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beware of the Iroquois, who merely wished to gain time, and throw him off his guard; that it was even their design to stab him and the Chevalier de Callières at a council, where they would be in large numbers; to have numerous parties in the vicinity of Montreal, ready to pounce upon the astonished colony, deprived of its commanders; to carry fire and desolation everywhere, and then introduce the English into the country.

Iroquois
deputies at
Quebec.

There was doubtless exaggeration in this; but prudence required him to be on his guard, and the Iroquois failure to keep their word, excited reflection. However, in the month of May, Teganissorens arrived at Québec, with eight deputies. It was the sowing season, and this circumstance made the Governor-General refrain from showing how little importance he ascribed to this embassy. He gave the ambassadors public audience¹ with much pomp, and never did they speak better on both sides. Teganissorens' goodness of heart appeared, not only in the harangue, which he delivered in this assembly, but also in his private interviews with de Frontenac, to whom he presented belts in the name of Garakonthié.

The General treated him very kindly, begged him to assure Garakonthié of his gratitude and esteem, and to these marks of friendship, added very fine presents for both; but convinced that neither of them entered the councils of the nation, in which the English took part, he relied only on their sincere affection, without flattering himself that their influence was great enough to bring the whole nation to a perfect reconciliation. He then prolonged the stay of the deputies as much as was necessary to give the colonists time to sow their fields, and this delay led to another result, no less advantageous to the colony.²

Mr. de Louvigny had grounds for fearing a rupture with our allies of the North and West, to whom the Iroquois

¹ May 23, 1694. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 579. ence are given at length, in De la Potherie, iii., pp. 204-220. N. Y.

² The proceedings of this conference are given at length, in De la Potherie, iii., pp. 204-220. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 579-583.