

emigration from the St. Lawrence to Western Canada. The ships of the first discoverer of Canada (Cartier), were first seen by the Delaware Indians, whom the Wyandotts had sent from about Quebec to the Gulf coast, to look out for the strangers and guard the shores. One day, the "coast guard" observed several objects appearing, one after another, like sea gulls, as they were scanning the gulf far as the eye could reach, and which seemed, gradually, to increase in size, as the strange objects came on toward them, and after a while, the spread sails and dark hulls came in full view filling the Indians with wonder. The Delaware messengers sent to the first Wyandott village to inform them of this; represented the ships as some great dark animals, with broad, white wings—spitting out fire!\* and uttering the voice of thunder.

The Indians on the St. Lawrence had heard, before this, of there being some "great, dark body and white winged animals," seen north east and south of them, passing over the "big-waters."

From traditional accounts, the Wyandotts once inhabited a country north-eastward from the mouth of the St. Lawrence, or somewhere along the gulf coast, before they ever met with the French, or any European adventurers.

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\*"Spitting out fire, and uttering the voice of thunder" was the firing of cannons on board the ships, at night fall