

16 PICTURES FROM CANADIAN HISTORY

were returning to their native land, knew the river well, and pointed out the dangerous places. Northwards, they said, lay the kingdom of Saguenay, famous for its red copper and race of one-legged men. To the west were Canada and Hochelaga. It was the first time that white men had heard the word Canada.

7. Still sailing, the explorers found themselves near a lovely island, covered with grape vines. The rich glow of the purple fruit charmed their sight, and some of the travellers named it the Isle de Bacchus. Lying in the stream below Quebec, it is now known as the Island of Orleans.

8. Close by, on the mainland, a massive cliff, between two and three hundred feet high, jutted out into the stream. In great excitement, the native boys pointed out the village at the foot. They had reached their home Stadacona, over which ruled the wise and good chief, Donnacona.

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1. HARDLY had the little fleet come to anchor, when the chief, accompanied by numbers of canoes, came out to welcome the strangers. Imagine their surprise when they found on board the two young Indians, returned from France!

2. The natives made a great din, singing and shouting in their high spirits, and goodwill prevailed on both sides. Numerous presents were given and received, including a little girl and two baby boys, who were formally presented to Captain Cartier. On ship and shore all was merriment and festivity.

3. When Donnacona found, however, that the Frenchmen were going farther up the river, he was far from