

1718: CONFERENCE OF WESTERN INDIANS WITH GOVERNOR  
VAUDREUIL, AT MONTREAL.

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There is no warlike movement among the nations of the upper country; and everything has been quiet there since the expedition Made in 1716 against the Renards—except among the Kikapous and the Maskoutins, who have continued the war against the Illinois, against whom they have made incursions, as the Illinois have against them.

The Renards, although they are allies of the Kikapous and Maskoutins, far from taking any part in this war, have shown that they Are disposed to maintain peace with all the nations who Are allied with us. For, in spite of their fear of being ill received on coming here, Because they were not able to fulfil all the conditions of the treaty made with them by Monsieur de Louvigny, they nevertheless sent Five of their principal chiefs, accompanied by some others of their people, who arrived at Montreal on July 20th last, under the conduct of Maurice Mesnard and Pierre Reaume, Interpreters. Three Saki chiefs arrived at the same time; and next day those of the sauteurs of Chagouamigon and of Keouécouenan on lake Superior arrived also, with Sieur de St. Pierre, who conducted them. Sieur de Vincennes had arrived on the 19th, with the principal chief of the Miamis and three of the Ouyatanons.

A few days afterward, having assembled the chiefs of the nations of the upper country who were at Montreal, And Those of the savages at Sault St. Louis, at Sault aux Récolets, and at bout de l'Isle, I gave audience to the Renard Chiefs, who said that they were sent in behalf of Onechala of Kiuetonan and of all the other chiefs of their Village, by the Road which Pemoussa had made for them, to Beg me to take pity on Them. They confessed that it was owing to Monsieur de Louvigny that they still saw the light of day, and that they had not yet recovered from the fear which he had caused them when he had come among them. They added that they hoped I would be touched with compassion for their misery, and would not