

"True! true!" replied several; "The Bears* never give way. They fight until the last drop of blood runs out, and then they die!"

"Had the allied Agonnonseonne† hovered in a thunder-cloud around Quebec in that time," said Otarcha, "then would the Long-knives‡ have been swallowed up from the face of the ground, and the Maquas might have built their villages in Canada, from henceforth, as in the ancient time. Go, paint black, O, Braves! The face of the Great Spirit is turned away from us! Otarcha's heart is without joy!"

* Mohawk, Maqua, and Mengwe signify a bear in different Indian languages. The Mohawks were thus often styled—The tribe of the Bear.

† The original name of the Five Nations.

‡ French.