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Naturally there was much speculation about the unknown land Bjarni had seen, and, some years after, Leif, the son of Eric, sailed in the summer time of the year 1,000 sonthward bound, and came to a barren land plentifully covered with flat rock. This land he called Heluland or Slate Land. Continuing his voyage of discovery he arrived at a land covered with forest. The wooded coast he called Markland or Woodland. From this land he stood out to sea and, driven before a north-easterly wind, came in the country, Cartier antichored his fleet at the mouth of St. Charles river, whoreath the high

before a north-easterly wind, came in sight of land. Following the coast, he came to a body of water connected with the ocean by a short river. Entering the lake he determined to winter there, and, as one of his men found grapes in abundance, Eric called the place Vinland, and there spent the winter, returning with a cargo of lumber to Greenland the following year. The communication with a lumber country, thus opened, continued from year to year till, in the spring of 1007, Thorfinn Karlsefni resolved upon forming a colony in Vinland, and, accordingly, sailed thither. The colony, however, did not succeed and the survivors returned to Greenland, in 1012. The best authority, Dr. Storm, Royal," since Anglicised into Mont-

The colony, however, did not succeed and the survivors returned to Greenland, in 1012. The best authority, Dr. Storm, concludes after careful investigations that Vinland was that part of Canada known as Nova Sootia, and that these Norse Voyagers sailed along the Labrador coast, and the Newfoundland coast, and, crossing the straits, had attempted colonization in Acadia.

The practical results of these early voyages of discovery were of little value. The facts were in the Sagas; but Southern Europe having little or no communication with the countries in the north never learned of the existence of the new Continent. It was not till John and Sebastian Cabot, father and son, had persuaded Henry VII to commission them to make a voyage of discovery by salling westward that Vinland was rediscovered in 1497, the land being as seems fully established at Cape Breton. In the following year, Sebastian Cabot made another voyage, going into high latitudes for the purpose of discovering a North-West passage to the Indies. On this voyage he sailed as far north as Hudson Straits. Animated by his example, Gaspar Cortereal, a Portuguese gentleman, sailed along the eastern sea front of the country now called Canada, from Hudson Straits (which he named Rio Nevado, the "River of Snow") to the Bay of Fundy. It is claimed that he partially explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but of the result of his investigation no record remains. England and Portugal being any conversations. The

From that time onward the rich fisheries of the Newfoundland Banks and the shores of the Gulf became the magnet drawing the hardy Breton, Basque, Norman and west of England fisherman to our coasts. Cape Breton, a name published on the earliest maps, derived its name from the Breton fisher-None of the voyages thus taken, how-ever, had any reference to the settle-ment of the country. It was reserved for

ploring or occupying any portion of this boundless continent, whose wealth was filling the coffers of her rivals, and Francis the First resolved to claim a share of the prize. "Shall the kings of Spain and Portugal," he exclaimed, "divide an America between them? I would like to see the clause in father

dam's will bequeathing that vast in-

in the following spring. The story of their adventures lingered among the firesides of the homes of Iceland for many a long year, and, after a century had passed, Eric the Red, being outlawed for killing a neighbor in a brawl, resolved to spend the years of his banishment in searching for the western land associated with Gunnbjorn's adventure. He left Iceland in 983 and in three years' Country in the name of his sovereign

of Greenland, and, following the shore Learning from the natives of the round Cape Farewell, had examined a portion of the west side, where he found had ever traced it to its source," he in one of its deep flords a place for a sailed up the gulf of St. Lawrence home. Returning to Iceland he proved until he could see land on either side. almself so good an emigration agent But, the season being well advanced, that he soon left with twenty-five he deemed it prudent to go no further vessels. He encountered storms and until he should return next summer. lost eleven of his fleet. The remainder, carrying four or five hundred persons ful lieutenants brought back, the lost eleven of his fleet. The remainder, carrying four or five hundred persons, arrived safely at the selected spot. The colony was successfully planted, and for four hundred years the descendents lived and labored and loved on the west coast of the land Eric had named Greenland. During many years communication was constant tetween the colonists and the mother isle. Among those who accompanied Eric was one Herjulf, who, on one occasion, went to Iceland on a lengthened visit. His son, Bjarni, thought he, too, would cross over to Iceland to see his father. Landed there he had found that his father had left for Greenland. Sailing after him Bjarni was borne by contrary winds far to the south, making after many days an unknown land. He turned to the north and in eight days

the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but of the result of his investigation no record remains. England and Portugal being thus connected by voyages of discovery with Canada, France wes not far behind. The probable date of the first friendly as behind. The probable date of the first french expedition to Cale Breton is 1504. The French Navigator Denys explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1506. treachery began to recoil upon his own head. Another gloomy winter was spent, and again the would-be colonists went back home disheartened, although Roberval, whom unforseen circumstances had detained in France for a twelvemonths, meeting them at Newfoundland, tried hard to retain them. Roberval continued on men, who thus began the long contin-ned custom of transferring the names of their European homes to this Continent. Rouge, whither in 1543 Cartier was Rouge, whither in 1543 Cartier was sent to carry the orders for his recall, and the latter, after enduring a rance to make the first attempt in this direction, when, in the year 1518, the Baron de Lery fitted out an expedition with that end in view. Unfortunately the fates were not propitious to this venture, and beyond the landing of some horses on Sable Island, where they multiplied greatly, and exist in droves to the present day, nothing was accomplished.

Eventually, and the latter, after enduring a third winter, left the country in the spring of 1544 never to return.

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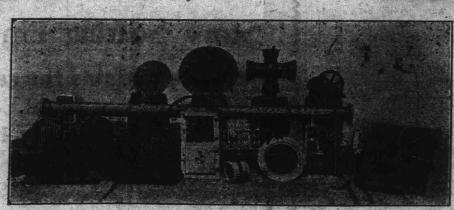
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