

This obliged him to send back to them Father Joseph le Caron, whom Father Nicholas Viel and Brother Gabriel Saghart,¹ who had just arrived from France, chose to accompany. The next year the commandant built the fort of Quebec with stone.² He apparently designed to put an end to his travels, and devote himself entirely to the government of his colony; but he had scarcely finished the fort, when he returned to France with his family.³ He found the Marshal de Montmorenci negotiating a sale of his viceroyalty to his nephew, Henry de Levi, duke de Ventadour,⁴ and a bargain was soon struck.

This gentleman had retired from court, and had even taken holy orders. It was not to plunge anew into worldly turmoil that he took the direction of the affairs of New France, but to effect the conversion of the Indians; and as his spiritual directors were Jesuits, he looked to them to carry out his project. He laid the matter before the king in council; and his majesty assented the more willingly, as the Recollect Fathers, far from opposing it, had first opened the matter to the Duke de Ventadour. All then concurring to the same end, Father Charles Lallemant, who had accompanied Mr. de la Saussaye to Pentagöet; Father Enemond Masse, of whom we have already spoken; and Father John de Brebeuf,⁵ with two lay

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¹ Brother Gabriel Sagard Théodat is the historian, author of the *Histoire du Canada* (Paris, 1636, 1865), and the *Grand Voyage du Pais des Hurons* (Paris, 1632, 1865). He left Paris with Father Viel, March 18, 1624 (*Grand Voyage*, p. 6; *Histoire*, p. 113), and reached Quebec, June 28 (*Champlain, Voyages*, 1632, p. 54). He mentions their departure without assigning the cause here given by Charlevoix (*Grand Voyage*, p. 41; *Histoire*, pp. 158, 174.)

² He collected materials and began the work: *Voyages* (ed. 1632), p. 75.

³ Champlain, *Voyages* (ed. 1632), pp. 75, 76. He left Quebec, Aug. 15, and reached Dieppe, Oct. 1. Emery de Caen was left in command.

⁴ Champlain, *Voyages* (ed. 1632), pp. 77, 78; Sagard, *Histoire*, p. 862. The Duke de Ventadour obtained his patent, March, 1625 (*Champ.*, 1632, p. 78), and held the viceroyalty till June, 1627, when he resigned: *Memoires de la Soc. Hist. de Montreal*, p. 107. Montmorenci left his name to a fall and Levi to a point near Quebec.

⁵ Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 5; Lallemant, *Relation* (1625), p. 5;