

rugged atmosphere of the New. The welfare of the entire Colony has been safeguarded, and many of us here present have been saved from severe financial loss, if not actual bankruptcy, by the heroic endeavours of three of our youngest guests. Their accomplishments is already known to you, and it is but right that such worthy efforts should have due recognition." Here the great man paused a moment. All eyes were turned upon the three lads, and a great clapping of hands ensued, the ladies present waving their handkerchiefs vigorously. François squirmed uneasily in his chair at being thus brought into public notice. Pierre, striving at first to look unconcerned, failed utterly, and kept his eyes glued to his plate. Jean, all a-tremble with excitement, also dropped his head, but managed to cast a side-long glance at his father and uncle, whose smiling faces appeared near the lower end of the table. The Governor continued :

"In order to show their appreciation of the manly spirit displayed and the risks run by our youthful friends, a number of those most directly benefited by the arrival of this season's stock of furs have made up a purse containing a hundred louis and deputed me to present it." Here he drew from his capacious pocket a neatly-embroidered purse, and leaning over dropped it lightly upon the table in front of the astonished boys. A huge volume of applause broke from the assembled guests. Frontenac made an entreating gesture and silence ensued. "But there is yet lacking some official token of appreciation. After consultation with Monsieur l'Intendant and some of my officers, I have decided to organize a company of scouts consisting of about a score of men, to be known as 'The Little Regiment,' under the command and supervision of the following officers: Captain François Ledun, Lieutenant Pierre Bordeleau, Sub-Lieutenant Jean Bordeleau. The commissions have been duly signed, and I hereby deliver them." With these words the Governor drew forth the documents and had them passed to the boys, who sat stunned with surprise and happiness. He then sat down amid the deafening plaudits of his guests, who thoroughly enjoyed the embarrassment of the lads.