

1692. years, left Montreal, where all was tranquil, so as to be in Quebec on the arrival of the ships from France; but on the 15th of July, when least expected, Black Kettle made a dash into the island at a place called la Chesnaye, and carried off three little Indians who were fishing, and fourteen countrymen who were making hay.

The
Iroquois al-
lowed to
escape.

As soon as the Chevalier de Callières heard of it, he sent Captain du-Plessys Faber against him with a hundred soldiers, followed by the Chevalier de Vaudreuil at the head of two hundred men. The enemy, seeing himself about to be attacked by superior forces, and that the Sieur de Villedonné, a French officer, taken at the same time as the Sieur de la Plante, had also escaped, took to the woods and fled precipitately, abandoning his canoes and some baggage. He was not pursued, but had time to make other canoes and reach the Ottawa again.

Pursued
and some
advantage
gained.

Villedonné, on arriving at Montreal, told the Governor that the Iroquois had cached quantities of furs on the banks of the Long Rapid. All the detachments were thereupon recalled, and formed into a single corps, to which were attached one hundred and twenty Indians of Sault St. Louis, and the Mountain, and with this little army, the chevalier de Vaudreuil was ordered to pursue the enemy. He was so expeditious as to overtake the enemy's rear, two leagues above the Long Rapid, killing ten men, capturing five with thirteen women, and rescuing the three little Indians, with six of the French. The rest escaped.¹

Some days after the Sieur de Lusignan, reduced captain, fell into an ambuscade, while passing the Richelieu islands, and was killed at the first volley;² la Monclerie, his lieutenant, almost single handed, sustained a continual fire for two hours, and then made a masterly retreat.³ This intelligence obliged de Frontenac to go up to Mon-

¹ De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Sept.*, iii., p. 160-1, says, nine women and five children taken, and besides the nine prisoners taken at la Chesnaye, three other French prisoners were rescued. The French lost

11, including 4 officers. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 536. Belmont, p. 35.

² Narrative, &c., 1691-2. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 536. De la Potherie, *Histoire*, iii., p. 161, says July 26.

³ De la Potherie, iii., p. 161.