

When the loaves were baked, they were sent to the Irroquois; but a Huron woman who had an Irroquois husband knew the secret, and warned her son not to eat any of the bread, because it had been poisoned. The son immediately warned the Irroquois; they threw the bread to their dogs, who died after eating it. They needed no more to assure them of the conspiracy against them, and determined to go away without provisions. They concluded to divide their forces into two parties; one of these embarked from that place, and were defeated by the Saulteurs, Missisakis, and people of the Otter tribe (who are called in their own tongue Mikikoüet), but few of the Irroquois escaping. The main force pushed farther on, and soon found themselves among the buffaloes. If the Outaouas had been as courageous as the Hurons, and had pursued the enemy, they could without doubt have defeated them, considering their slender supply of food. But the Irroquois, when they had secured abundance of provisions, steadily advanced until they encountered a small Illinoët village; they killed the women and children therein, for the men fled toward their own people, who were not very far from that place.¹ The Illinoëts immediately assembled their forces, and hastened after the Irroquois, who had no suspicion of an enemy; attacking them after nightfall, the Illinoëts gained the advantage and slew many of them. Other Illinoët villages, who were hunting in that vicinity, having learned what had occurred, hastened to find their tribesmen, who undertook to deal a blow at the Irroquois. Assembling their warriors, they made a hasty march, surprised the enemy, and utterly defeated them in battle; for there were very few of the Irroquois who returned to their own villages. This was the first acquaintance of the Illinoëts with the Irroquois; it proved baneful to them, but they have well avenged themselves for it.—Perrot's *Mémoire*, pp. 80-83.

¹ Missisakis: an earlier form of Missisaguas—an Algonquian tribe resident on the north shore of Lake Huron, and later forming villages in the peninsula between that lake and Lakes Erie and Ontario. Mikikouets: probably the same as the Algonquian Nikikouets, occasionally mentioned in the *Jesuit Relations*; located near the Missisaguas. Illinoëts: the Illinois tribes.—Ed.