

Bears in numbers are also found at Pentagoët as well as in Acadia, which live on acorns, and have a flesh as white and delicate as veal ; great numbers of moose, some beaver, a few otter, hares, partridges, turtles, Canada geese, and other like game in plenty. Opposite the mouth of the river are several islands, around which quantities of mackerel are caught, especially off Mount Desert Island, which you pass at your right on entering. The English carry on an extensive trade in this fish with the West Indies. The herring is rare, but the gasparot, a smaller and inferior species, is very abundant. During winter many codfish are taken. Between Pentagoët and Kinibequi there were formerly Indians called Armouchiquois, of whom Champlain and Lescarbot speak frequently. They were treacherous thieves : the French never could improve them, and they retired towards New England.¹

Such was the spot² where Mr. de la Saussaye planted Madame de Guercheville's colony. He landed on the northern shore, and hastily threw up a slight intrenchment, to which he gave the name of Saint Sauveur. His whole party, amounting to twenty-five persons, was soon lodged ; because the crew of his ship, which numbered thirty-five men, joined the new settlers, and all labored with much good-will and concert. The houses completed, they began to cultivate the ground ;³ and while they were engaged in this,⁴ Father Biart, accompanied by a gentleman, la Motte le Vilin, who was la Saussaye's lieutenant,

Situation of
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ville's col-
ony.

¹ Champlain, in describing the coast, makes the Almouchiquois country begin at the Kennebec and extend beyond Cape Cod (*Voyages, 1632*, pp. 67-93). Biard in *Carayon* (*Documents Inédits, xii.*, p. 82) says from the Kennebec to 40° N.

² The spot was on the eastern side of Mount Desert Island, on the western side of Soames's Sound. The site of the French colony is now oc-

cupied by Mr. Fernald. *Parkman's Pioneers*, p. 277.

³ Biard says there was a want of concert, because Saussaye began to cultivate instead of working at houses and a fort (*Relation*, p. 46).

⁴ The incident here described occurred before they began the settlement. Father Biard had gone to examine whether the spot was suitable for a colony (*Relation*, p. 64).