

[8] Beyond the Lake Saint Louys, a short distance inland, dwell the five Hiroquois Nations, the enemies of our Hurons, the situation of whose country is almost parallel to the length of that Lake.

The nearest to the Neutral Nation are the Sonnotoueronns, seventy leagues from the Huron country, following the South-Southeast,—that is to say, between the South and the East, but more toward the South. Below are the Ouionenronns, almost in a straight line about twenty-five leagues from the Sonnotoueronns. Still further down are the Onnontaeronns, ten or twelve leagues from the Ouionenronns; and the Onneiochronns, seven or eight leagues from the Onnontaeronns. The Annieronns are distant from the Onneiochronns twenty-five or thirty leagues; they turn slightly in an inland direction and are farthest East from the Hurons. It is they who are nearest to New Holland and also to Three Rivers.

By that Lake Saint Louys we could go straight to Quebec in a few days, and with less trouble, having only three or four falls—or, rather, more rapid currents—to pass all the way to [9] Mont-Real, which is distant only about sixty leagues from the outlet of Lake Saint Louys. But fear of the enemies who dwell along the shores of this Lake compels our Hurons, and us with them, to make a long detour to reach another branch of the River Saint Lawrence,—namely, that which flows to the North of Mont-Real, and which we call the River des Prairies. This lengthens our journey by almost one-half, and, moreover, compels us to pass more than sixty falls, where we have to land and carry all our baggage and canoes upon our shoulders. This would be avoided by