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## De Monts and Champlain.



HE first effort by the French to colonize what was for many years known as Acadia, was made, so we read, in 1598, six years prior to the discovery of the River St. John, and the attempted settlement at Saint Croix Island. In that year King Henry, grateful to those who had assisted him in his stern struggle for the throne of France, more in Brittany, gave to the Marquis de la Roche the vice-sovereignty over a large territory on the American continent. It was one thing, however, to make such a grant, but a very different and more difficult undertaking to obtain possession of and successfully colonize this vast area.

The attempt of la Roche, while unsuccessful, is worthy of mention. The colonization schemes of those days differed greatly from similar enterprises of the present time, for, instead of trying to enlist the coöperation of practical farmers and sturdy me-