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Louvigny was unable to set out before the end of May, 1717. He took with him one of the hostages who had been attacked by smallpox like the rest, and had lost an eye by it, in order that he might assure his nation of the care bestowed on him and his colleagues. As soon as he arrived at Michilimackinac, he dispatched this man to the Foxes, with presents to cover the dead, and sent two French interpreters with him. The latter were very well received, the calumet was chanted to them, and after allowing some days for the relatives of the deceased to bewail their death, they assembled to hear the hostage. He spoke very well, and reproached the chiefs severely for not coming to Michilimackinac.

The nation then declared to the interpreters that they were by no means insensible to the kindness which Onon-thio continued to show them, but that several reasons prevented their deputies starting that year to meet him. They promised to keep their word the next year, gave their promise in writing, and added that they would never forget that they held their lives purely by the bounty of their Father. The hostage set out with the interpreters to rejoin de Louvigny at Michilimackinac, but after travelling twenty leagues, he left them, saying it was best for him to return home to oblige his tribe to keep its word.¹

¹ In 1719 St. Pierre and de Lintot induce the Foxes to come to terms. They surrendered many prisoners, but great caution was required.

In 1720, Captain Joncaire, by establishing his cabin at Niagara, restored the French post there. Charlevoix, *Journal*, p. 225. Vaudreuil and Begon, Oct. 26, 1720. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 897: on which the English, in 1722, began a house, and in 1725 a fort at Chougouen or Oswego. *Ib.* p. 952: Smith's *New York*, p. 155. The French then erected a stone fort at Niagara. *Ib.* p. 168.

In 1720 the Sulpitian mission was removed from Sault au Recollet to

its present position, *The Lake of the Two Mountains*. Faillon, *Vie de Marg. Bourgeois*, ii., p. 264.

In 1721 the Fox war was renewed at Detroit. Charlevoix, *Journal*, pp. 228, 258.

In 1721, June 19, a great fire occurred at Montreal, in which 160 houses, nearly half the city, was destroyed. The Hotel Dieu was burned and not rebuilt for some years. *Ib.* p. 274. *Vie de M^{lle} Mance*, ii., pp. 173-5. See *Arrets et Ordonnances*, ii., p. 292.

In 1723, parishes were canonically established in Canada, which then had a population of about 25000. Ferland, *Cours d'Histoire*, ii., p. 415.