

Niagara
Falls

after
which
they come
to Nia-
gara Falls

The Indi-
ans called
Lake
Huron
"Mer
douce"

We can
easily re-
cognize
Lake On-
tario,
Lake Erie
and Nia-
gara Falls
although
this ac-
count is
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ingly
confused
and in-
accurate

arriving at the end of this lake, they come to another fall, where they carry their canoes; beyond this, they enter another very large lake as long, perhaps, as the first. The latter they have visited but very little, they said, and have heard that, at the end of it, there is a sea of which they have not seen the end, nor heard that any one has, but that the water at the point to which they have gone is not salt, but that they are not able to judge of the water beyond, since they have not advanced any farther; that the course of the water is from the west towards the east, and that they do not know whether, beyond the lakes they have seen, there is another watercourse towards the west; that the sun sets on the right of this lake; that is, in my judgment, northwest more or less; and that, at the first lake the water never freezes, which leads me to conclude that the weather there is moderate."

QUOTA-
TION No. 3

Lescarhot in Chapter XXI. page 383, in narrating "what a young Algonquin who has voyaged much on this great lake" related, says:

*Grand-
fime lac
de trois
côts lieues*

"De là ils entrent dedans vn grandissime lac, qui peut contenir quelques trois côts lieues de long. Avançant quelques cent lieues dedans ledict lac, ils rencontrent vne ile qui est fort grande, où au delà de ladicte ile, l'eau est salubre; mais que passât quelques côts lieues plus auant, l'eau est encore plus mauuaise: Arrivant à la fin dudit lac, l'eau est du tout salée: Qu'il y a vn saut qui peut contenir vne lieue de large, d'où il descend vn grandissime courant d'eau dans ledit lac. Que passé ce saut, on ne voit plus de terre, ny d'vn côté ne d'autre, finō vne mer si grāde qu'ils n'en ont point veu la fin, ni ouï dire qu'aucun l'ait veuē: Que le Soleil se couche à main droite dudit lac, & qu'à son entree il y a vne riviere qui va aux *Algoumequins* & l'autre aux *Jroquois*, par où ilz se font la guerre."

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Saut

*Riviere
des Al-
goume-
quins au
grand
lac*