

a visit from an Indian chief named Donnacona,¹ whom the author of the relation of that voyage styles Lord of Canada. Cartier treated with this chief by means of two Indians whom he had taken to France the year before, and who knew a little French. They informed Donnacona that the strangers wished to go to Hochelaga, which seemed to trouble him.

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Hochelaga was a pretty large town, situated on an island now known under the name of Island of Montreal. Cartier had heard much of it, and was loth to return to France without seeing it. The reason why this voyage troubled Donnacona was, that the people of Hochelaga were of a different nation from his, and that he wished to profit exclusively by the advantages which he hoped to derive from the stay of the French in his country. He accordingly represented to Cartier that the rest of the route to that town was longer than he supposed, and that he would encounter great difficulties; but Cartier, who doubtless detected the motive of his language, did not forego his resolution. He left Sainte Croix on the 19th, in the Great Hermine only and two longboats, leaving the other two vessels in the river Sainte Croix, which the Great Hermine was unable to enter.²

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and describes the ruins. Sagard and Champlain state that the first chapel of the Jesuits, Notre Dame des Anges, was built at what was still called "Jacques Cartier's Fort." This chapel was at the junction of the St. Charles and Laitet.

¹ His arrival off Isle d'Orleans was on the 7th, and the next day Donnacona visited him. The Indians taken off by Cartier were Taignoagny and Domagaya. Donnacona's town was called Stadaconé, and, according to the accurate Mr. Ferland, lay between Fabrique-street and the Coteau de Sainte Geneviève, in the present city of Quebec.

² Champlain pretends that this

river is the St. Charles, but wrongly, as vessels much larger than the Great Hermine enter the latter readily at high tide. Champlain counted the ten leagues from the lower end of the island.—*Charlevoix*. Champlain (see his discussion, *Voyages*, ed. 1613, p. 185) was, however, right. The Ste. Croix had been pointed out to him as the place where Cartier wintered, and, finding it not to correspond, he studied the whole question. Compare Ferland, *Cours d'Histoire*, i. 26; Faillon, *Histoire de la Colonie Française*, i. 497; Garneau, *Hist. du Canada* (3d. ed.), i. 20. Cartier sailed up the river in the *Emerillon*; Ferland, i. 29.