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"These things, namely, the tower and parapets, could be moved by main force ; and one was made in such a way that water could not extinguish the fire to be applied to the front of the fort ; and those on the tower could do their duty with some arquebussiers posted there, and thus acting, we should so defend ourselves that they could not approach to extinguish the fire, that we should apply to their pickets. Approving this, they began next morning to construct and prepare said tower and parapets ; and made such progress that these were finished in less than four hours.

"They were expecting the arrival this day of the five hundred men that had been promised, which was, however, doubtful ; not being at the rendezvous, as directed, and as they had promised, our savages were much afflicted. But seeing that they were numerous enough to capture the forts, and for my part, considering delay to be always prejudicial, at least in most cases, I urged them to attack said fort, representing that the enemy, discovering their strength and the effect of our arms, which pierced what was arrow-proof, would barricade and shelter themselves, which indeed, they did very well, for their village was enclosed with strong quadruple palisades of large timber, thirty feet high, interlocked the one with the other, with an interval of not more than half a foot between them ; with galleries in the form of parapets, defended with double pieces of timber, proof against our arquebuses, and on one side they had a pond with a never failing supply of water, from which proceeded a number of gutters which they had laid along the intermediate space, throwing the water without, and rendered it effectual inside, for the purpose of extinguishing fire.

"Such was their mode of fortification and defence, which was much stronger than the villages of the Hurons, and others.

"We advanced then to attack the village ; causing our tower to be carried by two hundred of our strongest men, they placed it within a pike's length in front and I posted on it four arquebussiers, all sheltered from any arrows and stones that might have