

the way, that no one is brought to Jesus Christ except through the Cross; that the plans that are formed for his glory in this country are conceived in expense and in trouble, are carried out amid difficulties, are completed by patience, and are crowned in glory.

Precipitation in such matters is useless, zeal is excellent, good management is greatly needed, and patience will put the finishing touch to this great work.

On the fifteenth of October of last year, 1641, the day dedicated to the memory of Saint Theresa,—greatly beloved by and a great lover of the Holy Family,—Monsieur the Governor, Reverend Father Vimont, and several [130] other persons, well versed in knowledge of the country, arrived on the spot chosen for the first dwelling to be erected on this beautiful Island, which I would readily call the Holy Isle, as so many elect Souls have so piously consecrated it to the Holy Family.

On the seventeenth of May of the present year, 1642, Monsieur the Governor placed the sieur de Maison-neufve in possession of the Island, in the name of the Gentlemen of Mont-real, in order to commence the first buildings thereon. Reverend Father Vimont had the *Veni Creator* chanted, said holy Mass, and exposed the Blessed Sacrament, to obtain from Heaven a happy beginning for the undertaking. Immediately afterwards, the men were set to work, and a redout was made of strong palisades for protection against enemies.

On the twenty-eighth of July, a small party of Algonquins, who were passing that way, stopped there for several days. The Captain brought his