

to the valor of some of our officers soon to be mentioned, did the colony owe its being happily able to gather in the crops in peace.

In fact, forty of his scouts having gone towards Onondaga, some of them who had advanced to the river Chouguen,¹ saw thirty-four Iroquois canoes come down, and even heard some of the Indians telling each other that they would soon pay the French and their Sault St. Louis brethren a visit, that they did not expect. The other parties confirmed the statement that a great number of Iroquois were on the war path; all returned with such celerity as to give the Governor of Montreal opportunity to put his posts beyond reach of insult, and enable the Count de Frontenac to collect a force of eight hundred men on Isle Perrot.²

The enemy, nevertheless, advanced to Montreal, and even landed in small squads on that island, where they tomahawked some of the settlers. The Governor-General, on being informed of it, deemed it expedient to divide his little army, and scatter it among the parishes to cover the reapers. This arrangement disconcerted all the plans of the Iroquois, a considerable body of whom were defeated back of Boucherville, by Mr. de la Durantaye.³ There were some other surprises at the hands of these Indians, but with no great result. Thus ended the campaign in the centre of the colony. Its commencement had been still more disastrous to the Iroquois in the West.

Mr. de la Motte Cadillac had, as we have remarked, at last induced the Indians near his post to make incursions on the common enemy. They met with success and brought in a great many prisoners to Michillimackinac. The Iroquois wished to avenge this on the French, and marched in force to compel the Miamis to declare against them;

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Timely warning that the Iroquois were on the war-path.

The enemy defeated by M. de la Durantaye.

¹ Oswego. Morgan, League of the Iroquois, p. 471, defines it: Swageh, Flowing out. petition to Fort Frontenac cost 12000 livres, *Ib.* p. 633. De la Potherie, *iv.*, pp. 49-56.

² Relation, &c., 1694-5. N. Y. Col. Doc., *ix.*, p. 618-622. The Ex- ³ *Ib.*, pp., 73-5. N. Y. Col. Doc., *ix.*, p. 628.