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JUST as, in this epoch, many successive discoveries in the domain of physical science have blazed out upon the world, so, three centuries ago, discoveries in geographical space, rapid and wonderful, were astonishing the nations of Europe. The achievements of Columbus, Vasco de Gama, Sebastian Cabot, which 'doubled for them the works of creation,'* set them a-building fleets and manning them by public and private enterprise. Lust for power and territorial expansion and a fierce greed for gold seized all maritime states, who eagerly strove to discover, and, when discovered, to possess and keep, new lands in every quarter of the globe. In this spirit the Spaniards and Portuguese made the Southern Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans their great cruising grounds, while the colder climates of the North-Western Atlantic were left for the English, the French, the Dutch. The important year for us here is 1604, for then it was that De Monts sailed

from Havre de Grace to take possession of his Government in Canada. Of his four vessels, one sailed for Tadoussac, one for Cape Breton, and two went a-cruising with himself. With him was Champlain; with him were De Poutrincourt and many priests, gentlemen and ministers; also one hundred and twenty farmers, artisans and soldiers.

The Bay of Fundy, then called La Baie Française, is a funnel through which all winds blow with unusual violence; and the prevailing currents from the west and south, warm airs from the Gulf Stream and the Middle States, coming there in contact with cooler strata, dense fogs are the rule—bright, sunny weather the exception. Its currents are fierce and therefore dangerous; its shores rocky and usually precipitous, and no more uninviting spot can well be found in what we call temperate latitudes. Even now there is no greater source of anxiety to the inexperienced traveller than its seemingly perilous navigation, for fog trumpets are oftener useful

* Humboldt's *Cosmos*.