

A.—*The Rotz' Map, 1542.*

The first map that I have been able to find, which shows certain traces of Cartier's voyages, is that by John Rotz, dated 1542.<sup>1</sup> It is also the only map known to me which shows his first voyage with no trace of the later ones. I have not been able to find any complete reproduction of this map, the original of which occurs in a "Boke of Idrography . . . by John Rotz," preserved in the British museum. The annexed sketch is copied from that in Winsor's "America," Vol. IV, p. 83.<sup>2</sup> No names are attached to this map and De Costa says<sup>3</sup> they are omitted on the Gulf and River St. Lawrence. Only the western portion of the gulf is given in Winsor's sketch, but Harrisse<sup>4</sup> says some French names are placed on the east of Newfoundland. The figures and explanations are entirely my own. I need hardly mention that one cannot follow the explanations of these maps without a good modern map of the Gulf before him.



FIG. 1.—Map of John Rotz, 1542.

I shall omit, until a little later, a discussion of localities Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, merely saying in passing that I consider No. 1 to be Bird Islands; 2, Bryon Island; 3, the north-west coast of the largest of the Magdalenes; 4, Isle Allezey (Deadman's Island). It will be remembered that Cartier sailed from the Magdalenes to the west, i.e., magnetic west, which would be south of true west. There he entered the River of Boats (Richmond Bay), 5, to the north of which was Cape Orleans (Cape Kildare), 6, north of which again was Cape of the Savages (North Point), 7—all of these places being on Prince Edward Island.<sup>5</sup> He then coasted along the north-west of Prince Edward Island, and being in the head of Northumberland Strait, thought himself in a bay, 8, the Bay of St. Lunario. North of this was

<sup>1</sup> Harrisse (Jean et Sébastien Cabot, par Henry Harrisse, Paris, 1882), pp. 197-200, mentions a "Mappemonde Harleyenne," of about 1542, from which or from the prototype of which Rotz copied the Newfoundland coast. I have not been able to find a copy of the map (which is preserved in the British Museum in manuscript), but Harrisse's description would lead me to think it contains little that is different from that of Rotz. Harrisse considers it earlier than the latter, and says of it "cette belle carte, la plus rapprochée, ce semble, des découvertes accomplies par Jacques Cartier," and again, "Le golfe et le fleuve Saint Laurent, la péninsule Gaspésienne, la baie des Chaleurs, présentent des contours très exacts pour l'époque."

<sup>2</sup> For further description of this map see America, iv, 82, also Harrisse, op. cit., pp. 201-204.

<sup>3</sup> America, iv, 76.

<sup>4</sup> Jean et Sébastien Cabot, p. 203.

<sup>5</sup> For details see preceding pages 18, 19, or take subsequent p. 57, or the writer's paper in these Transactions, 1887, ii, 121-136.