

of the Wisconsin River, about twenty miles above its mouth, and probably not far from the present village of Wauzeka. Marin was unwilling that they should remain here, where they could still obstruct his great thoroughfare and collecting his tried and trusted band of French and Indians, he made a distant winter expedition against them. The Foxes were taken completely by surprise; and surrounding the place with his followers, Marin came suddenly upon them, killed twenty warriors, and took all the others prisoners, together with the women and children. Having fully conquered the Foxes, and having the last remnant of them in his power, Marin gave them their freedom; but required them to retire beyond the Mississippi, which they did.

The date of the final expulsion of the Foxes from Wisconsin, is involved in some obscurity; but the little light which can now be obtained, appears to fix that event in the year of 1746. For thirty years or more the war between the French and the Foxes, with their allies, had been kept up in the heart of Wisconsin, with more or less continuity, and with a determination and animosity rarely if ever equalled.

No apology can be necessary for the time devoted to the detail of the incidents of this long war, which forms so interesting a portion of Wisconsin's primeval history.

At the time of the final expulsion of the Foxes, the village of their allies the Sauks, was on the east side of the Fox River, near the present site of Green Bay, where they had until that time demeaned themselves well. About that time a difficulty arose between the French and the Sauks, which resulted in the shooting by Capt. De Velie or De Villiers, who had been in command of the garrison, of three of the Sauk chiefs, and the shooting of the Captain in return, by a young Sauk, only twelve years old, named Black Bird, who subsequently became a distinguished chief among his people.

The garrison being reinforced and joined by the French settlers under the lead of Charles de Langlade, attacked the Sauk nation at their village, where a severe battle occurred, in which several were killed on both sides, and the Sauks driven away.

The Sauks now retired to the Wisconsin River, and located upon