

1535. put these Indians beside themselves with wonder and joy.¹

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The same day Cartier visited the mountain at the foot of which the town lay, and gave it the name of Mont Royal, which has become that of the whole island.² From it he discovered a great extent of country, the sight of which charmed him; and justly, for there are few in the world more beautiful or better. He felt that it would be difficult to find a spot better adapted for a permanent settlement; and with his mind full of this grand idea,³ he left Hochelaga on the 5th of October, and on the 11th arrived at Sainte Croix.

His people had made a kind of intrenchment around their barracks, sufficient at least to protect them against surprise, a precaution often necessary with Indians,⁴ and which no one need ever repent of, even when there is no occasion to feel the necessity. In the present case it would have been imprudent not to take this step, as they proposed to winter near a populous town, commanded by a chief whom they had more than one reason to distrust. I find in some memoirs, and it is a constant tradition in Canada, that one of the three vessels was wrecked on a rock in the St. Lawrence, opposite the River Ste. Croix, entirely covered at high-water, and now styled Roche de Jacques Cartier; but the narrative which I have followed in this account makes no mention of such an accident.⁵

1536. His greater misfortune soon made this forgotten; and

Scurvy carries off a part of the French.

the more readily, as it would have been necessary to abandon this vessel for want of sailors to take it back to France. This was a kind of scurvy, which none escaped, and which would perhaps have swept off the very last of

¹ Brief Recit, p. 27 verso.

² Now called Montreal.—*Charlev.*

³ Not mentioned in Brief Recit.

⁴ Brief Recit, p. 28 and verso.

⁵ This story is first given by De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Septentrionale*, i. 282, without any date.

If it happened at all, it must have been in the third voyage. Mr. Failon, *Histoire de la Colonie Française*, i., thinks that it arose from the loss of one of Roberval's boats; but it may have come from the fact of a ship being left by Cartier. Brief Recit, p. 41.