

to Port Royal, you take the open sea on account of the 1605. currents.

Mr. de Poutrincourt having brought back abundance to its seasonable succor. his settlement, thought only of fortifying, and Pontgravé devoted himself entirely to it. He was a wise, able, indefatigable, and highly experienced man. He had the secret of keeping his people always busy, which contributed to preserve them from the diseases which had desolated the settlement of Ste. Croix. Mr. de Champlain also wished to continue his exploration, but as the season was far advanced, he could only go ten or twelve leagues beyond Cape Malebare; and his voyage was almost useless.¹ The cultivation of the earth was more successful; the wheat and other grains sowed gave returns beyond all expectation. The other labors were cheerfully performed, as provisions were not lacking; and the fertility of the soil seemed to guaranty that the source of this abundance would never be exhausted. The diseases, of which they had suppressed the cause, diminished; and, lastly, the Indians began to grow more tractable.

Mark Lescarbot, an advocate from Paris, a man of ability, strongly attached to Mr. de Poutrincourt, had had a curiosity, quite unusual in men of his profession, to see the New World; and he was highly instrumental in putting and retaining things in this happy state. He encouraged some; he touched the honor of others; he won the goodwill of all, and spared himself in naught. He daily invented something new for the public good. And there was never a stronger proof of what advantage a new settlement might derive from a mind cultivated by study, and induced by patriotism to use its knowledge and reflections.² We are indebted to this advocate for the best memoirs we

¹ Poutrincourt went with him. *Voyages*, p. 113. They went beyond Mallebare to Cape Batturier and Port Fortuné (Chatham), the last thirteen leagues beyond Mallebare. *Voyages*, pp. 113-39; Laverdière's edition, pp. 92-107. Champlain reached Port Royal again, Nov. 14. *Ib.*, p. 115.

² Lescarbot, *Histoire de la Nouvelle France*, *passim*.