

rior, in 1737, appears Red Lake of Minnesota, the Red River, and the "Bois Fort," the Big Woods.

A few days after Fort La Reine was established, the *Sieur de la Marque*, whose family name was *Marin*, arrived with his brother desiring to visit the country of the *Mandans*.

The *Foxes* in 1740 again became troublesome, and the post on *Lake Pepin* was for a time abandoned by the French. A dispatch in 1741 uses this language: "The *Marquis de Beauharnois*' opinion respecting the war against the *Foxes*, has been the more readily approved by the *Baron de Longueil*, *Messieurs De la Chassaigne*, *La Corne*, *de Lignery*, *La Noue*, and *Duplessis-Fabert*, whom he had assembled at his house, as it appears from all the letters that the Count has written for several years, that he has nothing so much at heart as the destruction of that Indian nation, which can not be prevailed on by the presents and the good treatment of the French, to live in peace, notwithstanding all its promises.

"Besides, it is notorious that the *Foxes* have a secret understanding with the *Iroquois*, to secure a retreat among the latter, in case they be obliged to abandon their villages. They have one already secured among the *Sioux* of the prairies, with whom they are allied; so that, should they be advised beforehand of the design of the French to wage war against them, it would be easy for them to retire to the one or the other before their passage could be intersected or themselves attacked in their villages."

In the summer of 1743, a deputation of the *Sioux* came down to *Quebec*, to ask that trade might be resumed. Three years after this, four *Sioux* chiefs came to *Quebec*, and wished that a commandant might be sent to *Fort Beauharnois*; which was not granted.

During the winter of 1745-6, *De Lusignan* visited the *Sioux* country, ordered by the government to hunt up the "*coureurs des bois*," and withdraw them from the country. They started to return with him, but learning that they would be arrested at *Mackinaw*, for violation of law, they ran away. While at the villages of the *Sioux* of the lakes and plains, the chiefs brought to this officer nineteen of their young men, bound with cords, who had killed three Frenchmen, at the *Illinois*. While he remained with them they made peace with the *Ojibways* of *La Pointe*, with whom they had been at war for some time. On his return, four chiefs accompanied him to *Montreal*, to solicit pardon for their young braves.