

Nothing was heard of him after this : his nation never sent deputies to the Governor-General, and de Louvigny derived no benefit from his mission, except that he brought back to the colony almost all the deserters, and induced a very great number of Indians to bring their furs to Montreal, where so large a supply had not been seen for a long time. The Marquis de Vaudreuil long indulged hopes that the Foxes would send him deputies ; but by renewing their incursions, they taught him that an enemy driven to a certain point, is always irreconcilable. They were afterwards defeated on various occasions : on their side, they forced the Illinois to abandon their river forever ; and, although it is hardly conceivable that after their repeated defeats there are enough left to form a small town, men even now dare not proceed from Canada to Louysiana without taking great precautions against being surprized by them. They are indeed in alliance with the Sioux, the most numerous nation in Canada, and the Chicachas, the bravest Indians of Louysiana.¹

1714.

With this exception, New France enjoyed all the fruits of peace, and was in the happiest position it had ever enjoyed, when a melancholy accident filled almost the whole colony with mourning, and in one day deprived it of more than it had lost in twenty years of war. On the night of the 25th of August, 1725, the King's ship, the Chameau, on its way to Quebec, was wrecked near Louysbourg, and not a single soul escaped.² Mr. de Chazel, who was to succeed Begon as Intendant of Canada,³ de Louvigny, Governor elect of Three Rivers, the same frequently mentioned in this history, Captain de la Gesse,⁴ son of Mr. de Ramezay, who had died in 1724, Governor of

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¹ As to the Indians west of Lake Erie, see memoir in N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 885-892.

² Pichon, p. 47; Charlevoix, iii., 57.

³ Dupuy was then appointed Intendant, Nov. 23, 1725. See commission in Arrets et Ordonnances, iii., p. 65.

⁴ He was 3d son of Chev. Claude

de Ramesay, Seigneur de Sorel and Gov. of Montreal, and administrator of the whole colony during Vaudreuil's absence from 1714 to 1716. His eldest brother was killed at Rio Janeiro: the second by the Cherokees: one sister became an Hospital nun and one an Ursuline. Ursulines de Quebec, ii., pp. 101, 183, 223.