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over yonder, Du Lhut?" asked young De la Noue.

The adventurer glanced over at the two little plumes of smoke which stood straight up against the red evening sky. "I don't like them," said he.

"Yes." "Well, at least it proves that they

"They are Iroquois, then?"

are on the other side of the river." Du Lhut lit his pipe from a tinder paper. "The Iroquois are on this side,"

said he. "They crossed to the south." "And you never told us! How do you know that they crossed, and why did you not tell us?"

"I did not know until I saw the fires over yonder."

"And how did they tell you?" "Tut! An Indian papoose could have told," said Du Lhut impatien y. "Iro-

quois on the trail do nothing without an object. They have an object, then. in showing that smoke. If their war parties were over yonder there would be no object. Therefore their braves must have crossed the river. And they could not get over to the north without being seen from the fort."

"Then they may be in the woods round us. We may be in danger!" cried De la Noue.

De Catinat cast a glance round him at the grand tree trunks, the fading foliage, the smooth sward underneath, with the long evening shadows barred W. D. CONNOR across it. How difficult it was to realize that behind all this beauty there lurked a danger so deadly and horrible that a man alone might well shrink from it, far more one who had the woman whom he loved walking within hand's touch of him! It was with a long heartfelt sigh of relief that he saw a wall of stockade in the midst of a large clearing in front of him, with the stone manor house rising above it. In a line from the stockade were a dozen cottages, with cedar shingled roofs turned up in the Norman fashion, in thich dwelt the habitants under the protection of the seigneur's chateau. At either corner a small brass cannon peeped through an embrasure. As they passed the gate the guard inside closed it and placed the huge wooden bars into position. A little crowd of men, women and children were gathered round the door of the chateau, and a man appeared to be seated on a high backed chair upon the threshold.

"You know my father," said the young man, with a shrug of his shoulders. "He will have it that he has never left his Norman castle and that he is still the Seigneur de la Noue, the greatest man within a day's ride of Rouen and of the richest blood of Normandy. He is now taking his dues and his yearly oaths from his tenants. He would not think it becoming, if the governor himself were to visit him, to pause in the middle of so august a ceremony. But, if it would interest you, you may step this way and wait until he has finished. You, madame, I will take at once to my mother, if you will be so kind as to follow me."

The sight was, to the Americans at least, a novel one. A triple row of men, women and children were standing round in a semicircle, the men rough and sunburned, the women homely and clean, with white caps upon their heads, the children open mouthed and round eyed, awed into an unusual quiet by the reverent bearing of their elders. In the center, on his high backed carved chair, there sat an elderly man, very stiff and erect, with an exceedingly solemn face. He was a fine figure of a man, tall and broad, with large, strong features, clean shaven and deeply lined, a huge beak of a nose and strong, shaggy eyebrows, which arched right up to the great wig, which he wore full and long, as it had been worn in France in his youth. On his wig was placed a white hat, cocked jauntily at one side, with a red feather streaming round it, and he wore a coat of cinnamon colored cloth, with silver at the neck and pockets, which was still very handsome. though it bore signs of having been frayed and mended more than once.

As the seigneur rose, his son, who had returned, took De Catinat by the

"Father," said he, "this is M. de Catinat, whom you may remember some years ago at Quebec." The seigneur bowed with much con-

descension. "You are extremely welcome to my estates, both you and your body serv-

ants"-"They are my friends, monsieur. This is M. Amos Green, and Captain Ephraim Savage. My wife is traveling with me, but your courteous son has

kindly taken her to your lady." "I am honored-honored indeed!" cried the old man, with a bow and a flourish. "I remember you very well, sir, for it-is not so common to meet men of quality in this country. Now that I think of it, the second son of your great-grandfather married the niece of one of the De la Noues of Andelys, which is one of our cadet branches. Kinsman, you are welcome!" He threw his arms suddenly round De

Catinat. The young guardsman was only too delighted to find himself admitted to such an intimacy.

"I will not intrude long upon your hospitality," said he. "We are journeying down to Lake Champlain, and we hope in a day or two to be ready to go on."

"A suit of rooms shall be laid at your disposal as long as you do me the honor to remain here. Peste! It is not every day that I can open my gates to a man with good blood in his veins. Ah, sir, that is what I feel most in my exile, for who is there with whom I can talk as equal to equal? You are weary and hungry, you and your friends. Come up with me to the tapestried saloon, and we shall see if my stewards can find anything for your refreshment. You play piquet, if I remember right.

