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SECOND ERROR.

THE tradition, which was supposed to be religiously preserved by Charlevoix, Haliburton, O'Callaghan and Lafargue, being diminished to the point at which we have left it, M. Rameau need only build on such a foundation, truly of sand, to behold the whole structure, which he has raised, fall to the ground. What will then become of the opinion of M. Sulte, founded on that of M. Rameau? True, M. Moreau and the Abbe Maurault profess the same opinion; but they only repeat the words of M. Rameau, who is their authority.

However, as the author of "La France aux Colonies" (M. Rameau), in his observations on the alliances of the Acadians with the Indians, brings forward other proofs besides *the friendship resulting from mixed marriages*, it may be well to examine them.

He thus announces the fact of the blending of the races: "Everything leads us to think that marriages with Indian women were more frequent with them (the Acadians) than the Canadians." Many examples are doubtless found of Canadians marrying Quaws, not only in the West, but even in Canada, especially in