

ably considered but delay ensued in carrying out the project, by the hostility of the Renards, who had killed several Frenchmen, and also refused to allow traders to pass to the Sioux through their country. De Lignery was therefore dispatched, in 1726, to confer with the tribes near Green Bay, and on the seventh of June made a treaty with the chiefs of the Renards (Foxes), Sakis (Sawks) and Puans (Winnebagoes).

The way now being opened, a company to trade with the Sioux was formed, and among the associates were Jean Baptiste Boucher, the Sieur de Montbrun, Francois Boucher de Montbrun, and Francois Campeau. Campeau was a blacksmith and armorer and in the articles of agreement it was provided that upon the payment of four hundred livres in coin or peltries he could work for any who might wish his services.

The commandant appointed to conduct the expedition was René Boucher, the Sieur de la Perrière,¹ and a relative of two of the trading company. The chaplains attached were the Jesuits Louis Ignatius Guignas and De Honor. They left Montreal on the sixteenth of June, 1727, and on the seventeenth of September reached the enlargement of the Mississippi, the picturesque Lake Pepin. Immediately René Boucher, the Sieur de la Perrière, selected a site upon a low point, about the middle of the lake shore, opposite Maiden's Rock and ordered the erection of a stockade of pickets, each twelve feet in length, forming a square of one hundred feet, with two bastions. Within the enclosure was a log house for the commandant, a residence for the missionaries, and a storehouse,² all of which by the last

1. The Boucher family was one of the most distinguished in Canada.

Children of Gaspard, the immigrant:

Pierre, governor of Three Rivers.

Marie, wife of Stephen Pepin.

Children of Pierre of Three Rivers:

Pierre, born A. D. 1653.

Marie, " " 1655; married René Gualtier Varennes.

Jean, " " 1667; Sieur Montbrun.

Rene, " " 1668; " de la Perrière.

J. Baptiste, " " 1673; " de Niverville.

Children of René:

Tanguay gives as children of René:

René, born Jan. 10, 1699.

Jean Baptiste, born Aug. 10, 1700.

François, born July 14, 1704.

2 The houses were all sixteen feet in width. One was twenty-five feet, one thirty feet, and the third, thirty-eight feet long.