

PREFACE TO VOL. LXX

Following is a synopsis of the documents contained in this volume:

CCXXIV. Potier's account-book of the Huron mission at Detroit was commenced in Vol. LXXIX., and is now concluded. This second installment begins with La Richardie's "return to the Mission" (in the summer of 1747). The transactions recorded are similar to those for preceding years—sales of goods, payments for work done at the mission, loans given and received, exchanges of accounts, orders for the saying of masses, etc. Women often figure in these memoranda as receiving or selling goods—obviously sharing the business cares and responsibilities of their husbands.

A soldier in the Detroit garrison purchases from the mission, on credit, 400 livres' worth of liquor, probably as part of the supplies requisite for barter with the Indians of that region. La Richardie sends to Montreal, by the Detroit interpreter, a large quantity of "porcelain" (wampum) to be sold there, the proceeds to be paid to the resident factor or agent of the mission, Couagne. A new list of assets and liabilities is begun "with the arrival of the Convoy in 1748." Contracts are made (1748) by the Fathers for more building, the church being enlarged.