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their country recalled them to defend their families and prevent the ravaging of their own territory.<sup>1</sup>

Our allies  
continue to  
push the  
Iroquois.

In fact the war continued quite vigorously between these Indians, and it is certain that this diversion was of very great utility to us. Frontenac had been very successful in gaining the Ottawas and Hurons, who did wonders during the winter. Still he had not yet been able to send them intelligence of the victory gained by our troops over the English fleet, and it was not until the ice melted, that de Courtemanche and de Repentigny were sent to inform them. These two officers, with only ten men, passed through that host of Iroquois who surrounded the island of Montreal, and arrived at Michillimackinac without receiving the least check. Their mission produced all the effect expected, and as soon as they returned to Montreal, Courtemanche received orders to start back to take command among the Miamis, whom it was deemed necessary to reassure against the incursions of the Iroquois, and whose conduct the authorities were disposed to watch.<sup>2</sup>

Relief from  
France.

On the 1st of July a small ship from France, commanded by the Sieur Denys de Bonaventure anchored before Quebec, and filled the whole city with joy, not so much on account of the relief which it brought, and which could not be very great, as by the assurance the commandant gave that the colony would soon receive enough to restore abundance to the country. In fact, twelve days after Mr. du Tast, captain of a ship of the line, arrived with a convoy of fourteen sail of different sizes. In truth, all this armament was not intended to revictual the colony. It was destined chiefly to recover Port Nelson from the English and the Northern Company had incurred most of the outlay.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The chief of the Mountain was Canada Doc., II., vi., p. 53. See Tamouratoua. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 518, or Tannouraoua. De la Potherie iii., p. 136.

<sup>2</sup> Journal du Sieur de Courtemanche. . . depuis Montreal jusqu'aux Outaouas, June 18, 1691.

Canada Doc., II., vi., p. 53. See too, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 516. He set out from Montreal April 22.

<sup>3</sup> Relation &c., N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 519. De la Potherie, iii., p. 137. Du Tast is called in the former Du Tartre, and in the latter Dutas.