

the Lachine wharf, on the land at present occupied by Hanna's Hotel, François LeNoir dit Rolland had a fort which bore his name, and at which he did a large business. Two miles beyond, at Dorval, upon the land of Mr. Alexis Brunet, Pierre Le Gardeur, Sieur de Repentigny, had also a store in the *Fort de La Présentation*, which he had just acquired from the Seminary. The history of all these forts is given in my "Old Lachine," and my "Old Forts of Lachine" (1)

(1) It is evident to every one examining the registers of Lachine, that none of the successors of Mr. Remy were as careful in the description of the parties to acts of civil status, but no fault can be found with regard to the military, and if after 1706, no mention is made of the forts, nor of the officers in command, it must have been because they were no longer occupied by regular troops, and if still guarded at all, were left to the care of the local militia. It may be that the regular troops were more needed at the far west posts such as La Présentation, near Prescott, Cataracouy, Niagara, Détroit, etc. Even, at Ste Annes, a fort was kept at l'Isle aux Tourtes and an other one at Fief Senneville late in the 18th century.

I have never in the registers come across the name of a single officer in charge of Fort Cuillerier. We know from the report of Mr. de Catalogne, an eye witness, that it was in existence in 1689, and it is specially alluded to in the registers of the 5th of June, 1695, the 28th of May, 1698, and the 24th of September, 1702. With regard to Fort La Présentation, it would seem that it was either destroyed or abandoned shortly after the year 1689, probably in about 1691, when it passed to J.-Bte. Bouchard dit Dorval, who, when named in the registers, is never connected with the fort. The registers of 1687 and 1689 are the only ones which refer to the commanding officer, Mr. de Cruzel; and an entry made in a register of burial of the 20th of May, 1693, seems to establish that it was no longer in existence: Reference is there made to the Fort of the Church or Fort Remy, and "les deux autres forts", evidently meaning Fort Rolland and Fort Cuillerier, which beyond doubt were still kept.

I have collected from the registers of Lachine the following names of military officers both before 1706 and since:

*Fort La Présentation* :—Claude de Masro, sieur de Cruzel, 30 septembre 1687 et 2 décembre 1689.

*Fort de l'Eglise ou Remy* :—Jean Louis de la Corne, sieur de Chapt, commandant, 16 février 1688.

Jean Bouillet, sieur de la Chassaigne, commandant, (Mr. de la Chassaigne était absent pour cause de maladie lors du massacre, 5 août 1689. Voir *Le Vieux Lachine*, p. 37.) 14 juin, 1er août et 2 décembre 1689; septembre 1690; 10 septembre 1702.

Gabriel Dumont, sieur de Blagnac, son lieutenant, 1er août 1689.

Olivier Le Mercier, chevalier de Beaurepas, lieutenant, 2 décembre 1689, 25 juillet et septembre et octobre 1690.

Jean de Liesseline, enseigne et commandant, 1er août et 18 octobre 1689 et 21 mars 1690.

François Le Gantier, sieur de la Vallée de Ranée, commandant de 1692 à 1704.

Jacques Malleray, sieur de la Mollerie, commandant, 3 juillet 1699.

Le Verrier, commandant, 17 mars 1703.

Guillaume de Lorimier, commandant, 12 juin 1706.

*Fort Rolland* :—Jean Despéré, sieur de l'Isle, commandant, 22 février 1688.

César Marin, sieur de la Massière, commandant, 1er août, le 18 octobre et 15 décembre 1689; 21 mars 1690.

Daniel Crisolon, sieur Dulhut, (signe Dulhut), commandant, 7 juin 1700.