

"the wild men" whom they had taken near the Gulf of St. Lawrence in their voyage of the preceding year, informed them that the lands which they saw were the beginning of Saguenay, and that the country was inhabited.

"The sayd men did moreouer certifie vnto vs, that there was the way and beginning of the great riuer of Hochelaga, and ready way to Canada, which riuer the farther it went the narrower it came, euen into Canada, and that then there was fresh water, which went so far vpwards, that they had neuer heard of any man who had gone to the head of it, and that there is no other passage but with small boates. Our Captaine hearing their talke, and how they did affirme no other passage to be there, would not at that time proceede any further, till he had seene and noted the other lands and coast toward the north, which he had omitted to see from S. Laurence his gulfe, because he would know, if between the lands toward the north any passage might be discovered."\*

Proceeding cautiously, and learning from the natives, who everywhere received them with unsuspecting kindness, that there was a considerable town some days' sail up the river, they continued their voyage till they came, on the 2d of October, to a fortified city at the foot of a

\* "Hackluyt," vol. iii. p. 264.