

1695. among our men, attacking most of them; Mr. de Tilly, Lieutenant of the Poli, nine other Canadians, and ten sailors died. One hundred and fifty canoes, loaded with Northern furs, which reached Fort Bourbon in June, recompensed those interested for the furs of which the English disappointed them. But the end of July approached without the ice permitting them to sail. It was not till the 28th that they were able to weigh anchor. Only a hundred and fifteen men survived on the two French ships, several of whom were unfit for service. This induced d'Iberville to resolve to await and capture the English ships, then to send the Poli to France, and proceed with the Salamandre to winter at the head of the Bay, in order to capture Fort St. Anne.¹

Consequences of this conquest.

The English not appearing up to the 7th of September, he changed his plan, and resolved to sail for Quebec with the two ships. He appointed the Sieur de la Foret, Governor of Fort Bourbon, assigning Mr. de Marigni² to him as lieutenant. He left them sixty-four Canadians, and six Iroquois of Sault St. Louis,³ with ammunition and stores for a year.⁴ He then steered for Canada, but being long detained by head winds on the Labrador coast, and his crews being daily enfeebled by scurvy, he made for the coast of France, and on the 9th of October arrived at La Rochelle.

The Iroquois continue to amuse the French.

Affairs remained on the same footing in the centre of the colony; the Iroquois continuing to make great promises, and keeping none. It was afterwards ascertained that the greatest obstacles to a perfect reconciliation between the cantons and the French, did not come any longer from

¹ Father Gabriel Marest to Father de Lamberville, ubi supra, and in Travels of Missioners, p. 269-270, gives most of these facts, but not the deaths.

² Captain de Marigni went to St. Domingo in 1716. Daniel, ii., p. 287.

³ La Plaque commanded these Iroquois, according to De la Potherie, i., p. 166.

⁴ Father Marest remained after the ships sailed in September, 1695. He makes the whole garrison in round numbers, 80. Travels of Learned Missioners, p. 277.