

the elder Raudot,¹ on his return to France, told me that he had never understood better than on this occasion how important it was for a colony to have among the natives of the country, persons able to gain their esteem and good will, which could not be well done, unless they were attached by the bond of religion. This the Marquis de Vaudreuil had been already enabled to see by the example of the Detroit Hurons at the Montreal assembly. These were the only Christian Indians from the upper country, and it is indisputable that if they had not, by declaring as they did for war, drawn all the others from the indecision in which they were, that general would have received a slight at a moment, when all depended on his appearing to be the perfect master of all these tribes.

1711.

To this reflection I might here add some others on the causes which prevented the preachers of the gospel doing among many other nations what they have done among the Hurons, Algonquins, the Abénaquis tribes, the Illinois and a great number of Iroquois, Miamis and Pottawatamies; but this would lead me too far, and I hope that those who read this history, will make such reflections themselves.²

¹ The younger Raudot had returned to France the year before, having been appointed Intendant des Classes de marine. See Juchereau, *Hist. de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 462.

² In 1710-11 Canada was afflicted

with a disease called the *Maladie de Siam*. It was generally fatal. Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 464. Twelve priests died, and of twenty-four nuns, taken while attending the sick, six died.