

current with the shore, and the conversion of this island into a wharf of good dimensions.\* This was completed in 1830. Subsequently other wharves were constructed along the adjacent banks of the river.

The revetment wall which protects the front of the city, and from which ramps are formed giving access from the streets to the wharves, was commenced in 1832. The funds for carrying out this important work were granted by the Provincial Parliament, and the work was carried on under commissioners.

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## THE CITY OF THREE RIVERS.

### AN HISTORICAL SKETCH.



THE last year of the 16th century is the first in which, commercially speaking, any notice of consequence was taken of the city of Three Rivers.

In the year 1599 De Pontgravé of St. Malo and Pierre Chauvin of Rouen, merchants and navigators, sailed from Honfleur, under the direct patronage of King Henry IV., to establish permanent posts and a regular trade in Canada. After visiting several places, they stopped at the mouth of the St. Maurice, and Pontgravé, having been here before, and knowing that at certain seasons of the year large gatherings of Indians were held at this point, strongly urged the establishment of a permanent settlement in this locality. But Chauvin, considering the great exposure of the place, decided in favour of Tadousac, and so the latter—now a very small village and summer resort—had the honour of becoming the first regular commercial station in Canada.

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\*Our present Island Wharf.