

Decrees of the Council of Marine respecting the
Christian Savages in Canada, April 1, 1716.

PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE IROQUOIS SAVAGES OF
THE MISSION OF SAULT ST. LOUIS.

THERE is an Iroquois mission on the other side of the river, two leagues above Montréal, under the direction of the Jesuits; it may contain about 200 warriors.

On the 7th of November, 1715, Monsieur Begon wrote that Father Cholenec,¹ the missionary of these savages, represented in 1714 to Monsieur The Marquis de Vaudreuil and to him that these savages could no longer remain in their village, because the soil was exhausted and the woods too far away; and that it was absolutely necessary for them to settle elsewhere. (As the savages cultivate nothing but indian corn, which greatly impoverishes the soil, their lands cannot last them long.)

They are determined to transport their village two leagues farther up on the river St. Lawrence, on the same side as that on which they now are.

This missionary came down to Québec to ascertain whether any funds had been ordered for the purpose, and informed Monsieur Begon that the english, with whom these savages frequently go to trade, and the Iroquois of the five nations attached to the english, have done all they could this year, either by presents or by threats to attract all the savages