

natives, bearded like a Frenchman, grave and reserved, and at that time over one hundred years old.

Notwithstanding this good work the Jesuits did come, and we have in volume I letters from Father Pierre Biard and Father Massé (who were the first arrivals) describing first, the difficulties they had in obtaining passage to Port Royal, owing to the machinations of the heretic merchants of Dieppe, which, however, were eventually overcome by the queen and some of her ladies buying the whole ship and her cargo; then detailing the incidents of the voyage which lasted from the 26th January, 1611, to the 22nd May, during which time they were cabined in a vessel of sixty tons burden. Father Biard found to his surprise that the great cod-fish banks off Newfoundland (which island, by the way, he calls the "Azores of the great bank,") were neither sand nor mud banks, as he had thought when in France. The good priest on shipboard was "gay and happy and by the grace of God was never ill enough to stay in bed," although he writes "good Father Massé suffered a good deal, and we could not rest day or night. When we wished to eat, a dish suddenly slipped from us and struck somebody's head. We fell over each other and against the baggage, and thus found ourselves mixed up with others who had been upset in the same way; cups were spilled over our beds, and bowls into our laps, or a big wave demanded our plates." And yet they all felt like Brebeuf who exclaimed that he would cross the great ocean to reclaim by baptism one soul for our Lord.

The baptised Indians were found to be in an unsatisfactory state, with practically all their old savagery, customs, usages, fashions and vices; and quite oblivious of any distinctions as to days or times, prayers or duties. Some were very gracious, as the sagamore, who, hearing that the king of France was young and unmarried, was almost inclined to give his majesty his daughter to wife, provided he was handsomely rewarded by a few cloaks, bows, arrows and harpoons.

Volume I concludes with "an account of the Canadian Mission from 1611 to 1613, with the condition of the same Mission in 1703 and 1713, by Joseph Jovency, a priest of the Society of Jesus," and a graphic story "of the country and manners of the Canadians, or savages of New France," by the same, detailing