

1690. less successful or honorable to the French than that against Schenectady. Mr. de Frontenac, as I have remarked, had, during the winter, formed three parties to enter the English territory at the same time, in three different directions. That intended to act against New York, and which took effect at Schenectady, had been raised at Montreal; the other two were raised in the Governments of Three Rivers and Quebec: the General intending, in this way, to create an emulation between these parties, which seldom fails to produce a good effect, when all other considerations are carefully excluded, as well as every thing that tends to degrade a laudable emulation into a pernicious jealousy.

Sementels taken from the English.

The Government of Three Rivers was, at this time, very thinly-settled, and could raise only fifty-two men, including five Algonquins and twenty Sokokis;¹ but they were led by a colonial officer, to whom the conduct of an enterprise of this nature could be most fitly confided; this is the testimony borne him by the Count de Frontenac, in a letter written at the time to Mr. de Seignelay. This officer was the Sieur Hertel, whose captivity and virtues have already been noticed.² In the little troop under his command, he had three of his sons, and two of his nephews: the Sieur Crevier, Seigneur of Saint Francis; and the Sieur Gati-neau.

He set out from Three Rivers on the 28th of January; struck inland, due south, leaving Lake Champlain on his left; then inclined eastward; and, after long and severe marching, arrived, on the 27th of March, near an English town, called Sementels,³ which he had reconnoitered by his

¹ De Monseignat, Relation de ce qui s'est passé, &c., 1689-90; N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 471; De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique Sept., iii., p. 82; Le Clercq, Etablissement de la Foi, ii., p. 395; Williamson, Hist. Maine, i., p. 618; Belknap's Hist. New Hampshire, i., 207, says the In-

dians were commanded by Hope-hood.

² Ante, vol. iii., p. 43; Maurault, Hist. des Abénakis, p. 200, n. Francis Hertel, Sieur de Chambly, died at Boucherville, May 29, 1722. Daniel, Une Page de Notre Histoire, p. 469.

³ This place, then called Salmon