

1666. learn concerning it. I only know that our settlement on that island was then insignificant, and that it was entirely abandoned a few years afterwards.

Mr. de Tracy returns to France. 1667.

As soon as navigation was free, Mr. de Tracy sailed back to France,<sup>1</sup> and the last act of authority which he exercised in America was to establish the West India Company in all the rights which the Company of a Hundred Associates had enjoyed.<sup>2</sup> Much was expected from the former company; but it did not take the interests of New France more to heart than the previous company had done, as Mr. Talon had foreseen. However, as the re-enforcement received by Canada in the last few years had been put on a pretty good footing, it maintained itself so for some time; nor did it subsequently relapse into the state of weakness and exhaustion from which the king had just drawn it.

Change in affairs in regard to religion.

The humiliation of the Iroquois was a favorable conjuncture, of which they might avail themselves to induce that nation and all the others to show docility to the instructions of the missionaries: and policy concurred with religion not to allow it to escape; but manners changed in the colony, as they deemed themselves more secure: that zeal for the conversion of the heathen which had hitherto seemed to animate all the settlers almost as much as the evangelical laborers, gradually cooled in the former, nor did the latter always find now in the authorities the

was restored to France by the treaty of Breda, July 31, 1667: *Memoires sur les Possessions*, iii., pp. 292, 558. Denys, however, commanded for the French in 1659 (*Relation*, p. 7); but France did not recover possession till 1670: O'Callaghan, *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, ix., p. 75. According to Pichon (*Lettres et Memoires, pour servir à l'Histoire du Cap Breton—La Haye*, 1760, p. 1), the island was first called *Isle du Cap*, then *Isle du Havre à l'Anglois*. Down to 1713 it was

called *Cap Breton*; it was then styled *Isle Royale*, but the old name still lives. As to the attack on the *Sieur de la Valliere*, I find nothing.

<sup>1</sup> He did not leave the colony till Aug. 28, 1667—nearly a year after his campaign: *Le Mercier, Journal*, Aug. 28, 1667; Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel-Dieu*, p. 187.

<sup>2</sup> *Requête de Mr. Le Barroy à Mgr. de Tracy, Edits et Ordonnances*, i., pp. 51-60. De Tracy's consent to the *Requête* is dated Sept. 11, 1666.