

By the way, this work of Cartier's, of which the title is quoted on page 5 of this pamphlet, was the first printed book relating solely to Canada; so in it he evidently meant to tell everything he knew, and everything he had heard, about that country, of which he was the first explorer.

Champlain *did* hear of "vn sault, entre deux lacs," or Niagara, and gives not only one but three different accounts of it that he heard, in 1603, from the Indians; and the passages from Champlain's "Des Sauvages" above quoted are, in point of time, the second, but as regards details, the earliest known accounts of our great Lake Region; making that book almost as valuable historically as it is rare commercially.

And so: from the brave and adventurous Cartier, to whom it has been erroneously accorded, we must wrest the honor of being the first man in literature to refer to Niagara Falls; and we must award it, nearly 70 years after Cartier's book appeared, to the subsequent Founder of Quebec and the First Governor of New France,—the man who is by far the most picturesque figure in all Canadian History—Samuel de Champlain.

