

take out people to settle in the country. De Monts did not know much about this place, of which if the king's grant could do anything for him, he was to be the sole lord and master, but he was hopeful of being able to make of it a "New France" in the wilderness, with people, and houses, and towns, and churches, and laws like those at home. He wanted his old friend to help him in his task, and Poutrincourt, thinking that Acadia might be a better land to live in than France, promised to go with him to see the country.

5. When, a few weeks later, they set sail for America they had on board their little vessel a very mixed company of Roman Catholics and Huguenots; industrious workmen and criminals from the jails; rough, uncouth sailors and brave gentlemen, one of whom was Samuel de Champlain, the founder of Quebec.

6. They crossed the Atlantic safely, sailed round the southern coast of Nova Scotia, up the Bay of Fundy, and passing by chance through a small inlet found themselves in the beautiful bay now known as Annapolis Basin. Poutrincourt thought that his eyes had never rested on a lovelier scene than those blue hills and waters, and he begged De Monts to give him a grant of the place so that he could make there a home for himself and his children. De Monts consented, and Poutrincourt named the noble bay Port Royal.

7. The voyagers did not stay long within that sheltered haven, for there was much to do before the short, cold days came on. Round the shores of the Bay of Fundy they sailed, stopping now and then to seek for copper mines, to gather shining blue amethysts, and to explore