

Afterward, she took up the collection in the church, with all the good breeding of a French lady, with infinitely greater modesty and self-possession, and resignation to God's will. After mass, when Monseigneur the bishop learned what had happened, and was informed of the perfect love which that brave woman had for her husband, he highly praised her virtue, and showed by every means in his power the regret that he felt for her loss, and for that of the Iroquois who believed their people to be dead. Thus the whole stratagem which the devil seemed to have invented solely to disturb the minds of the savages, and to prevent the good results of Monseigneur the Bishop's visit, served but to make the virtue of our new Christians shine more brightly, and to increase the esteem in which this Mission is justly held.

Monsieur the intendant conceived no less an opinion of it during a visit which he paid there shortly afterward. That illustrious minister of His Majesty, whose coming has been so fortunate for New France and who, by his piety, his kindness, his integrity, his anxiety to oblige every one, and his application to business, so worthily fills all his offices, arrived in the town of Montreal on the evening of Saturday, June 20. He at once appointed a day to visit our Savages at la Prairie, whither, in fact, he proceeded on the following Saturday, accompanied by Monsieur Dambrant, his eldest son; Monsieur Perrot, governor of Montreal; and over fifty of the most notable persons of the country, among whom was Monsieur the curé of Montreal.

As our Savages are under obligation to that worthy intendant for a fine piece of land, a league and a half in extent,⁵¹—which he granted them because that