

pleased. The Indians are wise folk, and they knew by instinct that if the white men saw their fine country, they would want it for themselves.

4. Every device was used to prevent them from going on. Among others, a canoe was filled with devils, or rather men whose painted faces and yard-long horns, bid fair to give all who saw them nightmares. Coming near, they prophesied all sorts of evil to the voyagers. At this the white men only laughed, and the baffled savages retired in deep anger.

5. Two of the ships were left at Stadacona, and Cartier, with all the gentlemen and fifty sailors, pushed on in open boats. "On both sides of the river," as the old story goes, "we beganne to see as goodly a country as possibly can with eye be seene." Fruit trees and grape-laden vines lined the shores, patches of Indian corn with its silky tassels waved in the wind, and big melons lay ripening on the ground. Owing, however, to the low state of the water-course, it took thirteen days' steady travel to reach Hochelaga.

## HOCHELAGA

1. THIS island, the party found, was formed by two majestic rivers, one passing on each side. At the foot the waters joined, afterwards flowing on together to the ocean. The arrival of the boats was greeted by more than a thousand men, women, and children, who all tried to see who could be most kind in welcoming the strangers.

2. About the town of Hochelaga, and especially a sacred mountain in the vicinity, Cartier had heard from his captives. Anxious to see for themselves, the company rose early the next morning, dressing in full uniform to do honour to the occasion.

3. Landing in state, they followed their guides through