

meeting which is held for the first time in the history of the Association in Canada, in this, the oldest Province of the Dominion, and on this, the tercentenary of the founding of Quebec by Samuel de Champlain.

On the 3rd of July, 1908, Canada will celebrate the three-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of Quebec, the real birthday of the Canadian nation. The history of medicine in this Province, however, began seventy-three years before, when Jacques Cartier built his rude fort on the banks of the St. Charles, facing the Indian village of Stadaconé.

It was on the 14th of September, 1535, that Cartier chose this place as a temporary shelter, and leaving his men to construct an abode against the approaching winter, sailed up the river St. Lawrence as far as the village of Hochelaga, the site of which includes a part of the grounds of McGill University.

Upon his return to Stadaconé, he found the little fort in a state of alarm. Scurvy had broken out in the Indian villages, and according to the account of the leader of the tribe, fifty had already succumbed. Every precaution possible was taken to prevent intercourse with the natives; but nevertheless the disease began to manifest itself among Cartier's crew, "insomuch as some did lose all their strength, and could not stand on their feete, then did their legges swel, their sinnowes shrink as blacke as any cole. Others also had all their skins spotted with spots of blood of a purple coulour; then did it ascend up to their ankels, knees, thighes, shoulders, armes and necks: their mouth became stincking, their gummes so rotten that all the flesh did fall off, even to the rootes of the teeth, which did also almost all fall out. With such infection did