

CHARLEVOIX.

Peter Francois Xavier Charlevoix, a celebrated traveller and author, was a member of the Order of Jesuits, and was born at St. Quintin in 1684. He was for several years a missionary in America, and particularly in Canada. After his return to France, he published a number of valuable Historical works, the most important being a "History and General Description of Japan," "History of Paraguay," and "The Island of St. Dominique." The work which renders his name so familiar in Canada, is entitled "Histoire Générale de la Nouvelle France." This work is one of great value, describing as it does so fully, his own experience, and the manners and customs of the American Indians. He died in 1761, greatly esteemed for his high character and extensive learning.

NICHOLAS PERROT,

a French traveller, was sent by M. Talon (Intendant of Canada), in 1670, to induce the north-western Indians to acknowledge the sovereignty of France. He left a most interesting manuscript on the customs of the Indians. An island situated at the western junction of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence, is called after him.

D'IBERVILLE.

Pierre le Moyne d'Iberville, was born at Montreal, and was one of the best naval officers of France, under Louis XIV. He was successful in several encounters with the English in Hudson Bay, and in Newfoundland; in 1699, he laid the foundation of a colony in Biloxi, near New Orleans; and having discovered the entrance to the Mississippi, which La Salle had missed, he sailed up that river to a considerable distance, he is considered as the founder of the colony of Louisiana. He died in 1706. The county of Iberville, in Lower Canada, is named after him. His brother, Le Moyne de Bienville, was governor of Louisiana, and founded the city of New Orleans.