

easily have made it a much more difficult matter for the French and English settlers to gain a foothold in Canada. As it was, the Iroquois present a striking picture on the pages of history, for with a force that numbered never more than five thousand warroirs, they harassed the French and engaged them in many bloody struggles during a period of two hundred years.

**Of Striking
Appearance**

Though there is no certainty as to the origin of the Indian, it is generally supposed that he is a descendant of migrating Tartars from the steppes of Central Asia.

In appearance, the Indian of early days was rather striking. He was as a rule, tall and slender form, and agile, with a face bronzed by sun, wind and rain. His expression was stern and sombre, his eyes small, sunken, keenly flashing, his forehead narrow, his lips thick, his nose sometimes flat, but more often large and prominent, his cheek-bones high and his hair dark and coarse. With him "the senses of sight and sound, smell and