

decree of this day, the said petitioners to use and enjoy the contents thereof.

QUEBEC, 24th October, 1680.

(Signed) "PEUVRET."

"Louis de Buade, Comte de Frontenac, councillor to the King in His Councils, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in Canada Acadia and the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France, and Jacques Duchesneau, Chevalier, also Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of justice, police and finance in the said country. By reason of what has been represented to us by the Reverend Fathers of the Religious Society of Jesus, that His Majesty by his letters patent of the 29th May, 1680, registered in the Supreme Court at Quebec, on the 29th October following, having made them a gift of the tract of land called Le Sault, containing two leagues in front commencing at a point of land situate opposite the St. Louis Rapids and ascending along the lake by a similar depth with the two islands, the islets opposite and joining the lands of the Prairie de la Magdeleine, for the reasons set forth in the said letters and subject to the same charges and conditions therein contained, they ask that it will please us to grant them a remnant of land of one league and a half, or thereabouts, in length, commencing at the said tract of land called Le Sault, ascending along the Lake towards the Seigniory of Chateau-Gay by two leagues in depth, which would allow them to attract there still more Iroquois and other Indians, and to increase their number and to extend by that means the light of the Faith and the Gospel. We, in virtue of the power given us conjointly by His Majesty, and to facilitate still more to the Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus the means of continuing the care they have for so long and with so much zeal taken for the conversion and instruction of the Iroquois and other Indians, have given, granted and conceded to them, and give by these presents the remnant of land of about one league and a half in length commencing from the said tract of land called Le Sault and ascending towards the Seigniory of Chateau-Gay by two leagues in depth to be enjoyed by the said Reverend Fathers subject to the same charges and conditions contained in the aforesaid letters patent of His Majesty, and they shall obtain from His Majesty the confirmation of these presents. In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal and arms to be affixed thereto.

Given at Quebec, the thirty-first of October, one thousand six hundred and eighty.

(Signed) "FRONTENAC,
"DUCHESNEAU."

"OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR,
"QUEBEC, 11th May, 1886.

"I certify that this present copy is conformable in every thing to the original registered in the Cahier d'Intendant Vol. 1, folio 122.

"JOHN LANGELIER,
"Dep. Prov. Reg."

"15th June, 1717.

"Letters Patent of one thousand seven hundred and concession to the Reverend Fathers of the Religious Society of Jesus, having caused to be produced letters patent of the gift to the members of the Religious Society of Jesus, residing in the country of New France, dated at Fontainebleau, the twenty-ninth of May, one thousand six hundred and eighty, of a tract of land called Le Sault, containing two leagues, commencing at a point of land situated opposite the St. Louis Rapids and ascending along the lake by a similar depth, with the two islands, the islets and shoals opposite and joining the lands of Prairie de la Magdeleine, in order to settle thereupon the said Iroquois Indians, who were settled upon the lands of the said prairie, which were found to be too wet to be sown, and to provide for their subsistence, subject to the condition that the said tract of land should belong to His Majesty all cleared, when the said Iroquois should abandon it, the deeds of gift dated at Quebec, the thirty-first day of October, one thousand six hundred and eighty, granted by Sieurs the Comte de Frontenac and Duchesneau, the Governor-General and the Intendant of New France, to the said Reverend Fathers, in order to put them in a position to settle a greater number of Iroquois Indians, of a remnant of land of about one league and a half in length, commencing from the same tract of land called Le Sault, towards the Seigniory of Chateau-Gay, with a depth of two leagues,

to be enjoyed by the said Reverend Fathers subject to the clauses, charges and conditions contained in the said letters patent of the twenty-ninth of May, one thousand six hundred and eighty, and His Majesty having been informed that a change of locality had become necessary for these Indians, seeing that the tract of land in which they were settled was exhausted, and that it was necessary to settle them in another place upon the lands granted for them, and having also been informed that the said Indians were only leaving their former lands for a time and that they intended to return thereto, now, therefore, His Majesty, having taken cognisance of what had been written on this subject by the Sieurs de Vandreuil and Begon, Governor and Intendant of New France, and of the memorials presented on this subject by the said members of the Religious Society of Jesus, and desiring to reserve the said tracts of land as much for the said reverend fathers as for the said Indians, His Majesty, on the advice of M. le Duc d'Orleans, Regent, has anew granted and made a gift to the members of the Religious Society of Jesus residing in New France, of the tract of land called Le Sault, which, in future, shall not only contain the tract of land, the islands, the islets and shoals mentioned in the said letters patent given at Fontainebleau, the twenty-ninth May, one thousand six hundred and eighty, but also the tracts of land mentioned in the said deeds of gift made by the Sieurs de Frontenac and Duchesneau on the thirty-first October, one thousand six hundred and eighty, for the purpose of locating thereon the mission of the Iroquois Indians, called the Mission of the Sault St. Louis, subject to the condition that the said tract of land shall belong to His Majesty when abandoned by the Iroquois. His Majesty commands that the present letters shall be registered in the Superior Council at Quebec, that parties concerned may have recourse thereto, and in testimony of his will His Majesty has commanded me to forward these present letters patent, which he has been pleased to sign with his hand and has caused to be countersigned by me, Councillor, Secretary of State and of his Finance Administration. Signed, Louis, and lower down, Phelypeau, with flourish."

"The deed of gift above transcribed was registered in the records of the Superior Council at Quebec, the Attorney General heard and so requiring under his order of this date by me, the undersigned, commissioner, &c., at Quebec, the second October, one thousand seven hundred and nineteen.

"RIVET."

"OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR,

"QUEBEC, 11th May, 1887.

"I certify that this present copy is in every thing conformable to its original, registered in the books of records of the Conseil Supérieur, E. No. 5, folio 6.

"JOHN LANGELIER,
"Deputy Provincial Registrar."

And when I assert that these concessions have considerably diminished in extent, I refer, in support of that assertion, to the answer to the enquiry I made last Session, of the hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Dewdney), reported at page 481 of *Hansard*, and to the following words at the end of that answer:—

"The reserve contains 12,327½ acres, and the survey of the whole reserve, when all the work is done, will cost \$22,000."

I believe that the original reserve must have contained at least 30,000 acres more. My intention in asking the Government to produce all the correspondence and any deeds that may have been made respecting lands taken from the Caughnawaga Reserve, is to ascertain by what right the Government or any other person or society, having the administration of this estate, have, at any time since the original concession of these lands, disposed of the Indians of this part of the reserve. What justifies me in concluding that a portion of the reserve has been conveyed to whites in an illegal manner, is the fact that I have here a deed made before a notary by Ignace Mikanawaha, on 16th April, 1819, to a Canadian, Jacques Patenaude, a farm laborer of the parish of Saint Constant;