

On Thursday, June 14, Lespinay, La Brosse, Longueval, and Frotté returned and reported that one of the boats had upset, whereby Noirefontaine, Le Vasseur, and six others had been drowned. A few days later five more gentlemen reached France-Roy, with letters from Roberval to wait for him until July 22. Here the narrative unfortunately terminates.

On September 14 of the previous year, 1542, Roberval, after reaching France-Roy, had sent home Sainterre and Guinecourt in two vessels, 'to come back again unto him the next year furnished with victuals and other things, as it should please the king.' These two ships reached France safely, and on January 26, 1543, were ordered by Francis I to carry provisions to Roberval. It is probable they did so, and that Cartier sailed in one of them. He and Roberval were both back in France in the autumn of that year, 1543. War had again broken out between Francis and Charles in July of the previous year, 1542, and no one now spared a thought for the mysterious kingdom of Saguenay.

Cartier's diamonds had also proved a complete failure, although, according to a writer of the time, they enriched the French language with a new expression; for henceforth it became customary to describe anything which was perfectly worthless as 'a Canadian diamond.'

On September 18, 1544, Francis and Charles again made peace, but the former, who died in the following year, never again showed any interest in Canada and the kingdom of Saguenay. As for Charles, in the Instructions to the future Philip II in 1548, he wrote:

'Regarding the Indies, you will not cease to keep an eye upon the French, to make sure they have no intention of sending thither a fleet either openly or otherwise. In their previous attempts one has noticed, however, that they have not shown much tenacity, and if a rigorous opposition is maintained, they give way at once and withdraw.' ¹

¹ Ch. Weiss, *Papiers d'état du Cardinal de Granville*, iii. 296 (Paris, 1842), in the *Collection de documents inédits sur l'histoire de France*.