

1623-25. brothers, were assigned to the Canada mission, and in 1625 were ready to sail.

Five Jesuits arrive in Canada. William de Caen took them to Quebec, and with them the Recollect Father Joseph de Daillon, of the illustrious house of du Lude.¹ He gave his word to the Duke de Ventadour that the Jesuits should want for nothing; yet as soon as they landed he told them, that if the Recollect Fathers would not receive and lodge them in their house, there was no alternative but to return to France. They even perceived, ere long, that pains had been taken to prejudice the inhabitants of Quebec against them, by circulating among them the most violent things published by the Calvinists of France against their society. But their presence soon effaced all these prejudices, the libels were publicly burned, and the new missionaries were not long a burden to the Recollects, who had obliged them to accept their house, then less than a quarter of a league from the town, on the St. Charles River.²

Tragical death of a Recollect Father.

A few days after their arrival, Fathers de Daillon and de Brebeuf embarked for Three Rivers, where they met Hurons who offered to take them to their country. The two missionaries had left Quebec solely with this view, and were preparing to avail themselves of the opportunity offered, when news came that caused them to retrace their steps.³ Father Nicholas Viel, the Recollect, after spending nearly two years among the Hurons, desired to make a visit to Quebec, in order to spend some time in retirement there. Some Indians, preparing to make the

Le Clercq, *Etablissement de la Foi*, i, pp. 297-304.

¹ Champlain, *Voyages* (ed. 1632), p. 84; Sagard, *Histoire du Canada*, p. 862; Lalemant, *Relation de la Nouvelle France* (1625), p. 5. The Recollect's name is given by Sagard, Joseph de la Roche Daillon (p. 564); by le Clercq (*Etablissement*, i, p. 304), Joseph de la Roche d'Allion.

² The site is now occupied by the general hospital.—*Charl. Ferland, Cours d'Histoire du Canada*, i, p. 188. Le Clercq (i, p. 311) says the Jesuits remained in that house two years—parts of 1625-6, apparently.

³ Sagard, *Histoire du Canada*, p. 868; Lalemant, *Relation* (1625), p. 5; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 6.