

a nephew, in the autumn of 1731, succeeded in reaching Rainy Lake; and the next year, the Lake of the Woods, and year after year they pushed westward, until two of his sons in January, 1743, were the first Frenchmen to reach the Rocky Mountains.¹

OJIBWAYS FOLLOW THE FRENCH.

Until after 1736, the Ojibways did not have any foothold west of Lake Superior.

There is extant a statement of the position of the tribes of Lake Superior and vicinity in 1736, which that year was prepared at Mackinaw.²

LAKE SUPERIOR OJIBWAYS, 1736.

At the *Saut St. Marie* were the Sauteurs (Ojibways) to the number of thirty men, they were in two divisions, and had for a device the Crane and the Catfish.

At *Kiouanau* (Keweenaw) were forty Sauteurs, with the device of the Crane and the Stag.

At *Point Chagouamigon* there were one hundred and fifty Sauteurs.

¹ Sulte, in an article in *Nouvelles Soirees Canadiennes* for January, 1884, published at Montreal, mentions that this name is spelled in documents in fourteen different ways, among others Veranderie, Verandrie, Verendrie, Verenderie, and Verendrye. He also gives the extract from the parish register of Three Rivers as to the baptism of this explorer. Freely translated it reads "The 18th day of November, 1684, by me F. G. de Brullon, cure of the parish church Notre Dame of Three Rivers has been baptised in said church, Pierre Gaultier, son of René Gaultier Esquire, the Sieur de Varenne and Governor of Three Rivers, and Marie Boucher, his wife. The infant was born on the 17th of November. His godfather was Pierre Boucher his grandfather, in the place of his son Lambert, and the godmother was Magdeleine Gaultier his sister.

Véranderie's brother Louis was in 1689 an ensign in Canada. In the register of Varennes in 1702, 1704, 1707, the name of the explorer appears as Pierre Gauthier de Varennes, Sieur de "Boumois." In a document of 1707 he is called Sieur de Boumois de la Veranderie. After this he went to Europe, and was on Sept. 11, 1709, at the battle of Malplaquet. Returning to Canada he was married at Quebec, October 29, 1712, to Anne Dandonneau.

² N. Y. Col. Doc. vol. ix.