

account we have of any one having visited the Neuters is the letter of De la Roche Daillon, in 1626, published in Sagard's History. As to Lake Erie, it appears doubtful whether even in 1640 Le Jeune knew of its existence, for he gives a description of the whole lake region, including Lake Superior, without any allusion to it. The first clear account which we have of it is in Lalemant's Relation of 1641, and the first journey through it, of which I have found any mention, is that of two missionaries named Dolier and Galinée, as late as 1670.

When I was examining into the manner in which the probability of ancient Roman history is tested by its internal evidences, I could not help being struck with the uncertainty which would rest upon this accident in our own early annals, if Champlain's original journal had not been preserved. The ominous silence of most of the earlier historians would be held to throw a doubt upon there having ever been any such expedition at all; and the irreconcilable differences in all those who enter into any detail, would appear incompatible with there having been any authentic record to refer to. The special object which the French authorities had in putting forth their version, would appear very suspicious, and would be held, and very justly so, to indicate that the story had been got up to meet the requirements of their policy. And Brodhead's narrative, the only true one, from its giving minute particulars not mentioned elsewhere, and from its divergence from all other accounts, would probably have been looked upon as a pure fabrication of a later age.

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Hennepin, in 1682, says that its western extension (which existed only in imagination) had never been explored.

I will take this opportunity of correcting another error in the appendix to Martin's Bressani. *Lacus Ouëntaronius* is given as one of the names of Ontario on the authority of Ducreux; but Ducreux, in the body of his map, calls it *Lacus Ontario*, and the *Ouëntaronius* in the enlarged "Chorographia Regionis Huronum," in the margin, is evidently Lake Simcoe, which was known by that name (Wentaronk) down to the time of Governor Simcoe.