

France, ou Canada; and, *Autre relation du voyage du Sieur de Champlain a la nouvelle France ou Canada l'an 1633.*

BRIEVE RELATION DV VOYAGE DE LA NOUVELLE FRANCE, FAIT AU MOIS FATHER LE
d'auril dernier, par le P. Pavl le Ievne, de la Compagnie de Iesus. A JEUNE.
Paris, chez Sebastien Cramoisy, Imprimeur de Roy. 1632. A thin
octavo.

This is the first of the relations on New France which the Jesuits continued to publish from this year to 1672. As these fathers were scattered among all the nations with whom the French had any intercourse, and their missions obliged them to enter into all the affairs of the colony, we may say that their memoirs contain a very detailed history. There is indeed no other source to which we can resort to learn the progress of religion among the Indians, and to know those nations, all whose languages they spoke. The style of these relations is extremely simple, but this very simplicity has contributed to give them a great vogue, not less than the curious and edifying matter with which they are filled.

JESUIT RE-
LATIONS.
1633-1672

NOVVS ORBIS, SEU DESCRIPTIONIS INDIE OCCIDENTALIS, LIBRI XVIII. DE LAET
Authore Ioanne de Laët Antverpiensi, Novis Tabulis Geographicis, et
variis Animantium, Plantarum, Fructuumque Iconibus illustrati. Lugd.
Batav. apud Elzevrios. 1633. Folio.

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This work, which was ere long translated into French and published by the same Elzevirs in 1640, is full of excellent research, as well in regard to the European settlements in America as in regard to natural history and the character and manners of the Americans. The author has followed the best sources. He was moreover a man of ability, evincing everywhere great discernment and sound criticism, except in some places, where he consulted only Protestant authors, and yields too much to religious prejudice.

He treats in the second book of the Island of Newfoundland, the Grand Bank, Sable Island, Cape Breton, now Isle Royale, which he calls Island of St. Lawrence, or of the Bretons; of the other islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and especially of Anticosty, of the port of Tadoussac, and the Saguenay River; of the great river of Canada, or the St. Lawrence, of which he gives a description quite exact for the time; of the city of Quebec, of the Indians then best known; of Acadia, of all the