

I.—*Brest on the Quebec Labrador.*

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While engaged in the study of the history of exploration in Canada the writer's curiosity was aroused by an entry on p. 25 of HARRISSE's "Notes pour servir à l'histoire, à la bibliographie etc., de la Nouvelle France," in which he gives the title, in full, of the letter which follows. Mr. HARRISSE adds this extract from Brunet as his only comment:

" Cette pièce rare est écrite de Brest en Canada, 13 Février, 1608 Vendue (annoncée sous la date de 1619) à la vente Coste et achetée pour une bibliothèque en Amérique." Much mythology has gathered round this locality and the writer felt that it was necessary to examine this little book. It was found in the Lenox Library, in New York, and by the permission of the courteous librarian it was examined in full.

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making any remarks upon it. It may be observed, however, that Lyons was not connected with Canada like the seaboard cities of Normandy and Bretagne. One Jesuit "Relation," that of 1616 (Biard's) was printed in that city, but Leon Savine's imprint is not met with again, so far as the writer can learn.

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