

QUEBEC,

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QUEBEC, founded by Samuel de Champlain, in 1608. has certainly much to recommend herself, by her monuments, her historical memories and her scenery, to the traveller — the scholar—the historian. The wintering of the venturesome Jacques Cartier on the banks of the St. Charles, in 1535-6, by its remoteness, is an incident of interest not only to Canadians, but also to every denizen of America. It takes one back to an era nearly coeval with the discovery of the continent by Columbus —much anterior to the foundation of Jamestown, in 1607—anterior to that of St. Augustine in Florida, in 1592. Quebec has, then, a right to call herself an old, a very old, city of the west.

The colonization of Canada, or, as it was formerly called, New France, was undertaken by companies of French merchants engaged in the fur trade, close on whose steps followed a host of devoted missionaries, who found in the forests of this new and attractive country, ample scope for the exercise of their religious enthusiasm. It was at Quebec that these Christian