

like those of boars [*hures*], led him to call these barbarians "Hurons;" and this is the name that has clung to them ever since. Others attribute it to some other, though similar origin; but what we have just related seems the most authentic.

It is, then, not to be wondered at if in the old Authors nothing is to be found about the name of these peoples,—for, as for this French name, they have only had it since the beginning of this century. As for their names in their own language,—since their abode is far inland, it being more than twenty days' journey from their country to the regions nearest the Sea, of which almost nothing but the coasts have thus far been known to our Europeans,—their proper names, as well as their persons and their country, have been unknown in the past,—especially [8] as they are of so little importance, on account of the extent of their territory, and because of the fashion of living all in common, followed by the Savages and Barbarians of this Northern part of America. As these Savages continued to come every year to trade, our people soon became acquainted with them, and then determined to send some Frenchmen to winter in their country, and obtain more thorough information about these tribes and their language. This procedure being recognized as expedient also in the case of other neighboring nations, it thence happened that in the course of years the name Huron extended farther, and was applied also to the neighboring tribes who had a common language with the above-mentioned nations, although they had separate interests.

But this name, in the minds of the Religious of our Society, extends yet much farther. For as there