

companies which occupied themselves about it barely sufficiently to protect the interests of their associates and, to crown all misfortunes, the Huguenots had obtained the control of affairs. The pious Champlain groaned over this every day but as he was merely lieutenant-governor he had neither the authority nor the means to remedy the evil. The fort itself was without provisions and without ammunitions in 1629 when the enemy presented himself at its doors. Champlain who had nothing to oppose to the considerable forces commanded by Kertk was compelled to capitulate and to see the unceasing labors of twenty years annihilated (1). The entire French population with the exception of three or four families at once returned to the mother country. What a dark prospect for the future! Will the nascent Church of Canada be stifled in its cradle?

Oh no, far from it! They depart but St. Anne remains to watch over her domain and to protect the few families planted in it. She allows this event, apparently so unfortunate, to happen solely in order that all those grasping and heretical men may be removed from the country and that, in their stead, a colony may be formed according to her own heart.

Meanwhile Captain Daniel in company with Father Vimont and Fathers Noyrot, Lallemant and de Vieuxpont had left France; the former on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1629 and the latter some days later to carry assistance all together to the inhabitants of the colony. But neither the one nor the other were destined to reach the end of their journey. Quebec was already in the enemy's hands.

Captain Daniel on learning of that disaster on his arrival at Cape Breton, resolved to revenge himself for it by expelling from the island a Scotchman named James Stuart who had just fortified himself on it. He landed with a party of his people; he attacked the fort and carried it by assault; then he demolished it and built another at the mouth of the river Grand Cibou. Nothing says the *Relation* was wanting to make it a fort « more recommendable as regards its capacity, or for the facility of approaching it. House, chapel, store all were strongly

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(1) *Samuel de Champlain*, by Dionne, p. xiv.