

alliance, and to maintain in the true faith, a nation which alone in the last two wars had given us the upper hand over the English colonies.¹

1714.

There is every reason to suppose that de Vaudreuil obtained what he asked, as the Abénaquis have remained strongly attached to us, and have defended their territory against the attempts of the English in the manner that we have seen, and that it was found necessary to employ the authority, or at least the influence of their missionaries to induce them to arrest their incursions into Acadia and the jurisdiction of Boston.

As for the Island of Newfoundland, the English gained much more by the cession of all we possessed there than we lost; for Isle Royale compensated in part for Placentia, all the inhabitants of which were transferred to Louysbourg, and there soon found themselves more at ease than they had ever been in Newfoundland; while the English beheld themselves absolute masters of an island, where they could feel sure of nothing as long as they had us as neighbors.²

They were no less delighted at excluding us from the whole of Hudson Bay. During the last five or six years that *Sieur Jérémie* commanded at Fort Bourbon, he had received no assistance from the Northern Company; and he had only sixteen men left to guard that fort, and another two leagues further north, and erected to

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¹ Charlevoix's arrangement here is singularly confusing. He has already treated of Abénaqui matters down to 1725, and now recurs to 1714. Apparently the history was completed before *Rale's* death, and that matter subsequently introduced.

² This memoir does not appear among the recent collections, although several others on the same topic do. This same year, 1714, the *Marquis de Vaudreuil* visited France, where his wife had been for some years. Paper Money, instituted in 1688, at this time began to be decried, and in 1718 it ceased to

be valid in payment. Then 1,293,750 livres of the paper money were burned. *Juchereau, Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, pp. 523-7. Oct. 3, 1714, died *M'lle le Ber*, the *Recluse*, ante IV., p. 207. *Juchereau*, p. 535; *Vie de M'lle le Ber*, par *Mr. Faillon*; *Vie de Marguerite Bourgeoys*, ii., p. 293. 1714, Ap'l 12, *Esther Wheelwright*, a New England captive, becomes an Ursuline nun at Quebec. *Ursulines de Quebec*, ii., p. 75; *Adelaide Silver* was already from 1710 a nun in the *Hotel Dieu*, Montreal. *Vie de M'lle Manet*, ii., p. 165.