

on Christmas Day. Quebec is still a little village of less than 100 souls, and with only three public buildings : Fort St. Louis, the store-house of the *Cent Associés*, and the parish church of Notre Dame de la Recouvrance, from whose belfry Champlain caused the Angelus to be rung three times a day — a custom still observed in the churches of Quebec.

1646.—On New Year's Eve the first play ever performed in Quebec, Corneille's *Le Cid*, was given before the Governor and the Jesuit Fathers in a store-room belonging to the Cent Associés in Ste Anne Street.

1648.—The Governor-in-Council appoints Jacques Boisdon first and sole innkeeper of Quebec, on con-