

[1] Relation of what occurred in New France in the years 1666 and 1667.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE CONDITION OF CANADA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

SINCE the King has had the kindness to extend his protection over this country, by sending hither the Regiment of Carignan-Salieres, we have witnessed a notable change in the appearance of Canada. [2] We can assert that it is no longer that forbidding and frost-bound land which was formerly painted in so unfavorable colors, but a veritable New France—not only in the salubrity of its climate and fertility of its soil, but in the other conveniences of life, which are being revealed more and more every day.

The Iroquois used to keep us so closely confined that we did not even dare till the lands that were under the cannon of the forts, much less go to a distance to ascertain the points of excellence of a Soil which hardly differs at all from that of France.

But now, since the fear of his Majesty's arms has filled these barbarians with alarm, and compelled them to seek our friendship instead [3] of constantly molesting us with bloody wars, as they used to, we are, during the calm, bringing to light the possibilities of this country's wealth, and the extent of its probable resources in the future.