Ah, my skill is leaving me, and I should be glad to try a hand or two with you."

The manor house was high and strong, built of graystone in a framework of wood. The large iron clamped door through which they entered was pierced for musketry fire and led into a succession of cellars and storehouses in which the beets, carrots, potatoes, cabbages, cured meat, dried eels and other winter supplies were placed. A winding stone staircase led them through a huge kitchen, flagged and lofty, from which branched the rooms of the servants, or retainers, as the old nobleman preferred to call them. Above this again was the principal suit, centering in the dining hall, with its huge fireplace and rude homemade furniture. The seigneur explained that he had already supped; but, having allowed himself to be persuaded into joining them, he ended by eating more than Ephraim Savage and drinking more than Du Lhut.

CHAPTER XXI. WO days were spent by the travelers at the seigneury of Ste. Marie, and they would very willingly have spent longer, for the quarters were comfortable and the welcome warm, but already the reds of autumn were turning to brown, and they knew how suddenly the ice and snow came in those northern lands and how impossible it would be to finish their journey if winter were once fairly upon them. The old nobleman had sent his scouts by land and by water, but there were no signs of the Iroquois upon the eastern bank, so that it was clear that Du Lhut had been mistaken. Over on the other side, however, the gray plumes of smoke still streamed up above the trees as a sign that their enemies were not very far



"Allow me to present you, M. de Catinat."

The refugees were rested now and refreshed and of one mind about pushing on.

"I am not frightened, Amory, and I am quite rested now," said Adele. "We shall be so much more happy when we are in the English provinces, for even now how do we know that that dreadful friar may not come with orders to drag us back to Quebec and Paris?"

It was indeed very possible that the vindictive Franciscan, when satisfied that they had not ascended to Montreal or remained at Three Rivers, might seek them on the banks of the Richelieu. The seigneur was friendly, but the seigneur could not disobey the governor's order. A great hand stretching all the way from Versailles seemed to hang over them, even here in the heart of the virgin forest, ready to snatch them up and carry them back into degradation.

But the seigneur and his son, who knew nothing of their pressing rea-Du Lhut

"You have seen my little place," said them as they followed us and see if the old nobleman, with a wave of his beruffled, ring covered hand. "It is not what I should wish it, but, such as it is, it is most heartily yours for the winter if you and your comrades would honor me by remaining. As to madame, I doubt not that my own

dame and she will find plenty to amuse and occupy them, which reminds me. De Catinat, that you have not yet been From the Standard of Feby. 4, 1859 Jusiness College tress and inform her that I request her to be so good as to come to us in the hall of the dais."

De Catinat was too seasoned to be easily startled, but he was somewhat taken aback when the lady, to whom the old nobleman always referred in terms of exaggerated respect, proved to be as like a full blooded Indian squaw as the hall of the dats was to a French barn.

"Allow me to present you, M. de Catinat," said the Seigneur de Ste.

Marie solemnly, "to my wife, Onega de la Noue de Ste. Marie. chatelaine by right of marriage to this seigneury, while retaining in her own right the hereditary chieftainship on the distaff side of the nation of the Onondagas. My angel, I have been en deavoring to persuade our friends to remain with us at Ste. Marie."

"At least leave your white lily at Ste. Marie," said the dusky princess speaking in excellent French and clasping with her ruddy fingers the ivory hand of Adele. "We will hold her safe for you until the ice softens and the leaves and the partridge berries come once more. I know my people, monsieur, and I tell you that the woods are full of murder."

De Catinat was more moved by the impressive manner of his hostess than by any of the other warnings which he had received. Surely she, if any one, must be able to read the signs of the times.

"I know not what to do!" he cried in despair. "I must go on, and yet how can I expose her to these perils? I would fain stay the winter, but you must take my word for it, sir, that it is not possible."

"Du Lhut, you know how things should be ordered," said the seigneur. 'What should you advise my friend to do, since he is so set upon getting to the English provinces before the winter comes?"

