

the rest of that year, but towards the close of winter, parties appeared in various parts of the colony and committed great ravages.¹ Mr. le Maitre, an ecclesiastic of the Seminary of Montreal, was killed while returning from saying Mass in the country.² Mr. de Lauson, Seneschal of New France, and son of the last governor-general, going to Isle Orleans to relieve his brother-in-law,³ who was invested in his own house, fell into an ambuscade. The Iroquois, who knew him, and who passionately desired to have a prisoner of such rank, spared him for a time, seeking only to exhaust his strength; but seeing him kill several of their people, they fired on him, and he fell dead before any one durst approach him.⁴

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Iroquois
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Many other persons of note, and a great many settlers and Indians, met the same fate. Thirty Attikamegues, who were accompanied by some Frenchmen, were attacked by eighty Iroquois, and defended themselves with a valor that might have saved them had they fought with more order; even the women fought to the death, and not one of them surrendered.⁵ In a word, from Montreal to Tadoussac naught could be seen but bloody traces of the passage of these fierce enemies.⁶

¹ Relation de la N. F., 1661, p. 3; M. Marie de l'Incarnation, Lettre Sept., 1661.

² Mr. James Lemaitre, born in Normandy in 1617, was one of the members admitted into his congregation by Mr. Olier himself. He earnestly desired to go to Montreal with the first clergymen sent, but was not chosen till 1659. He arrived Sept. 7, 1659, in a ship which suffered greatly from tempests and disease. He had said Mass in Montreal, Aug. 29, 1661, and had gone to St. Gabriel to superintend some men at work, being steward of the house, when they were attacked by a party under Outreauati. He was shot while endeavoring to cover the

flight of his men: Relation de la N. F., 1661, p. 5; Dollier de Casson, Histoire de Montreal, 1660-1; Belmont, Hist. du Canada, p. 11; Faillon, Histoire de la Colonie Française, ii., pp. 355-6, 441-469; Vie de M. Olier, ii., p. 443; Vie de M. Bourgeois, i., p. 90; M. Marie de l'Incarnation, ii., p. 562; De la Tour, Mem. de Mr. Laval, p. 133.

³ Mr. Couillard de L'Espinay, his brother-in-law, was supposed so to be.

⁴ Relation de la N. F., 1661, p. 5; Juchereau, Hist. de l'Hotel-Dieu, pp. 127, 8.

⁵ Relation de la N. F., 1661, p. 3; Can. Doc., II., i., p. 386.

⁶ Relation de la N. F., 1661, p. 3.