

"south the coasts of Virginia, New Sweden, New Netherlands and New England" are drawn from those of the English, Dutch, etc. THE GREAT RIVER of "CANADA, or of St. Lawrence, and all the neighboring regions (*environs*) are "according to the Relations of the French."

Now, we know that Father Raymbault visited Sault Ste. Marie in 1641 and mapped Lake Superior, and that Father Chaumonot in the same year rendered the same service for the Neutral country. Sanson's map is fairly accurate for the upper lakes, when compared with some maps published at a much later period when the lakes had become well known to traders and travelers. It shows an acquaintance with the general contour of Lakes Erie, St. Clair and Huron, with several of the streams emptying into Lake Erie and Lake Huron on both the Canadian and the American sides, with the names of tribes inhabiting both shores, and with the locations of five towns of the Neutrals, besides some towns of the Tobacco nation. The Neutral towns are given as S. François (N.E. of Sarnia), S. Michel (a little east of Sandwich), S. Joseph (apparently in the County of Kent), Alexis (a few miles west of a stream which flows into Lake Erie about midway between the Detroit and Niagara Rivers, and where the shore bends farthest inland), and N. D. des Anges (on the west bank of a considerable river, probably the Grand River, near where Brantford now stands*). The Detroit and Niagara Rivers, and four streams flowing into Lake Erie between them, are shown but not named. The great cataract is called "Ongiara Sault." The name "Ongiara" may, however, be that of a Neutral village east of the Falls. Lake St. Clair is called "Lac des Eaux de Mer," or Sea-water Lake, possibly from the mineral springs in the neighborhood. The country of the Tobacco Nation includes the Bruce peninsula, and extends from the Huron country on the east to Lake Huron on the west and Burlington Bay on the south-east. The Neutral country (Neutre ou Attiouandarons) would embrace the whole of south-western Ontario south of a line drawn from the west end of Lake Ontario to a stream which flows into Lake Huron about midway between Point Edward and Cape Hurd, and which is probably the Maitland River. The tribes to the south of the lakes are indicated from the Niagara River to Lake Superior. The Eries or "Eriechronons, on du Chat," are south-east of Lake Erie; the "Ontarraronon" are west of what is probably the Cuyahoga River; at the south-west of the Lake appear the "Squenqioronon;" west of the Detroit River are the "Aictaronon;" west of Port Huron the "Couarraronon;" Huron county in Michigan is occupied by the "Ariaetoeronon;" at the head of Saginaw Bay and extending southward through Michigan are the "Assistaeronons ou du Fen;" in the peninsula extending north to Mackinac are the "Oukouararonons;" beyond them Lake Michigan appears as "Lac de Puans;" then comes the Mackinac peninsula and "Lac Supérieur." Manitoulin Island is marked "Cheveux Relevés," the old French name for the Ottawas. The Tobacco Nation, called "N. du Petun on Sanhionontacheeronons," includes villages of "S. Simon et St Iude" in the Bruce promontory, "S. Pierre" near the south end of the County of Bruce, and "S. Pol" south-west of a lake which might be Seugog.

The Narratives agree in stating that the Neutrals, like their kinsmen of the Huron, Tobacco and Iroquois nations, were a numerous and sedentary race, living in villages and cultivating their fields of maize, tobacco and pumpkins. They were on friendly terms with the eastern and northern tribes, but at enmity with those of the west, especially the Nation of Fire, against whom they were constantly sending out war parties. By the western tribes it would appear that those west of the Detroit River and Lake Huron are invariably meant.

* Alexis corresponds with the actual situation of the Southwold earthwork.

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