

of sacrifice and struggle to establish and maintain French colonies in Acadia and on the St. Lawrence, French domination for a time ceased and the English flag floated over the forts and buildings. For three years longer, until July, 1632, English occupation continued, when by the treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye possession was restored to France, and Champlain, with a fleet sent out by the Company of the Hundred Associates, reoccupied Quebec as Governor, and vigorously resumed the construction of defensive works, the establishment of trading posts in the upper country and the extension of French influence. He was stricken with paralysis October 10th. and died on Christmas Day, 1635, the first year of a second century of French occupation.

It will have been seen from this rapid sketch of conditions in the colony up to the beginning of the second century of French occupation, and the death of Champlain, that from the very commencement the stations occupied by the French were for the great part held in face of fighting and privation, exposure and other hardships, and in peril from the tomahawk, and the scalping knife, and torch of ruthless savages. But through it all, step by step, the French accomplished their destiny as the founders of Canada, eventually made good their defence, penetrated the surrounding regions, explored the upper country and established trade and the Christian religion. Canada's second century saw a more rapid development, the colony increasing steadily in numbers and strength, but it was ushered in with flames and massacres, which continued at intervals for many years. The French, not only in the settlements on the St. Lawrence but at the distant and widely scattered trading posts in the upper country, were, in common with their Indian allies, reduced frequently to a state of indescribable suffering. A new settlement was discovered by the Iroquois in 1643 and stragglers were killed or captured and tortured. Another settlement, founded at Sillery, was fired by the Iroquois and destroyed, every person being tomahawked and scalped or otherwise done to death. An attack was made by the Iroquois on the trading