

[44] CHAPTER III.

SOME HIROQUOIS SURPRISED AFTER A DEFEAT OF
ALGONQUINS; A WOMAN KILLS A HIRO-
QUOIS, AND ESCAPES.

THE twenty-ninth of May, there arrived at Montreal a canoe conducted by three Savages of the petite nation of the Algonquins. These poor people were much astonished at learning the defeat of the upper Algonquins, of which we have spoken herein above; they had nevertheless strong suspicions regarding the treachery of the Hiroquois. "We have," said they, "noticed this Winter a trail of some enemies who have approached us very closely; and,—what has caused us astonishment,—some one of them having encountered a trap which we had set up for bears, instead of awaiting us or seeking our trail, he took down the trap, and so separated the pieces which composed it that we plainly see that no animal can have made this wreck. It is some one who has wished to give us [45] to understand that we should be on our guard, and that the enemy was not far away." Such charity is not common among Barbarians. They added that there had arisen a certain disease among the Caribous, which made them vomit blood through the throat, remaining quite still when they were pursued. They have seen as many as five, six, or seven fall stiff in death in a moment: that has so terrified them that they have resolved to leave their country in order to come