

Two men are enough to navigate a canoe. It can carry about twelve hundred pounds weight. In descending, you run the rapids when they are not too rough; but in going up stream the portage must always be made. The merchandise used for traffic with the Savages consists in tobacco, beads, knives, axes, kettles, awls, shirts, powder, lead, and guns.

Fall of
1681.



From Fort Frontenac M. de La Salle went by way of rivers to the Lake of the Hurons, without passing by Lake Erie. He concealed the powder and lead that he had, as the Iroquois will not have them carried to their enemies the Illinois.

*The great
expedition.*

From Lake Frontenac they went to a river, whence they made a portage to another small river named Taronto. It has six portages and flows into the Lake of the Hurons.

In the Lake of the Hurons there are several islands; among others one that is thirty leagues long. Here is an Ottawa village. There is Indian corn, as everywhere throughout these regions.—From this village to Missilimakinak, eighty leagues. From the Lake of the Hurons they descended into the Lake of the Illinois. From this lake, by making a portage of two leagues or another of one league, one reaches the Teatiqui River, leading

*By way of
the St.
Joseph and
the Kan-
kakee.*

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