

CHAPTER VI.

THE WAR BETWEEN THE IROQUIS AND WESTERN HURONS, TERMINATING IN THE WARS BETWEEN THE OJIBWAYS & IROQUIS IN CANADA WEST.

"The death shot hissing from afar,
The shock, the shout, the groan of war."

MORE than two hundred winters have clothed the mountains of the North with snow, which as many summer suns have melted, since the battle shout of the Hurons, in their once happy and peaceful homes, died away, and the Iroquois shouted their note of triumph.

Long and bloody had been the struggle between the Hurons and Iroquois when they were heard of by Champlain in the year 1608. The one nation occupied the whole tract of land about the three lakes Ontario, Erie, and that which still bears the name of the Nation.

They formed a confederation of five Nations, as did their brethren the Iroquois, who occupied at that time