

sea-board, *already tremble with affright*, in view of what his majesty has accomplished here in the interior within seven years. The measures adopted to confine them within narrow limits, (by the taking possession which I have caused to be effected,) do not allow them to spread without subjecting themselves, at the same time, to be treated as usurpers, and to have war waged against them; and this, in truth, is what they seem, by their acts, greatly to fear. They already are aware that the King's name is spread so far abroad among the savages, throughout all those countries, that *he alone* is there regarded by them as the arbiter of peace and war; all detach themselves insensibly from the other Europeans, and with the exception of the Iroquois,\* of which I am not yet assured, we may safely promise ourselves to take up arms whenever we please."

In our next and concluding paper, we shall trace the further efforts of the French colonists to prevent the intrusion of the English into Hudson's Bay, and give a summary sketch of the succeeding events which culminated in the entire transfer of the disputed territory to the crown of England.

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## PERSONAL SKETCHES; OR, REMINISCENCES OF PUBLIC MEN IN CANADA.

THE HONOURABLE F. HINCKS.

The subject of this sketch is now, so far as regards Canada, beyond the reach of flattery or calumny, and we can well afford to draw his character, as read by one who knew him well, without laying ourselves open to the charge of either undue impartiality or hostility. If there be much to blame there is also much to admire, if he had among us many bitter political opponents, he also left many warm friends and admirers. His measures are to be judged by the circumstances which called them forth as well as by the effect they have had upon the prosperity of the country, not from a mere party point of view; and it must also be borne in mind that to him was entrusted the formation of a

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\* A very significant exception; for the Iroquois were, in fact,—and not the King,—as M. Talon asserts, the arbiters of peace or war between the rival colonies.