

10th of May. Then running five leagues S.S.E., he entered another port, which he named St. Catharine. Sailing south, he crossed the gulf, and entered a great bay, where he suffered much from heat, and called it Chaleurs Bay. Some memoirs say that the Spaniards had visited it before him, and it has certainly been sometimes called Bay of the Spaniards. He then coasted along a good part of the gulf, took possession of all the countries he had explored, and returned to France.

Canada.

1535.

Francis Pizarro founds the city of Lima on Epiphany, and calls it Villa de los Reyes. It still bears the name in public acts. Lima is the name of the valley where it lies.

Lima.

Peter de Mendoza, a Spaniard, built the city of Buenos Ayres, on the western bank of the La Plata. It was also called Villa de la Trinidad. It was twice abandoned, and not rebuilt, as it is at present, till 1582.

Buenos
Ayres

The same year Cortez, embarking in person, discovered California, to which he gave the name of St. Philip. Till the commencement of the present century it was believed to be an island.

California

On the 19th of May this year, Jacques Cartier sailed from St. Malo to prosecute his discoveries. Entering, on the 10th of August, the gulf which he had explored the year before, he named it the St. Lawrence, in memory of the holy martyr whose feast is celebrated on that day. This name was subsequently extended to the river which empties into the gulf. The name Canada, which it bore, was that given by the Indians to the whole country.

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On the 15th he discovered, at the mouth of the river, a very long island, called by the Indians Naticotec, and he gave it the name of Assumption Island. It bears more commonly that of Anticosti, believed to come from the English. Cartier then ascended the river, and on the 1st of September, after advancing ninety leagues, found himself at the mouth of the Saguenay, a great river coming from the north. He kept on up the river ninety leagues more, and arrived at Hochelaga, a great Indian town built on an island, at the foot of a mountain styled by