

gathered so many nations among them only for their ruin, there was not a pagan who did not desire baptism before he died, nor a Christian who did not die in sentiments worthy of Christianity.

1701.

This affliction however obliged the Governor-General to hasten the conclusion of the treaty. All had been agreed upon in the private audiences, and it only remained to sign the articles and proclaim Peace. He appointed the 4th of August for the last general assembly, and wished nothing omitted to give the transaction all possible celebrity. A great plain without the city was selected: a double fence one hundred and twenty-eight feet long by seventy-two wide was erected, the space between being six feet. At one end there was a covered hall, twenty-nine feet long and almost square, for the ladies and all the fashion of the town. The soldiers were drawn up around, and within the enclosure thirteen hundred Indians were arranged in fine order.

Last
general
assembly.

De Champigny, the Chevalier de Vaudreuil and the principal officers surrounded the Governor-General, who occupied a position so as to be seen and heard by all. He spoke first, and stated briefly, that he had the preceding year established peace among all the nations; but that as of all those of the north and west, only some Hurons and Ottawas appeared at Montreal, he had notified the others that he wished them to send him deputies, so that when all were assembled he might solemnly take the hatchet from their hands, and declare to all who recognized him as their Father, that henceforward he wished to be sole arbiter of their disputes; that they should then forget all the past, and place all their interests in his hands: that he would always render them exact justice; that they must be wearied enough of war which had been of no advantage to them, and when once they had tasted the delights of peace, they would thank him infinitely for all he had done to secure it for them.

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When he had ceased speaking, one of the Fathers Bigot