

It was only after the sale to Agathe St. Perre, in the autumn of 1685, or during the winter of 1686, that he went to reside permanently in the wooden presbytery, constructed in 1680 at Lachine, but which had been occupied until then (1686) only by the Sisters of the Congregation, the curé accepting a small portion of the building for the short stays that he made there. It even seems that the venerable foundress, Sister Bourgeoys, was the first to teach at Lachine.

Mr. Remy, resided permanently at Lachine only after 1685. In 1701, he erected, almost wholly at his expense, the large stone church which was demolished only in 1869, to make room for the Novitiate of the Oblat Fathers. The new church, we see at Lachine, was consecrated December 2nd, 1865 (1).

THE LACHINE MASSACRE.

At the time of the massacre of August 5th, 1689, the Fort La Presentation was not even attacked and Mr. de Catalogne, who was on the spot, tells us that it was very well guarded. The population above the fort was not even visited by the Iroquois. The storm which favored their crossing from the Chateauguay river did not permit of their risking themselves above Dorval Island, where Lake St. Louis is several miles wide. The population of Lachine, from La Presentation to Verdun, was not so fortunate. René Chartier, proprietor of the farm occupied to-day by Charles Décary, son of Jean, near the little Bouchard river, his two sons and a small Indian, their slave, were massacred on the place where stands to-day the summer residence of Amable Lallemand. On the farm above, the property of J. B. O. Martin, on the lot of Mr. Jos. Hutchins, the settler Jacques Morin, and one of his sons were made prisoners, and probably massacred at the village of the barbarous tribes. His wife and four children escaped the carnage. So did the wife of Chartier and a young girl of fourteen. This latter, afterwards married Antoine Berthe-

(1) The registers of Lachine make no mention of a cemetery till the year 1684. Before that time, every burial is stated to have been made in the chapel. The first burial "dans le lieu destiné pour le cimetière de la paroisse de la Chine, au pied d'une croix plantée pour ce sujet", was that of Louise Magdeleine André, who died of fever on the 22nd of July, 1684. The first burial in the new stone church was that of Gabriel Perrin, August 4, 1703. The first burial in the old chapel was that of Le Roy de Maran, made in November 1676. *Registres de Lachine.*