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post. The selection was to rest entirely with Desjardins, who, in this case, proved himself no mean judge of womankind.

The rank of Charles St-Etienne de la Tour was considerably above that of the daughter of the barber of Mons. La Tour had come from a good family, originally called Turgis, belonging to the neighbourhood of Evreux, in Normandy, and by enterprise in the new world had become one of the chief men of Acadia, with power over a vast, half-explored region, now embraced by Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and parts of Maine. But Desjardins resolved that La Tour's bride must be chosen for physical fitness rather than rank. It was more important that she should know how to meet pioneer conditions than that she should play the fine lady.

Her enemies liked to insinuate that Françoise Marie had entered her husband's family in an undignified manner, having been "shipped out to him like a bale of goods!" But it was not unusual for French girls of that period to undertake the hazardous journey to Canada, with the expectation of being married upon their arrival to