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CANADA: AS I REMEMBER IT, AND AS IT IS.

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LITTLE more than 300 years ago, Jacques Cartier sailed up the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and made known the vast region now called Canada, to Western Europe. The date is 1534, in which Henry VIII. of England was breaking with the Pope, Loyola was gathering his first society of Jesuits, and Copernicus was deciphering the true system of the universe. It was an incident of that turbulent century which attracted little notice, that far to the north of the track across the Atlantic made by Columbus, and more in the direction taken by his predecessor Cabot the Venetian, the French had discovered new lands of unknown extent, and proceeded to establish trading ports on great inland waters. We do not mean even to sketch, the history of Canada from what is held on the American Continent to be quite hoary antiquity—the sixteenth century; but that history would be worth telling, marked by heroic endurance, stirring adventures, and even