

July,
1673.



near that generous Prince, who has done me the honor to write to me several times since I came to this country; and, as I am beginning to take breath after my travels, I write you this account to occupy your vacant hours. I wish that you may find in it matter to satisfy your curiosity, which is so alive to all that relates to foreign lands.

Having repaired to La Rochelle on the 12th of July, 1678, I found there M. de La Salle occupied with preparations for his embarkation. He received me with his usual civility, and, on the 14th, we set sail in a vessel of two hundred tons, named the Saint-Honoré. There were on board thirty persons, gentlemen or artisans in the service of M. de La Salle. In the course of our voyage we encountered a tempest which lasted five whole days. On the 20th of August we sighted the Island of Newfoundland. On the 27th we entered the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In this place* no wheat grows on account of the severe cold. Cod-fishing is the chief industry. We found here some Recollet friars engaged in their mission both among the French and among the Savages.

*Isle
Percée.*

On the 1st of September we departed
from

*There seems to be an omission before this sentence, but Margry is silent about it.—TRANSLATOR.