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incapable woman, who did not know how to fend for herself. Her case soon became desperate, as she saw herself and her children facing ruin. La Tour tormented her until she restored to him Fort St. John. Finally, in desperation, she consented to marry her enemy, her former husband having been dead about three years. She seems to have done what she did in the interests of her children. But even then they were poorly protected. The four boys were finally killed in the wars, and the girls became nuns. Thus Charnisay left no heirs to carry on his name in the new world to which he had given such prodigious labors.

One wonders what thoughts coursed through the mind of La Tour, when he married the widow of his foe, for business reasons, and "for the peace and tranquility of the country and concord and union between the two families," as frankly stated in the marriage contract. He could scarcely have admired the soft and yielding Madame Charnisay as he had his former gifted and high-spirited Françoise Marie.

The intrepid spirit of Madame La Tour still seems to haunt the region of St. John.