

the constant attacks of the Iroquois almost rendered impossible all residence in that locality, several miles removed from the forts. The nearest was that of St. Annes, erected in 1683, on the fief Bellevue, some few arpents above the church of the present day. The redoubt of Pointe Claire was built only at the beginning of last century. The Fort La Presentation, at Dorval, was too far removed to protect the settlers, not only of Pointe Claire or Beaurepaire, but even those of Grand'Anse. The land register and old deeds show that all the lands west of Fort La Presentation to Grand'Anse, were conceded at the same time as those of Lachine, that is to say, from 1666 to 1685, whilst those of Grand'Anse, and all Pointe Claire, to the limit of Ste. Annes (Telephore Madore), were only conceded in 1698 and after. Only six or seven concessions are to be found previous to this, the oldest of which is without doubt that of May 18th, 1678, in favor of Jean Guenet, but no possession in earnest took place till the end of the 17th century (1).

JEAN GUENET.

Guenet or Quenet contracted marriage at Montreal in 1675. Being a merchant, he indulged in scouring the woods, thereby incurring in 1680 a penalty of 2000 livres "for having been in " the depths of the woods trafficking skins with the distant " savage tribes." Jug. et Dél., vol. 2, p. 435. The penalty was heavy, but a better example was to be expected on the part of a prominent citizen. Guenet, moreover, was doing a good business. As far back as 1677, he was one of the head suppliers of Montreal. In 1677, Mgr. Laval was notified by M. Dudouyt that "Guenet has been paid what was due him of o'd, namely " 4,739 l. 19 s. whereof Father Ragueneau paid 1,739 l. 19 s. and " myself 3,000 l. We still owe him this year's supplies, amount- " ing, as you will see, by the invoice, to 1,750 l. " *Canadian Archives, Report of Douglas Bremner for 1885*, p. CXXX (2).

Guenet was also comptroller of the King's farms and perceptor

(1) Although he was residing in the parish of St. Louis, probably on fief Bellevue, as early as 1681. On the 4th of November, 1681, Clémence, daughter of Jean Guenet, "laboureur, habitant du bout de l'Isle de Montréal", was baptised at Lachine.

(2) Guenet was in France on the 4th of November, 1681, undoubtedly looking after his importations. *Register of Lachine*.