

prisoners, and generally gained a few months' peace, of which he availed himself to give the colonists time to breathe, sow their lands, and reap their harvests. Finally the Iroquois deputies rarely left him without conceiving esteem, and even feeling attached to him personally. 1693.

How Frontenac profited by it.

Thus, at the commencement of the year 1694, two Onondagas,<sup>1</sup> having come to Montreal to ask de Callières whether the Deputies of the Five Nations who were, they added, already on the way, would be well received if they came to ask their father Ononthio to grant them peace, that governor, informed of his general's intentions, replied, that they would be heard, when they came, but that he doubted whether they would come. They retired with this reply, and then nearly two months elapsed without anything more being heard of it. De Callières was not at all surprised, yet not to be wanting in anything that depended on him, he deemed it proper to send out some parties in the direction of New York, in order to see whether by means of prisoners that they might take from the Iroquois, he could not discover the real object of their sending the first deputies, or the delay of the second.<sup>2</sup> 1694.

The Iroquois again make show of making peace.

On the 23rd of March, two Mohawks came to Montreal, bringing the excuses of Teganissorens, who should have been the head of the deputation. They said, that if the cantons had failed to keep their word, it must be ascribed to the English.<sup>3</sup> They were ill received, the more especially, as Indians from Acadia had warned de Frontenac to The French warned to distrust them.

<sup>1</sup> Torskim, nephew of Grande Gueule, and a son of Garioye, an Iroquois of Sault St. Louis. De la Potherie, iii., p. 198-9.

<sup>2</sup> La Motte Cadillac. Relation, &c., 1694. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 578.

<sup>3</sup> They brought three belts, with an explanatory document in French, giving them as the decision of a

conference of the Five Nations, held in Albany, Feb. 9, 1694. This is given in De la Potherie, iii., p. 200. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix p. 578. Colden's Five Nations, p. 163. They were addressed to the Karigouistes, or Indians of the Sault, who answered them haughtily, complaining of their not sending deputies from all the cantons. Ib.,