

follows:—"The most considerable and best known of all the Indians, as well as the strongest and most powerful. Their country lies between lat. 41 and 44, and extends 70 or 80 leagues from E. to W., from the source of the river of the Iroquois (St. LAWRENCE) to that of Richelieu and Sorél; from the lake of St. Sacrament to the Fall of Niagara; and upwards of 40 leagues from N. to S., viz., from the springhead of the River Agniers to the Ohio, which, together with Pennsylvania, forms the southern boundary. * * * They are divided into several cantons, the five principal of which are the Tsonontonons, Goyogons, Onmontagues, Onnogots, and Agniez. These five nations have each a large village, consisting of mean huts, about 30 leagues from one another, mostly seated along the southern coast of Lake Ontario." The Hurons are "savages inhabiting the country contiguous to the lake of the same name in Canada. Their true name is Y-en dats. The country inhabited by these people at the beginning of the last century, [e.g., 17th], had the Lake Erie to the south, the Lake Huron to the west, and Lake Ontario to the east. It is situated between Lat 42 and 45 N. Here they have a good many cantons or villages, and the whole nation still consists of between 40,000 and 50,000 souls." After speaking of the forests:—"Here are some stones that can be fused into metal, and contain veins of silver. This country is well situated for commerce, whence, by means of the lakes by which it is almost surrounded, it would be an easy matter to push on discoveries even to the extreme parts of North America." A long article is devoted to the Esquimaux, who, in 1759, were in the habit of coming down to lower latitudes than they are wont to do at the present time. They are spoken of with great horror:—"Their name is supposed," the Gazetteer says, "to be originally Esquimantsic, which, in the Albenaquin dialect, signifies eaters of raw flesh, they being almost the only people in those parts that eat it so, though they use also to boil, or dry it in the sun. * * * They hate the Europeans, and are always ready to do them some mischief, so that they will come to the water side, and cut their cables in the night, hoping to see them wrecked upon their coast against the next morning. * * * The Esquimaux are the only natural inhabitants ever seen on the coasts of Newfoundland, who pass thither from the mainland of Labrador, in order to hunt and for the sake of traffic with Europeans. One of their women was brought to England and presented at Court in 1773." [This is