

CITY OF QUEBEC.

The City of Quebec was founded by SAMUEL CHAMPLAIN, 1608. In 1622 the population was reduced to fifty souls.

In 1629, Sir DAVID KEITH, in the employ of the British crown, sailed up the St. Lawrence and made the conquest of Quebec. The treaty of St. Germain, concluded soon after, restored to France Quebec and her other American possessions.

In June, 1759, the English army, under General WOLFE, landed upon the Island of Orleans. On the 12th of September, took place the celebrated battle of the Plains of Abraham, which resulted in the death of Wolfe, and the defeat of the French army. A force of 5000 English troops under Gen. Murray were left to garrison the fort.

In 1760 the French made preparations to besiege Quebec, and a battle had already taken place, when a large English fleet arrived, and the French retreated to Montreal. Thus ended this eventful war.

The city is very interesting to a stranger; it is the only walled city in the Canadas, and one feels on passing the gateways, and being shut in by the ponderous gates, as though he were entering some sort of prison. There are five of these gates.

CAPE DIAMOND, upon which the citadel stands, is three hundred and forty-five feet in height, and derives its name from the quantity of crystals mixed with the granite below its surface. The fortress includes the whole space on the cape.