

the sassafras, a deciduous tree, is without leaves. Cartier's tree is described as having been as large as an oak. As the pine, the hemlock, or the balsam-fir are not very likely to have been chosen for such a purpose, I am inclined to think, with Faribault, that the *spruce* is the tree in question, its leaves having long been used in Canada for making decoctions for sanitary and other uses.

Mr. L. O. Armstrong has discovered the following documents amongst the papers of his father, the late Hon. Justice Armstrong, of Sorel :

DEAD RIVER, ABOUT 160 MILES FROM QUEBEC, Oct. 13, 1775.

DEAR SIR:—I am now on my march for Quebec, with about 2,000 men, where I expect to have the pleasure of seeing you soon, this detachment is designed to co-operate with Gen. Schuyler, to frustrate the unjust and arbitrary measures of the Ministry, and restore liberty to our bretheren in Canada, to whom we make no doubt our exertions in their favour will be acceptable, and that we shall have their assistance or at least their friendly wishes, as the expedition is undertaken at the request of many of their principal inhabitants. I beg the favour of you on the receipt of this which will be delivered you by one Eneas, a faithful Indian, that you'll immediately write me by him of the disposition of the Canadians, the number of troops in Quebec, by whom commanded, and every advise you have received from Gen. Schuyler, and the situation of matters in general, what ships are at Quebec, and in short, what we have to expect from the Canadians and merchants of the city.

Whether any advice has been received of the march of this detachment. If any gentleman of my acquaintance will undertake to meet me on the road, he will be received with pleasure and handsomely rewarded. The enclosed letter to Gen. Schuyler, I beg favour of you to forward by express which charge shall be reimbursed you with thankfulness.

I am, with much esteem,

Dear Sir, your friend and very humble servant,

B. ARNOLD.

TO JOHN MERCIER, ESQ.,

or in his absence to

Captain Gregory or Mr. John Maynard.

HEADQUARTERS, MONTREAL, 19th March, 1776.

SIR:—Mademoiselle De Ramezay having obtained an order from Gen. Wooster to oblige the inhabitants on her lands to pay their