

1656-62: THE OTTAWAS AND HURONS FLEE TO WISCONSIN;
HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THEM AND THE SIOUX.[From Perrot's *Mémoire*.]

The Flemish Bastard¹ carried away [from the vicinity of Montreal] several Huron prisoners; he caused their fingers to be burned, without any opposition on the part of the French, but spared their lives after he had taken them to his own village. The Hurons never forgot the way in which we abandoned them, on that occasion, to the pleasure of their enemies. They will, moreover, always remember how little effort the French made to oppose the Irroquois when the latter, in time of peace [May, 1656], carried away the Hurons who dwelt on Orleans Island, and made them pass in canoes before Quebec and Three Rivers—meanwhile compelling them to sing, in order to increase their mortification. But since then the Outaouas have, in revenge, sought every opportunity to betray the French, at the same time pretending to be their devoted friends; they treat the French thus through policy and through fear, for they do not trust any people, as the reader will learn from the circumstances narrated in this Memoir.

When all the Outaouas were dispersed toward the great lakes, the Saulters and the Mississakis fled northward, and finally to Kionconan [Keweenaw], for lack of game. Then the Outaouas, fearing that they were not strong enough to repel the incursions of the Irroquois, who had gained information of the place in which the former had established themselves, sought

¹ Thus named by the French; the son of a Dutchman and a Mohawk woman; his mother's tribe chose him as one of its chiefs. He was long a prominent figure in the hostilities waged by the Iroquois against the French and Algonkins. In 1666, he came to Quebec to negotiate for peace; this was secured for the time, but was soon broken; and Tracy and Courcelles led an expedition against the Mohawks, which laid their country waste. Overwhelmed by this blow, they sent the Flemish Bastard to Quebec to sue for peace, which was then established. The Bastard, with many of his tribesmen, even removed their families and abodes to Canada, and settled near Montreal. See Perrot's *Mémoire*, pp. 111-114, 228.—*Jes. Relations*, xxxv. p. 292.