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Simcoe,) with its many thousands of savage redmen. With a resolve, as noble as it was heroic, these Christian missionaries threw themselves into a work as hopeless as it was fatal. So, also, Samuel De Champlain viewed the wondrous stretch of water which presented itself to his gaze, and it was with feelings of most grateful respect he clasped once more the hands of his dauntless countrymen, who through many perils had sought to plant the Cross of Christ and the flag of France among these restless and savages hordes.

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SAILING northward between the hilly shores of Lake Temiskaming, clad in unbroken forest gorgeous in autumnal tints, it required but a slight effort of imagination to picture the days, long generations ago, when the Indian alone stole quietly over the still waters of the lake in his birch bark canoe; and those still later days when the adventurers of the Hudson Bay Company and the Northwest Company began to push their hazardous way into the vast solitudes of the Great Lone Land of the Canadian Northwest, dotting the terrible wilderness with stockaded fur-posts and leaving their bones to bleach in unbroken graves. In time there crept deep down into the Indian's heart the suspicion that a superior race was coming with an irresistible advance. Is it any wonder that he viewed the white usurper with sullen resentment? To-day the Indian is but a degenerate remnant, and the *coureurs des bois* and the *bois brules* of the old rival fur companies are but a memory, their palisaded forts are fast disappearing, yet the light of romance still clings about and illuminates the almost obliterated trails of the daring spirits and nameless heroes to whom Canada owes so much. Lake Temiskaming is full of the inspiration of those bold days; the steamboat and the telegraph wire seem an intrusion and a profanation in its historic water reaches, but even these prosaic forces of modern civilization cannot entirely dispel the romantic charm of these rock-bound, forest shores.

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