

no longer did so, caused all things in the fortress to be set in good order'—with which words the narrative ends. We do not hear of Cartier again until June 1543, when, after passing the winter at Cape Rouge, on his way home to France he met Roberval in the harbour of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Whether Roberval, after Cartier had sailed from St. Malo, found his artillery, powder, and munitions at Honfleur as he expected, we do not know, but in any event he did not follow Cartier to the St. Lawrence during the summer of 1541. According to reports from the Spanish ambassador in France to the Emperor Roberval encountered great difficulties in furnishing his ships with provisions and in finding suitable colonists for the St. Lawrence. He hoped, however, to be ready to sail by the middle of September.

As it would then be too late to go to Canada, the Spanish ambassador was of opinion that Roberval would sail towards Spain and the Indies. Charles soon learned in fact that Roberval had sent a message to Francis I that as it was then too late to go to Canada, 'Roberval might do the king other service which would be pleasing unto him, if he so desired.' Charles interpreted this to mean an attack on the coast of Spain, and charged the Cardinal of Toledo to send an immediate warning to the coast towns, which was done.

The Spanish ambassador in France urged the Emperor to attack Roberval at once, but the difficulty was to find him. In October he lay off St. Malo, but did not venture to land, although he sent ashore for flour and bread. It appeared that while he could not go to Canada, he dared not land in France on account of robberies he had committed, both upon Frenchmen and foreigners. With Roberval was also joined Pierre de Bidoux, one of the most notorious French pirates of the day.¹

On a complaint being made to Henry VIII by some English merchants who had been robbed by Roberval of 600 quintals of iron and 400 morocco skins, 'on pretext that they were laden in Spain and therefore belonged to

¹ Simancas, *Estado*, leg. 373, fol. 42