

## French Regime in Wisconsin

It is then a question of encouraging this establishment, which is an important place because of all the nations around, and of the routes of communication with the Illinois. In order to accomplish this, the government should be arranged with a staff officer, five or six companies complete with officers and soldiers, and give to each captain, and even to the subalterns a seigniorship of ninety arpents depth by a league in front, and oblige each soldier to take land on the seigniorship of his captain or officer, who will give each a domain or fief, and then in order to establish and cultivate the lands more quickly, they should be divided into companies of a dozen soldiers with a sergeant to guide them, and make them work together a week on each plot of an arpent and a half by thirty in depth, so that they are near together. By this means the lazy will be obliged to employ themselves as the others, since they work in common, and this was formerly the method of the famous Republic of Sparta. The officers would be interested to follow closely their soldiers that they might not lose time, and even would have built for them small houses, and when each soldier married would give him a cow and a sheep, a pair of oxen with a plow and other necessary utensils for work, and cooking utensils. The oxen would be only lent to them, they would return them to the king when they had reared others, and the former were only fit for the butcher. For this purpose the companies must be permanent; for if they changed, the soldiers would not be attached to anything. Those who marry must be replaced, so that the companies may be full, and then, as much as possible in choosing among the other companies, with those willing to serve.

It should be remarked that the habitants of Detroit can rear as many animals as they wish, because of the abundance of the pasturage, and the beauty of the climate. Thus in giving attention to the establishment of Detroit there would arise great advantages. This government would soon be in a condition to furnish the posts of Niagara, Frontenac, la Presentation, and others in the region of the Belle River with flour