



As we said above, the first Martyr in Canada was Fr. Nicolas Viel, who while returning from the land of the Hurons was drowned by a band of savages in the Rapids of the Des Prairies River. With him was a Christian Indian, named Ahuntsic, who perished with his spiritual adviser. Their memory is perpetuated by the names of two towns on the Island of Montreal. One is called "Sault-au-Récollet" and the other "Ahuntsic," after the Martyrs, in whose honour two monuments have been raised in the first-named place.