



The Market Slip—Low Tide



centres. Here at a narrow gorge the river and the tides of the Bay come into conflict and twice in every twenty-four hours meet at this point in Titanic battle.

After Champlain, whose figure pointing seaward stands upon one of the city's squares, discovered and named the river, called, until then, "Ouigoudi"—The Highway—by the Mic-Macs, the country remained in the possession of the Indians for many years. Membertou, the chief of

the tribe, was a wonderfully brilliant old man, who had talked with Cartier at Bay Chaleur in 1534. His lodge was sometimes at Port Royal, sometimes at Saint John, he and his warriors crossing the Bay with fearlessness in huge war canoes, whose prows were painted in fierce designs.

It needs no stretch of imagination to picture the scenes that attended Champlain when he took possession of the country in the name of the French King. Surrounded by his own motley crew, the gallant adventurers, and the good Fathers, of which the expedition consisted, he came ashore amid the wondering