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WHEN Jacques Cartier, with his enterprising band, ascended the River St. Lawrence in 1535, his penetrating mind at once detected the future importance of the beautiful island which was to become the centre of a vast civilization in this northern region. The aborigines—no mean observers of the picturesque, had already built here a village known as Hochelaga. The island itself was called *Tiatiate*, which being interpreted is "Beaver Dam." Standing at the confluence of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers, even at the time of Cartier it was a place of no inconsiderable importance to the Indian, as affording him an abundance of game, and fish inexhaustible, as well as peltry of the choicest description. The village of Hochelaga stood upon a lovely esplanade sloping to the river which swept by, bearing to the ocean the mighty waters of the great Western Lakes, making a highway to the east and the west for his birch canoe, and being in itself an aid and a defence. In