

Ste. elene,<sup>1</sup> which is seven leagues in length and not very Wide, as one sees the land on either side. This lake Is well filled with Fish, especially with Whitefish, but these are not as good as those at michelimaquinac. Before reaching this lake, you come to the peninsula where the renards were defeated by treachery.

I have forgotten to report the Numbers of the nations at destroit. The hurons count one hundred men; The poux 180 men; The outaouacs about one hundred men and a great many women. Twelve Leagues from the fort of destroit, always ascending The River, you will find the misisaguez Savages, who dwell on a beautiful island where they have cleared some land. They number about 60 or 80 men. Their Language is like The outaouac, with but little difference. Their customs are The Same, and they are very industrious. All these nations make a great many bark canoes, which Are very profitable for Them. They do this Sort of work in the summer. The women sew these canoes with Roots; The men cut and shape the bark and make the gunwales, cross-pieces, and ribs; the women gum Them. It is no small labor to make a canoe, in which there is much symmetry and measurement; and it is a curious sight.<sup>2</sup> Eight Leagues farther is The entrance of lake huron which is fully as large as lake heriée. Thirty leagues into lake huron, in a westerly direction on the route toward Michelimaquinac, you find the Saguinan, where are Settled some outaouacs, amounting to fully 60 men. They are on the islands at the entrance to the bay of Saguinan, where they have their villages and cultivate their lands, on which they raise grain. When they are not at war with the other nations they raise crops on the mainland, but they always till the land in both places for fear that their supply of food may fail. Their land is very fertile. Game of all sorts Is abundant, and fish

---

<sup>1</sup> Apparently a copyist's error for Ste. Claire. The peninsula mentioned at the end of this paragraph is identified on p. 283, note 2, *ante*.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> See Hoffman's description (with illustrations) of the process of canoe-making among the Menomonee Indians, in *U. S. Bur. Ethnol. Rep.*, 1892-93, pp. 291-295.—Ed.