

Attacks by Indians, disease, disputes, and all the accompaniments of such an enterprise, were alike the lot of the Founders of Montreal.

Many obstacles presented themselves before the expedition left France, and subsequently after its arrival at Quebec, but Maisonneuve appears to have been inflexible, and expressed his determination to found the colony at Montreal, "even if every tree on the island were an Iroquois."

It has now ceased to be "Debatable Land," but here the issues of battle have been sorely contested. Down the river and its tributaries, the Indians propelled the birch canoe, where now mighty ships ride at anchor. Here the gallant courtier of France laid aside the frivolities of fête and tourney, and found braver delight in confronting real, rather than fictitious dangers, laying here, with statesmanlike sagacity, the foundations of an empire, which to him and his country was to be a Macbeth crown, no heir of his wearing the circlet of sovereignty.

Through the courtesy of P. S. Murphy, Esq., we have much pleasure in presenting our subscribers with the accompanying portrait of Maisonneuve the founder of the City of Montreal.

COUNT FRONTENAC AND NEW FRANCE.

T is gratifying to find that Canadian history, has of late years, received more and more attention, and the records of "Nouvelle France" have been turned to with an ever increasing interest; we rejoice to think that Voltaire's dictum of Canada being only "a few arpents of snow," has gone out of fashion, and we are now sensible of the fact that our early history is second to none in attractiveness; if regarded simply as a record of endurance and indomitable courage, of faith and self-reliance, it is full of useful lessons to us, while to the