

1633.

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planting a colony there.¹ He did, in fact, form a small settlement at Port la Haive, where it was so easy and important to make one, that would soon, with small outlay, enable that great peninsula to yield large returns.² The same year, Mr. de Champlain, whom the Company had presented to the king by virtue of the power conferred by his majesty, was again appointed governor of New France,³ and set out with a squadron which carried much more than all then in Canada was worth, taking with him Fathers de Brebeuf and Enemond Masse. He found several of the old settlers there. He brought new ones, and exhorted both to take lessons from the faults that caused the past misfortunes.⁴

Character
of the Hu-
rons.

His first view was to bind the Huron nation to him, and to begin by subjecting it to the yoke of the gospel, convinced that there is no bond more indissoluble than that of religion. Thus far, they had rather prepared the way for the establishment of Christianity among these Indians, than begun a work which required a greater knowledge than had hitherto been acquired of their language, their customs, their belief, and national character. The Recollect Fathers, during their stay among them, had gained some to Christ, but had been able to baptize only a few. Fathers de Brebeuf and de Nouë had also made some proselytes; but Christianity had not yet taken root among this people, which did not seem easy to convert. Nevertheless, men flattered themselves that when the Indians had a somewhat longer intercourse with the missionaries, they would become more docile; and this hope was based on

¹ The commander, Isaac de Razilly, 1632: *Memoires des Commissaires*, ii., p. 491; i., p. 44.

² Denys: *Description des Cotes de l'Amérique Septentrionale*, pp. 86, 94-9. La Heve was in his brother's grant: *Ferland*, i., p. 255.

³ Lieutenant of Cardinal Richelieu and General of the Fleet: *Merc. Franç.*, xix., p. 817.

⁴ *Relation de la N. F.*, 1633, p. 25.