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Delaware, by virtue of
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resulted, 1664, in a war
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governor of Canada, as-
ne Iroquois, who were
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Iroquois warriors passed over the old trail from the
Mohawk valley by Lake Saratoga, past Schuyl-
ville, and up the river and lake and suddenly fell
upon the settlers about Montreal. For miles around
the settlers were captured or killed and the country
pillaged. After a stay of some weeks, they burned
and massacred about ninety prisoners and the greater
part returned from the war path, but a considerable
number in small bands continued long after to
terrify the country.

In the winter of 1690, expeditions were fitted out
by Governor Frontenac, in Canada, to strike the
English, at Albany, New Hampshire and Maine.
This was in pursuance of a plan formed by the
French to send a force down Lake Champlain to
Albany, to co-operate with a naval force to be sent
against New York and up the Hudson; almost
identically the plan adopted by Burgoyne many
years later. The one destined for Albany came
down the lake and river to Schuylerville, and there
turned aside up Fish Creek and Saratoga Lake to
Schenectady. The little village was taken wholly
by surprise at dead of night in mid winter. About
sixty persons, of all ages and both sexes were killed
and more captured and carried away prisoners. The
village was sacked and burned and the victors re-
turned over the trail.

In response to this attack, in the summer of 1690,
an expedition under Gen. Fitz John Winthrop,
about seven hundred strong, including one hundred
and fifty Indians, came up from Albany and Con-
necticut, and passing up the Hudson, proceeded as
far as Ticonderoga, when, owing to lack of provisions