

but they could not tell why. Thereupon we may recall that Reuben had four sons: Henech, Phallu, Hesron, and Chormi. How could the Savages have given the river the name of Essolon, if they had never heard of it? It is not likely that this was done by accident, but rather because it was the custom of the Jews to bear the names of their estates, or to give their own names to property of which they were in possession.

The Outaouois and Hurons wear their hair very short, because they say that thereby it gives a slighter hold to their enemies. They leave a lock at the top of the head, as do the Mahometans. In all important matters the Hurons speak almost only in the name of Sataresky, as if he were their true King. The Outaouas are not jealous of their wives; the Hurons are still less so, and they are absolute mistresses, so that the men do hardly anything without their consent.

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The Hurons are friends of the Outaouois solely through necessity, since they are the weaker, to such an extent have the others killed and ill-treated them. They usually war against the Iroquois, the Sioux, and the Southern nations beyond the Illinois.

Now we shall see what nations are around lake Michigan, which lies contiguous to and joins lake Huron. As I have drawn the map of all these lakes, which in truth form but one, and have indicated the distances from one point to another, I consider that it is unnecessary to repeat them here.

I will merely begin at the Beaver Islands [*Isles du Castor*], where some families have their cabins and fields of Indian corn.

The island of the Pouës<sup>1</sup> is still inhabited by the Pouteatamis; we call them the Pouës, because the first syllable of their name is so pronounced. This is a very warlike nation, very hostile to the Iroquois, and frequently inflicts severe blows on them. They have no regard for any one, although they are less numerous than many other nations. Their island abounds in grain, and the climate is very temperate.

<sup>1</sup>Washington Island, near the entrance to Green Bay. The Beaver Islands are in the northern part of Lake Michigan, south of Mackinac county, Michigan, of which they form part.—Ed.