wide. The houses were wooden and were covered with
the bark of trees. In the midst of each house was a
great earthen chamber where the fire was kept.

In the houses were granaries, and from these stores of
Indian corn and peas they obtained their food, pounding
out the grain to make flour for bread. They used the
same material for soups ; and they likewise had an
abundance of melons and fruits. They had large vessels,
probably of pottery, in their houses for keeping fish, of
which they stored large quantities for winter. In their
houses were beds made of bark, and they used the skins
of animals for coverings and clothing. They had also a
species of bead or shellwork which they valued highly.
This they called Esurgni, and it was probably the well-
known wampum.

The explorers were much interested in the Hochelagans,
and gave the name to their mountain of Mount Royal.
During this visit their chief was ill. Cartier read the
Gospel of St. John and offered prayers for him ; and
during all, the natives regarded the explorer with re-
verence. In company with the leaders of the Indians,
Cartier and his companions ascended the mountain, and
learned of the St. Louis and other rapids up the river,
which they could see stretching westward, and were
pointed in the direction of the other great river—the
Ottawa. The Indians had seen the gold and silver in
Cartier's coat-of-arms, and they informed him that these
metals were found up the river. Red copper, they said,
also was found. But there were warlike and dangerous
tribes living toward the setting sun. After many leave-
takings, the explorers departed on the 5th of October.

At the mouth of a tributary of the St. Lawrence they
erected a commanding cross, and dropping down the
river, on the 11th of October they arrived at Ste. Croix.
On his return to Stadacona, Cartier became familiar with
the Indians. He pointed out to them that their Cu-
douagny was an evil spirit, and that there was only
one true God. Many of the Indians on hearing his
fuller explanations became anxious to be baptized ; but