

tracts" of the parish church registers, dating before and after the Conquest, cites several instances of births, marriages and burials of slaves. Here are a few: "Baptisée Marie Judith, Panis, âgée d'environ 12 ans, appartenant au sieur Préville de cette paroisse": (christened "Marie Judith", Panis, aged about 12, belonging to the Sieur Préville of this Parish.) This is an extract of the registers of the parish of "La Longue Pointe, near Montreal, under date of the 4th November, 1756. A burial certificate taken from the same register under date of March 13, 1755 reads: "Inhumé le corps de Louise, négresse, âgée de 27 ans appartenant à Mr. Deschambeault", (Buried the body of Louise, female negro aged 27 years, belonging to Mr. Deschambeault.)

The old records of the then Criminal Courts offer interesting documents, touching slavery. For instance at Montreal on the night of the 10th to the 11th April, 1734, the slave of Madame de Francheville, a negress, set fire to her mistress' house: it and a good portion of the city was destroyed in consequence. She was tried, found guilty and hanged in June following.

On the 22nd January, 1757, Constant, described as the Panis slave of Monsr. de Saint-Blain, an officer of infantry, was found guilty of a criminal offence and condemned to the stocks on a market day in the public square and to be banished forever from the jurisdiction of Montreal. Apparently a dead loss to the owner, as no compensation is mentioned.

With time and opportunity to pursue researches in the records of Courts of justice, among the minutes of notaries public, etc., of rummaging the archives at Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and Three Rivers, many notes curious and interesting touching slavery under the French Régime would come to light. Tanguay's work, before referred to, contains many proofs that the Indian slaves were by no means all of the Pawnee nation, most of the Indian nations of the Western prairies had representatives among these unfortunate captives. The Sioux were quite largely drawn upon, also the Kansas savages, whose nationality is sometimes recorded in the contemporary church registers