

colony—Daniel Hay, who is described as “Surgeon-Apothecary,” and Louis Hébert “the Apothecary,” who was noted for his devotion to agriculture.

Dr. Daniel Hay enjoys the unique distinction of being the first medical man that practised in Canada. He came out with De Monts, accompanied him on several expeditions, remained for a time at Port Royal, was with the party during the third winter, and was a member of Champlains “Ordre de Bon Temps.” He evidently soon afterwards returned to France, as no mention is made of him in the early “Jesuit Relations.”

Here, I may observe that Champlains “Ordre de Bon Temps” was established not solely for revelry, but was designed to prevent the ravages of scurvy.

During the first winter at St. Croix, 35 of the party of 75 died of scurvy, and half of the remainder were seriously ill. In the second winter, 12 out of a party of 45 succumbed to the disease. On both occasions it was observed that those who escaped the disease lived a greater part of the time in the open air, engaged in the pleasures of the chase.

“Of all Sieur de Monts people who wintered first at St. Croix only eleven remained well. These were a jolly company of hunters who preferred rabbit hunting to the air of the fireside; skating on the ponds to turning over lazily in bed; making snowballs to bring down the game, to talking about Paris and its good cooks.”—“Jesuit Relations.”

Champlain’s narrative says—“We spent the winter very pleasantly and fared generously by means of the “Ordre de Bon Temps,” which I introduced. This all found useful for their health, and more advantageous than all the medicines that could have been used.

By the rules of the order a chain was put, with some little ceremonies, on the neck of one of our company, commissioning him for the day to go hunting. The next day it was conferred upon another, and thus in succession. All exerted themselves to the utmost, to see who would do the best and bring home the finest game. We found this a very good arrangement, as did also the savages who were with us.”

Louis Hébert, born at Paris, an apothecary, was also one of Poutrincourt’s colony at Port Royal. He not only practised his profession