

1629.

His tragic
end.

Champlain sought to turn the wretched man's feelings towards the English to his good, by recalling him to the faith of his fathers and the service of his king. On recovering from his frenzy, Champlain took him aside and used the gentlest language, most fitted to touch a heart that was not hardened beyond all redemption. But his cup of iniquity was full, and God no longer deferred his chastisement. His fury increased to such a point, that he could no longer be seen or heard without horror. He at last fell into a lethargic swoon which lasted thirty-five hours, and these past, he expired.¹ All military honors were paid to his remains, and he was interred with all the ceremonies used in the Protestant churches; but the funeral over, the English only thought of drinking deeply, and they never showed more hilarity.

The admiral spent the rest of the summer in careening his ships, which they greatly needed. He set sail in September, and on the 20th of October anchored in the port of Plymouth, where he learned that the differences between the two crowns were settled.² He was not unaware of it; and it is even asserted that he had absolute knowledge of it before the capture of Quebec, but had deemed that he might pretend ignorance. He had been at great expense to fit out his vessels, and had flattered himself with the hope of finding in New France more than would be needed to cover his outlay. He was much astonished to see himself lord only of a rock inhabited by a hundred persons exhausted by a long famine, whom he had in the first place to feed; a warehouse with but a small stock of skins; some poorly built and worse furnished houses. So all that he gained by his want of good faith was his own ruin, unrelieved even by the consolation of laboring for the prince he served.³

¹ Champlain, pp. 256, 262; Creux-ber 9, 1629: Sagard, *Histoire du*
ius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 34. Canada, p. 1001.

² Champlain, p. 266. The Re-col-³ Charlevoix here leaves us in the
lects and Jesuits sailed Septem- dark as to Champlain. Kertk car-