

having seen him; but he was many years engaged in the Indian trade, and finally retired to Lachine, near Montreal, his native region, where he had a fine property, and died there about 1800 to 1805. He had three sons in this country, Joseph, Dominick, and Paul—the former of whom, I remember, went to Lachine to settle his father's estate; and Paul Ducharme yet survives, at about eighty years of age. I have heard that, about 1782, Jean Marie Ducharme once left Mackinaw on a trading expedition, without obtaining the necessary written license or permission from Lieut. Gov. Sinclair, who, on his return, required him, for his disobedience, to provide fifteen hundred bundles of wild hay, weighing some fifteen pounds to the bundle, for the King's public supplies, and paid the penalty. About the same time, one St. Paul De La Croix, a trader, also departed on a trading voyage without permission, and, like Ducharme, was directed to pay the same penalty, for disobedience of a well-known order. But De La Croix, who was rather a hard case to manage, said that the King lived over the ocean, and he didn't believe he needed any hay; if he thought he really stood in need of any, he would procure some for him; but as it was, he shouldn't get any. Sinclair could not, or did not, enforce the fine. I can only further say of Jean Marie Ducharme, that he had a brother Dominick Ducharme, and a cousin Laurent Ducharme, the latter of whom was at Mackinaw when surprised in 1763, and both were many years engaged in the Indian trade in the North-West.*

*Of Ducharme and his expedition, by a visit to the venerable Paul Ducharme, of Green Bay, we are enabled to add the following interesting particulars. Mr. Ducharme stated that he himself was a native of Lachine, Canada, and has attained the age of about eighty-seven years; that he came to Green Bay when he was twenty-four years of age, as a clerk for his brother, Dominick Ducharme, an Indian trader, and has ever since, for a period of about sixty-three years, remained in the country. That his father, Jean Marie Ducharme, was residing at Lachine when the Americans invaded Canada in 1775-76, and they endeavored to persuade him to take part with them in the contest then waging against the mother country, but he deemed it best to maintain neutrality; that the Americans, while in Canada, were scantily supplied with provisions, but would never plunder, not even chickens; that they