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FINAL CONFLICT FOR ACADIA

The Maliseets at Halifax.-Their Reputation as Warriors-The Indians Hounded on by the French.-End of the Struggle.

On the 12th day of August in the year 1749 Francois Arodowish, Simon Sacatawino and Jean Baptiste Maddouanhook, deputies of the St. John river and Passamaquoddy Indians, arrived at Halifax in the warship Albany, Capt. Rous, to pay their respects to the new governor, Hon. Edward Cornwallis, and to agree upon "articles of a lasting

Great must have been the wonder of these Halifax at the bustling scene displayed before their eyes. A colony of some two thousand five hundred persons had settled themselves on a spot heretofore almost uninhabited, and a town was rising as if by magic from the soil which less than eight weeks before had been covered by a dense forest. The sound of the axe, hammer and saw were heard on every hand.

Two days after their arrival the Indians were received on board the Beaufort man of war by his excellency the governor, and the entire council. The Indians announced that they were present in obedience to his excellency's orders; that they came from Aukpaque, Medoctec and Passamaquoddy; that their respective chiefs were Francois de Salle of Octpagh, Noellobig of Medoctec, and Neptune Abbadonallete of Passamaquoddy.

The governor having expressed his willingness to enter into treaty with all the Indians, and especially with those of the river St. John, enquired if the deputies were impowered by their chiefs to make a treaty. The Indians replied that they had come for that purpose: that they had a copy of the treaty made with their tribes in 1726 and wished to renew it.

After some further negotiation the treaty was engrossed on parchment and signed by the Indians; eleven members of the council appending their signatures as witnesses. Each Indian appended his totem or private | Maliseets and Micmacs to make peace with mark to his signature.*

A few days later the Indians returned with the following document:-

bucto, the 15th of August, 1749, with His Excellency Edward Cornwallis, Esq., Capt. General, Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's province of Nova Scotia or Accadie, and signed by our deputies, having been communicated to us by Edward How, Esq., one of His Majesty's council for said province, and faithfully interpreted to us by Madame de Bellisle, inhabitant of this river, nominated by us for that purpose; we the chiefs and captains of the river St. Johns and places adjacent do for ourselves and our different tribes confirm and ratify the same to all intents and purposes. Given under our hands at the river St. Johns, this 4th day of September, 1749.

Indians and promised further favors if they remained tranquil. The colonial authorities in England wrote to Governor Cornwallis in reply to a letter received from him about

the St. John river have so willingly submitted to His Majesty's government and renewed their treaty and as they are the most powerful in those parts we hope their example may either awe or influence other inferior tribes to the like compliance."

much upon the treaty since in his next letter | Father Germain, who had been Le Loutre's to the Lords of Trade and Plantations he says "I intend if possible to keep up a good correspondence with the St. John's Indians, The capture of Beausejour was followed by a warlike people, tho' treaties with Indians are nothing, nothing but force will prevail."

themselves would have remained quiet but this was not the intention of the French. The crowns of England and France were at peace it is true but the ascending of the English in Acadia was viewed with a jealous eye, and it was thought their position might be weakened by stirring up the Indians to attack their frontiers. The French were particularly irritated at the establishment of a British post at Halifax in which they saw a formiable rival to their own strongholds of Louisbourg. If combined attacks of the savages could be made to render the post at Halifax untenable they would have been more than pleased. The employment of the Indians against the English was cordially approved by the French ministry and the Governor of Quebec. Parkman adduces ample documentary evidence to establish this fact in his chapter on the Conflict for Acadia in Vol. 1. "Montealm and Wolfe." In carrying out their policy the French authorities relied on the efforts of Le Loutre, Germain and other missionaries as the sequel shows not in vain. Through their united efforts the Maliseets were led to speedily violate the treaty they had made and to unite with the micmac in acts of hostility against the English.

