

BOOK III.

Attempt of the Marquis de la Roche to settle Canada, of which he had been appointed vice-roy. His commission. Failure. Description of Sable Island, where he landed. His errors. Chauvin succeeds him. His voyages and mistakes. The Commander de Chatte succeeds him, and forms a company. He dies soon after. First voyage of de Champlain to Canada. De Monts acquires the rights of Commander de Chatte. Goes to Acadia. Description of the country. Wretched settlement on Isle de Sainte Croix. Hardships experienced there. De Monts transports his colony to Port Royal. Description of that port, of the Bay of Fundy, and St. John's River. Singular tree. Port Royal granted to Poutrincourt. De Monts loses his exclusive privilege. Extremity to which the colony is reduced. Seasonable relief. Faults and misfortunes of de Monts. Description of Port Canso. De Monts retrieves himself somewhat. Foundation of Quebec. Henry IV. wishes Jesuits sent to Acadia. Opposition to this order. Two Jesuits arrive at Port Royal. Character, manners, and customs of the Indians of Acadia. Their ill-treatment by some of the French. Pride of the chiefs. Abundance of every thing in Acadia. History of Mambertou, one of their chiefs. He is baptized. Falls sick. The missionaries embarrassed. His edifying death. Father Biart visits the Canibas, or Abnakis. Ridiculous idea of an Indian. What retarded the progress of the Gospel. A new settlement projected. The missionaries leave Port Royal and make a new settlement, called St. Sauveur. Description of Pentagoët. Observations on the timber of these countries. Situation of St. Sauveur. Extravagant customs of the Malecites, Indians of these cantons. A dying child restored by means of baptism. Eleven English ships at Pentagoët. They seize St. Sauveur. Villany of the commandant. What became of the French of St. Sauveur after the capture of the post. The English commander acknowledges his villainy to save the life of the French. He seizes Port Royal. Various adventures of the French settlers of St. Sauveur. Noble conduct of three Jesuits. How they are received in England. Faults committed by all concerned in the settlement of Acadia.