

deep. From that point he sent out Indian scouts, who marched seven or eight days, and at last fell in with eleven Iroquois, including one woman. They killed three and took the rest.¹ These prisoners were brought to Montreal, where they burned one or two, and spared the others, because the French, who had been slaves in their country, recognized them and attested that they owed their lives to them; they were however distributed among the villages of Sault St. Louis, the Mountain and Lorette.

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Some other prisoners captured in the spring declared, that the Iroquois had kept shut up in their forts all winter, and were soon to come in large bands to prevent the French from putting in their crops. In fact several parties of those Indians prowled among our settlements, but by the wise foresight of the Governor of Montreal the labors of the farmers were not interrupted. None were surprised except a few settlers, who neglected to observe the orders given them.

The Iroquois appear in the Colony.

On the 20th of March,² de Louvigny halted for lack of provisions, and a few days after the colony sustained a loss which very sensibly affected all. The Chevalier de Crisasy had flattered himself that after the recent proofs given of his zeal and ability, the court would do something in his favor, the more especially as the Governor General and Intendant had neglected no means to secure to him the reward to which his services seemed entitled. Their recommendations however met with no response, and the chevalier sank under the vexation which he experienced. He had at least the consolation on his deathbed of seeing great and little alike sympathize in his grief, and regret that merit such as his had been left in the shade.³

Death of the Chevalier de Crisasy.

In the month of May the Chevalier de Callieres went down to Quebec to arrange with the Count de Frontenac the op-

¹ Relation, 1695-6. N. Y. Col. Doc. ix, p. 641-2. Among those taken was a boy, the grandson of the great Daniel Garakonthié. De la Potherie, iii., p. 554.

² This is really the date of his return to Montreal. N. Y. Col. Doc. ix, p. 641.

³ March, 1696. See ante, vol. iv. p. 196.