

THERE KATERI BELONGED !

A yearly account of the foundation of the Mission of the Sault up to 1685.

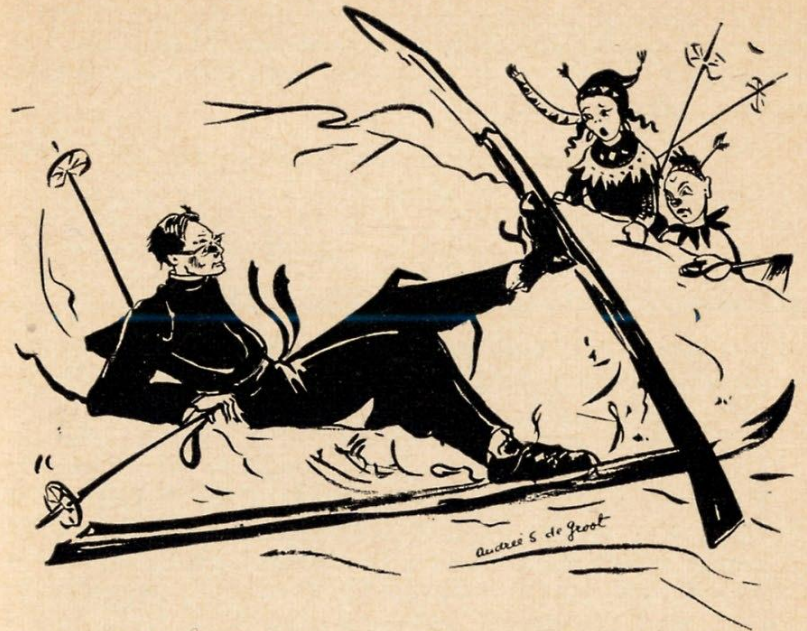
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... The third proposal pleased them*; and they said that, having the same faith with the French, they wished also to run the same risks together. Accordingly, they set out, and had the approbation of all Laprairie in their entire conduct—whether they were sent as ambassadors among the Iroquois, or our people applied to them for provisions from their hunt, or advice were asked from them, as from people expert in war and who had been in close conflict.

The captain of the Mohawks has himself made a present to the chapel worth four beavers,—or 240 livres, in the money of Orange,—that is a candle-stick with eight branches, like the one which is in the Orange meeting-house. It is of bronze, and was made in Holland. This captain, going to war, wished to leave a monument of his piety, after having given up his cabin, one year previously to the service of God.

The chapel being completed, we placed in it the gifts which the Indians made for it, or caused to be made—their robes, striped taffeta from Lachine, which some have left for it, and an antependium. They have decorated a beam which is above the altar with their collars,—which they put about the heads of the warriors like a crown,—with their wampum bracelets, with shields which the women wear to adorn their hair, and with belts, which are the Indians' pearls. Several masses have been said in thanksgiving for the favors which God has granted to Kateri of the Sault St. Louis.

* *The Christian Indians.*



FIREBRAND: The Vice-Postulator wished to thank Kateri's benefactors in a hurry . . .
HOT ASHES: But he's too old for skiing . . .

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At the beginning of this year was finished the palisade which they were making about the village,—always acting as people who do not fear to die, being assured that the Iroquois, their former relatives, bear ill will against them only because they are Christians. Those Iroquois had renounced them at the Council of war that was held at La Famine, which is a place beyond Catarakwi. They had ranted against them, had jeered at them, and eventually ended only in causing them to miss their hunting, because they left it in order to come and finish the palisade. This was a second indication of their good faith, for the benefit they were rendering to the French was great. They went incessantly to scout in the woods, where the Iroquois were likely to pass in order to make a descent upon us; and this greatly vexes the Iroquois. The