enlargements, we see to-day in good order on the eastern side of the entrance to the world-famous river just named.

Following the French example, Governor Burnett of the Province of New York, in 1722, after obtaining a nominal permission from the surrounding Iroquois, established a small store-house or trading-post on the west side of the entrance to the River Oswego, a stream by which a communication could be conveniently maintained with the Mohawk River, and the Hudson, and the sea. Its use and purpose were ostensibly the same as those of La Salle's enclosure at Niagara; but in 1728 Governor Burnett took care that the simple stockade should be transformed into a stone fort mounting cannon, memorable as being the first military work on the shores of Lake Ontario, whence waved the flag of England.

The effect of the English trading-post at the entrance of the Oswego River was soon felt by the French traffickers in furs at fort Niagara and fort Frontenac; and by consequence at Montreal and Quebec and in Old France; and in a Journal or report of Canadian affairs transmitted to France in 1749, we have a record of the measures proposed and adopted, to nullify, as far as possible, this unwelcome interference with the usual current of trade. In that document (which may be seen at p. 201, vol. X., Paris Documents, Colonial History, State of New York, published at Albany in 1858) the Governor-General of the day, or rather as it happened, the provisional Governor-General of the day, M. De la Galissonière, informs the Government of Louis. XV., that he had given directions for the building of a stockade or store-house at Toronto. "On being informed," says Galissonière, "that the northern Indians ordinarily went to Chouéguen with their peltries by way of Toronto on the north-west side of Lake Ontario, twenty-five leagues from Niagara and seventy-five from fort Frontenac, it was thought advisable to establish a post at that place; and to send thither an officer, fifteen soldiers, and some workmen to construct a small stockade-fort there."