"There is but one way," said Du Lhut, "though even in it there is danger. The woods are safer than the river, for the reeds are full of cached canoes. Five leagues from here is the blockhouse of Poitou, and fifteen miles beyond that of Auvergne. We will go tomorrow to Poitou through the woods and see if all be safe. I will go with P. G. Laurie, Chaplain; James Grier, you, and I give you my word that if Director of Ceremonies. the Iroquois are there Greysolon du Lhut will know it. The lady we shall leave here, and if we find that all is safe we shall come back for her. Then in the same fashion we shall advance to Auvergne, and there you must wait until you hear where their war parties are. It is my mind that it will not be

very long before we know." And so it was at last agreed, and Adele was consigned to the care of the lady of Ste. Marie, while De Catinat swore that without a pause he would return from Poitou to fetch her. The old nobleman and his son would fain have joined them in their adventure, but they had their own charge to watch and the lives of many in their keeping, while a small party was safer in the woods.

From La Noue to Poitou was but twelve miles down the river, but by the woodland route the distance was more than doubled. The four men walked in single file, Du Lhut leading. De Catinat walked behind, then Ephraim Savage, and then Amos, all with their weapons ready and with every sense upon the alert. By midday they were more than halfway and halted in and cheese. For an hour more they picked their way through the woods, following in the steps of the old French pioneer.

Suddenly Du Lhut dropped upon his knees and stooped his ear to the ground. He rose, shook his head and walked on with a grave face. "Did you hear something?" whisper-

ed Amos.

then in an instant was down upon his face with his ear fixed to the ground. He sprang up with the look of a man who has heard what he expected to

"Walk on," said he quietly, "and behave exactly as you have done all day."

"What is it, then?" "Indians."

"In front of us?"

"No; behind us. They are following us-two, I think. Do not look round. Walk on as before. They are Iroquois."

"And pursuing us?" "No; we are pursuing them."

"How far off are they?" "About 200 paces, I think."

"They cannot see us then?" "I think not, but I cannot be sure. They are following our trail, I think." "What shall we do then?"

"Let us make a circle and get behind them." Turning sharp to the left, he led them in a long curve through the

woods, hurrying swiftly and yet silently under the darkest shadow of the trees. Then he turned again and presently halted. "This is our own track," said he. "Aye, and two redskins have passed over it!" cried Amos, bending down

tirely invisible to Ephraim Savage and De Catinat. "A full grown warrior and a lad on his first warpath," said Du Lhut. sons for haste, were strenuous in urg- "They are moving fast, you see, for ng De Catinat the other way, and in you can hardly see the heel marks of this they were supported by the silent | their moccasins. They walked one behind the other. Now let us follow

and pointing to marks which were en-

we have better luck." He sped swiftly along the trail, with of that kind and after using the dochis musket cocked in his hand, the tors' remedies for some time conothers following hard upon his heels, cluded to try Chamberlain's Salve, but there was no sound and no sign of and it proved to be better than any-

To be continued.

DAYS OF LONG AGO.

The sittings of the Glenelg Council have continued during the three last days, the principal business being the massing of a By law establishing a deviation on the line of the Durham Road A great a ... of business has been transacted, h t principally xamining and straigh ening up the township business and accounts. We will refer to the matter in our next

Sermons-We are requested to incommute that Rev. Wm Park, so much seemed in this community, will preach in the stone smoothouse on S. bbath tirst, the 6th inst , at 11 a m., and 6 p. m. A la re attendance is expected.

A special meeting of the County Agricultural Society will be held in Owen Sound in the mouth of April

It is a curious fact in the grammar of politics that when statesmen get into place they often become oblivious of their "antecedents," but are seld in forgetful of their "relatives."

(Febs. 11th, 1859)

It appears from the auditors' report that the treasury of the town Five Roses and Reindeer cash, somewhere about \$800 or \$1000 Manitoba Flours always give satis-It is true the treasurer has notes and accounts against various parties, which will cover a great proportion of this amount, nevertheless, the township is a loser by not having the cash in hand. Four or five hundred dol:ars of the above amount is chargeable to a former collector, but there appears to be a discrepency between his statement and that of the treasurer. The affairs are in such confusion that we cannot give a definite statement how the matter stands, or how much and you will find our prices right. is chargeable to either party although we have delayed some time in order to do so.

L. O L. of the County of Grey was held in Durham on the 7th inst. The following persons were elected offi cers for the current year :-

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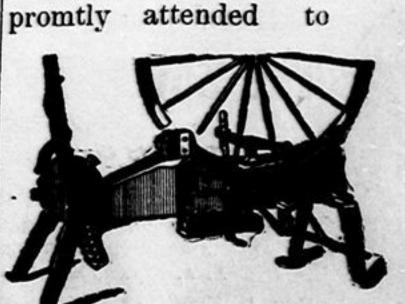
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