

PREFACE TO VOL. XXI

Following is a synopsis of the documents contained in the present volume:

XLIV. In Vol. XX., we gave the first eight chapters of Part I. of the *Relation* of 1640-41; the remainder of this part (written by Le Jeune at Quebec, without date) is herewith presented, also the whole of Part II. (the Huron report, by Jerome Lalemant, dated May 19, 1641), thus completing the *Relation*.

Commencing with Chap. ix., Le Jeune recounts the capture (February, 1641) of François Marguerie and Thomas Godefroy by the Iroquois, who take them away to their own country. The two Frenchmen at first expect death; but the Iroquois decide, at a council, to liberate the prisoners in the spring; meanwhile, the latter are treated by their captors "like their own children." In June, a numerous band of Iroquois appear before Three Rivers, with their prisoners, of whom they send Marguerie, on parole, to demand an interview with the commandant; Champflour immediately sends to Quebec for Montmagny. The latter hastens, with armed men and vessels, to Three Rivers; and a long parley ensues between him and the Iroquois, in which many speeches and presents are mutually made. The Iroquois are full of treachery; it is obvious that they wish only to patch up an alliance with the French, in order to