

SUMMARY OF CANADIAN HISTORY.

- 1524—Then the French sent Verazzani, and he called the land “ New France.”
Ten years after, from St. Malo, came Jacques Cartier to explore,
- 1534—Found and named the Gulf St. Lawrence, Fifteen-hundred-thirty-four.
One year later this bold sailor up the river took his way,
- 1535—Looking for a route to China, and discovered Canada.
Where the mighty river narrows—Indians call a Strait “ kepec ”—
Stood a village, Stadacona, where is standing now Quebec.
What, in English, we call “ village ” Indians called a “ kannata ” :
Cartier thought they meant the “ country,” so he called it “ Canada.”
Next he came to Hochelaga, neatly built of logs, but small,
On a large and fertile island which is now called Montreal :
Near the village stood a mountain, “ Royal Mont ” he called its name ;
Long years after, Sixteen-'leven, rose the city called the same.
- 1541—Cartier founded Charlesburg Royal, Fifteen-hundred-forty-one ;
And the first attempt to settle on St. Lawrence was begun.
- 1583—Humphrey Gilbert sailed from London, Fifteen-hundred-eighty-three,
Came to claim the land for England, but his ship was lost at sea.
So the French still held the country, sending rulers one by one,
But the Indians being hostile little settlement was done.