

covered it, writes that he found on it a village called Ochelaga. This fully agrees with the accounts of the Savages, who call it "Minitik outen entagougiban," "the Island on which stood a town or a village." The wars have banished its inhabitants.¹⁰

It gives access and an admirable approach to all the Nations of this vast country; for, on the North and South, on the East and West, there are rivers which fall into the river Saint Lawrence and the river des prairies that surround the Island. So that, if peace prevailed among these peoples, they could land thereon from all sides. *Omnia tempus habent*; all will be done in time.

The Gentlemen who have undertaken to [227 i.e., 127] have Jesus Christ adored on this Island, performed a truly Christian action last Winter. They are persons of virtue, of merit, and of condition, people who profess to serve God publicly,—how pleasant those words (to serve God publicly) are to me!—not to blush for the humiliations of Jesus Christ, and not to be puffed up by worldly honors. These noble Souls having assembled in the great Church of Nostre Dame, at Paris, those who had taken holy orders said holy Mass, and the others received communion at the Altar of that Princess, which is fraught with miracles. Having the Savior of the world with them, they consecrated the Island of Mont-real to the Holy Family, desiring that it should thereafter bear the name of Nostre Dame de Mont-real. But let us listen, if you please, to what a virtuous person who hides from men, but who is well known to the Angels, writes on this subject.

"As more ample information is desired regarding the particular circumstances of this Society, here is