

afterward, of going to look for him, they were taken by a band of Hiroquois, in ambush on that Island. We have since been told that they were captives in the country of their enemies, and that no news had been learned of their comrade whom they went to seek.

[9] The thirtieth of the same month, the day of St. Andrew, two Frenchmen, having gone a little distance from the settlement of Montreal, were taken and carried away by those Barbarians. We have asked news of them from the captives who have escaped from the country of the Agneronons; these have had no knowledge about them. This makes us conjecture that, having perhaps unbound themselves in order to escape, they have been taken again and beaten to death, or that they have died of hunger and cold in the woods: or — which is more probable — that those perfidious ones, finding no provisions at their return, — for the season was bad, — may have killed and eaten them by the way. The rumor has been current that their scalps had been seen in the country of the Hiroquois.

The fifth of March of this year, 1647, two Algonquins of Three Rivers — having started with two women in order to go four or five leagues thence, to bring away the meat of an Elk killed by a Huron — were met by a squad of Hiroquois, who seized them, and who learned by their means the condition of the French at Three Rivers and the places where the Algonquins had recently gone for their great hunt.

[10] The next day, the sixth, — which was Ash Wednesday, when all the French were assembled at the Church in order to begin there the Service of Holy Lent, — those Barbarians came to plunder two