

October, (oc-to'-ber), from the Latin *octo*, eight ; the eighth month of the primitive Roman year, and the tenth month in the Julian year, which consisted of 365 days 6 hours, adopted in the Julian Calendar, and continued in use till superseded by the Gregorian Calendar, so-called because Pope Gregory XIII. reformed the Julian Calendar, ordering October 5th, 1582, to be called the 15th, and that henceforth the year should consist of 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, 12 seconds, which would lead to an error of *one day* only in 3,866 years.

Richelieu, (resh'-el-yu), a country and river of the Province of Quebec ; the stream was originally called the river of the Iroquois. It is sometimes known by the name of the Sorel river, from the town at its mouth ; it connects Lake Champlain with the St. Lawrence, 80 miles distant from this point.

St. Mary (sent ma'ré), a rapid part of the river St. Lawrence a little distance below Montreal.

St. Croix (St. Krwa'), a place a little west of Quebec, on the river St. Lawrence.

The name is now lost, &c., not so ; Hochelaga is the name of the place so called when visited by Cartier.

CORTÉZ IN MEXICO.

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Cortez (kor-tes' er-nan'-do), the conqueror of Mexico, born at Medellin (ma-del-yeen'), Spain, 1485, died near Seville (se-vil'), in great poverty and neglect, 1547. In 1504 he came to America, held various appointments in Santiago (San-te-a'-go), of Cuba, and in 1518, commanded the expedition for the conquest of Mexico, consisting of 550 Spaniards, 200 or 300 Indians, a few negroes, 12 or 13 cavalry horses, 10 brass guns and some smaller cannon called falconets. He landed in Mexico early in 1519;