

ently was the enemy calling to one another for fear lest they should be separated in the fog.

"On the 14th we cast anchor in the fog at five leagues distance from the River St. John.

"The weather clearing about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we noticed three ships to windward bearing directly for the River St. John.

"When at a league's distance from us we saw them bearing down upon us, as we were hoisting anchor. *Le Profond* made ready for action but did not open her ports until the enemy was within a gun shot; they were well received by our people who had frequently partaken of the sacrament during our voyage. May God bless us!

"When the two ships were near enough they fired, the smaller upon *Le Profond* and the larger upon *L'Envieux*. The enemy seeing *Le Profond*'s ports open kept to windward, and not being able to stand the discharge of musketry fled. *Le Profond* endeavored to get the windward of them and followed them beating.

"*M. d'Iberville* dismasted the smaller one of 24 guns, a very pretty vessel, which drifting toward us, came almost under her bow and struck her flag. *M. d'Iberville* put her in charge of *M. deBonaventure*, who delivered her to *Baptiste* for the purpose of bringing her to the St. John river, where he came near losing her upon the rocks. We followed the other of 34 guns. Our shot passed beyond her, but night and the fog put an end to the engagement which lasted for three good hours. A happy fog it was for this ship; were it not for this she would have assuredly made a trip to France.

"Our Indians acted very well, thanks be to the Lord he had nobody wounded although many shot struck our vessel. On the 19th he arrived at the river St. John, where he found *M. de Villebon* and Father *Simon* with 50 Indians; he landed here the property of the king, and on the news that *Alden*, a merchant of Boston, was engaged in merchan-