1660, p. 31; Lalemant, Journal.

⁶ This was the famous action at Long Sault: Dollier de Casson, Histoire de Montreal; Relation de la N.

F., 1660, p. 14; M. Marie de l'Incarnation, p. 261; Father Lalemant, Journal, June 8, 1660. The French numbered 17, commanded by Adam Dollard, Sieur des Ormeaux, a young officer, aged 25. He took the field in April, and on the 19th defeated an Iroquois party, apparently on St. Paul's Island. After returning to Montreal he again set out, and took post in a little Indian fort at the foot of the Long Rapid on the Ottawa. Here he was joined by 39 Hurons under Anahotaha, and Mitiwemeg with three Algonquins. The Iroquois soon approached, and Dollard routed the van, but was invested by the whole force of 300