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“**T**HREE hundred and forty-six years ago, on the 2nd October 1535, Jacques-Cartier, with a small company of French soldiers and sailors under his command, stood for the first time on the top of the mountain crowning the Indian city or town of Hochelaga, and discovering an immense extent of fine country interspersed with rivers, woods, hills and islands, he was filled with feelings of joy and gratitude and gave to the elevation the name of Mount Royal, which, with small change, has since extended to the city. Truly the name was most appropriately chosen. From the summit that noble prospect met his eye which at this day, is the delight of tourists. But greatly changed is the scene since the Breton voyageur gazed upon it. Now, town, dome and spire, wh to sail and gliding steamer, the magnificent Victoria Bridge spanning the river, all tend to enhance the view; but then East, West and South, the forest was over all, while the broad blue line of the great St. Lawrence gleamed amidst the foliage. Cartier, on his return to France, described his visit to this mountain, and recommended it as a favorable site for a settlement, but he did not live to see his idea carried out. 3 : 1