

## THE STORY OF THE HURONS.

were the claims of colonization, the founding of a new empire, the desire for trade with the Indians.

For many years following the explorations of Cartier in the new world, France had little chance to take advantage of the opportunities opened up, and it was not until the beginning of the seventeenth century that the spirit of commercial enterprise and the zeal for discovery awoke and any real effort was made to develop trade or encourage settlement.

An unsuccessful attempt was made in 1600 to establish a settlement at Tadoussac at the mouth of the Saguenay River, in order to secure control of the fur trade. A few years later another was founded by DeMonts and Champlain at Port Royal in Nova Scotia. The existence of Port Royal was for some years of the most precarious character. The severity of the climate, the jealousy of rival merchants, the constant disputes between French and English as to sovereignty—these were all discouraging elements.

Meanwhile Champlain in 1608 founded Quebec at one of the places visited by Cartier seventy years before. Champlain,