

whose party went along that river, and built in 1752 Fort Jonquiere, toward the Rocky Mountains. The Christenau burned down Fort La Reine on the Assineboine River, and attempted to kill Saint Pierre.

Marquis Du Quesne, Governor of Canada, recalled Saint Pierre, and sent him to the forests of Pennsylvania. St. Luc de la Corne then took charge of the posts beyond Lake Superior.¹

FRENCH POSTS WEST OF LAKE SUPERIOR.

Bougainville, an Aide de Camp of General Montcalm, in a memoir on the state of Canada, published in 1757, gives a good account of the posts west of Lake Superior. He writes: "La Mer d'Ouest is a post that includes the Forts St. Pierre, St. Charles, Bourbon, de la Reine, and Dauphin, Poskoyac, and des Prairies, all of which are built with palisades that can give protection only against Indians." Fort St. Pierre is described as on Rainy Lake; Fort St. Charles as on a peninsula that goes far into the Lake of the Woods; Fort Bourbon, 150 leagues from Fort St. Charles, at the entrance of the Poskoyac or Saskatchewan into Lake Winnipeg. Fort La Reine was on the right bank of the Assineboine River, 60 leagues from Fort Bourbon; Fort Dauphin 80 leagues from La Reine. Fort Poskoyac was

¹ La Corne was at Ticonderoga, and at Quebec in the battles with the British. During the American war for independence he was with the Indian allies of the British, at the battle of Saratoga. In a letter of Thomas Jefferson's dated Oct. 11, 1775, published for the first time, in Nov. 1868, in Dawson's *Historical Magazine*, he alludes to La Corne in these words: "This St. Luc is a great Seigneur amongst the Canadians, and almost absolute with the Indians, he has been our most bitter enemy, and is acknowledged to be the greatest of all scoundrels: to be assured of this I need only mention to you that he is the ruffian, who, when during the late war Fort William Henry was surrendered to the French and Indians, on condition of saving the lives of the garrison, had every soul murdered in cold blood."

St. Luc on Sept. 3, 1757, married Marie Joseph Gaultier, the widow of Le-gardeur de St. Pierre.