It was some little time before Cornwallis discovered who were the real promoters of this Indian uprising and when he did so he

*A fac simile of this old treaty at the moment of writing lies before me. W. O. R. use it.

was highly indignant. In a conciliatory letter to the French Acadians he refers to certain agents and missionaries sent from Canada as the cause of all the trouble. "Their conduct." he says, "has been horrible, without honor, probity or conscience. . . . It was these gentlemen who induced the savages of the river St. John to unite with the Micmacs the day after a solemn treaty . . Since the peace they have been engaged in intrigues and enterprises for which an honest man would have blushed even during the

The Governor of Quebec had written to the French minister, Oct 9, 1749:- 'It will be the missionaries who will manage all the negotiations, and direct the movements children of the forest on their arrival at of the savages, who are in excellent hands as the Reverend Father Germain and Monsieur l'Abbe Le Loutre are very capable of making the most of them, and using them to the greatest advantage to our interests."

The Indians in consequence of French machinations became very troublesome and murdered many harmless settlers.

When Count Raymond took command at Louisbourg he was counselled by the King of France himself to excite the missionaries not to slacken their efforts in instigating the savages to destroy the English settlers, at the same time they were to be careful not to compromise themselves with the English seeing that France and England were now at peace. The Maliseets did not enter very enthusiastically into the fray, and the French governor in April 1752, complained "that it was very difficult to keep them from making peace with the English, though Father Germain was doing his best to keep them on

In the year 1754 however, they appear to have been fairly active. Le Loutre in a letter written at Beausejour the 27th August in that year mentions the presence there of "Toubick, chief of the Medocteck savages of the river St. John."

The Marquis Duquesnes in the autumn of the same year wrote from Quebec to thank Litany every alternate Wednesday 7.30 p. m. Le Loutre for his exertions. "We should never permit," he says, "our Abenakis, the English. I regard these savages as the mainstay of the colony and in order to keep Capt. How to the St. John river. The treaty alive the spirit of hatred and revenge we was duly ratified and thirteen chiefs signed must remove every occasion of allowing it to be bribed." He further assures Le Loutre "The articles of peace concluded at Chethat the present condition of Canada demands that they should strike without delay, but the order to do so must not appear to

come from him.

The bishop of Quebec, however, did not approve of this intermingling of politics and religion, and about this time he wrote Le Loutre: "I reminded you a long time ago that a priest ought not to meddle with temporal affairs." In spite of the repeated remonstrances of his bishop, he continued for more than ten years to promote the bitterest hostility between the Indians and the English. In the course of this warfare the Capt. How distributed presents among the feeling was so intense that rewards were offered for scalps on both sides. The capture of Fort Beausejour by Colonel Monckton, in 1755, was a fatal blow to the schemes of Le Loutre. Upon beholding the destruction of all his cherished plans he fled by way of the "We are glad to find that the Indians of river St. John to Quebec. But even then ill fortune continued to attend him, for on his way to France he was soon afterward captured by the English and confined for eight years in Elizabeth Castle on the Island of Jersey. When he emerged from his prison, Quebec had fallen and the empire of France Cornwallis however did not build very in North America had departed forever. agent in dealing with the Maliseets, also fled to Quebec, but we shall hear of him again. removal of the unfortunate Acadians from Grand Pre' and other settlements by Col. Very probably the Maliseets if left to John Winslow, who it is said found his duty one for which he he had little liking. Large numbers who escaped from Winslow's men fled in dismay to the St. John river. Governor Shirley in several of his letters to the governor of Nova Scotia strongly urges the removal of the fugitive from the St. John. He seems to have been rather mixed in his ideas of the geography of that locality, for after stating that the French settlement is 30 leagues up the river, he adds "that the shoal water begins there at about two leagues below the old Indian town called Maducteek which is situated at or near the portage between the rivers St. John and Patcotyeak.'

The Acadians on the St. John river were many of them removed by Col. Monckton and Col. Arbuthnot. A few remained at various points, however, and their descendants are quite numerous at the present day in the county of Madawaska. The Maliseets were more or less engaged in the "old French war," which was terminated by the treaty of Paris in 1763. Their field of operations was a wide one, now with Boishebert on the St. John, now at Chignecto, again with Montcalm at Crown Point and Quebec. Some of them in all probability were witnesses of the capture of Quebec in 1759, and with it beheld the downfall of French power in North

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