

The next day we crossed over to the Folles Avoinnes,* in order to entice the inhabitants to come and oppose our landing; they fell into the trap, and were entirely defeated.† The following day we camped at the mouth of a river called La Gasparde. Our savages went into the woods, but soon returned bringing with them several roebucks. This species of game is very common at this place, and we were enabled to lay in several days provisions of it.

About mid-day, on the 17th, we were ordered to halt until evening, in order that we might reach the post at the Bay during the night, as we wished to surprise the enemy, whom we knew were staying with their allies, the Saquis, whose village lies near Fort St. Francis. At twilight we commenced our march, and about midnight we arrived at the mouth of Fox River, at which point our fort is built. As soon as we had arrived there, M. De Lignery sent some Frenchmen to the commandant to ascertain if the enemy were really at the village of the Saquis; and having learned that we ought still to find them there, he caused all the savages and a detachment of French troops to cross over the river, in order to surround the habitation, and then ordered the rest of our troops to enter the village. Notwithstanding the precautions that had been taken to conceal our arrival, the savages had received information of it, and all had escaped with the exception of four; these were presented to our savages, who after having diverted themselves with them, shot them to death with their arrows.

I was much pained to witness this horrible spectacle; and the pleasure which our savages took in making those unfortunate persons suffer, causing them to undergo the horrors of thirty deaths before depriving them of life. I could not make this accord with the manner in which they had appeared to think some days before. I would willingly have asked them if they did not perceive, as I did, this opposition of sentiment,

*Wild Rice people, or Menomonees.

†In Garneau's *History of Canada*, translated by Bell, we have this statement: "The army passed Michillimaciac August 1st, and that day fortnight, reached Chicago [Green Bay?]; and Aug. 15th, a body of Folles Avoinnes were found drawn up in battle array, on the lake-board, having made common cause with the Outagamies. They were encountered and signally beaten."