

was expected to arrive at that fort at a certain time with a large supply of money for public purposes. So De Langlade took a proper number with him, and among them a French officer who had a little dog along, and they ambuscaded the road upon which the expected prize was to pass. It was good sleighing in winter. At length the small English foot guard preceding the sleigh passed the ambuscade; and soon the sleigh passed by De Langlade who rushed out in the rear of the sleigh, when the French officer was to head the team, but his dog gave the alarm a little too soon, when the English officer suspecting some trap set for him, instantly turned his horses about and commenced retracing his trail, when De Langlade dashed behind, seized hold of the back part of the sleigh; but the officer within, used his whip freely upon his horses, and at the same time drew his pistol, when De Langlade snatched it before he could use it, and then the Englishman used his whip so nimbly and alternately upon his horses and upon De Langlade, that the latter finally gave up any further attempt, and thus lost the much coveted prize. The pistol was his only trophy. To the premature barking of the little dog, he attributed the miscarriage of his scheme; and he used to repeat, with great pleasantry, the incident of his whipping and the exciting race. The English foot-guard were captured. My grandfather, after the war, frequently met this English officer in Canada, and they would rehearse the exploit with much good feeling.

The year 1757, M. De Langlade was employed in Canada, and served under Montcalm in the capture of Fort William Henry at the head of Lake George. At the close of the campaign, he received the following order:

"PIERRE RIGAUD DE VAUDREUIL, *Governor and Lieutenant-General for the King of all the Country of New France and Louisiana*:—

"We order the Sieur Langlade, Ensign of the Troops, detached from the Marine, to start from this city immediately for the post of Michilimackinac, there to serve in the capacity of second in command under the orders of M. De Beaujeu, Commandant at that post.

"Done at Montreal, Sept. 8th, 1757.

VAUDREUIL."