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THE FORTIFICATIONS OF QUEBEC.

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ONE is safe in dating back to the founder of the city, Champlain, the first fortifications of Quebec. The Chevalier de Montmagny, his successor, added to them, and sturdy old Count de Frontenac, improved them much, between 1690 and 1694. Under French rule, Le Vasseur, de Calliere, de Lery, Le Mercier, Pontleroy, either carried out their own views as to outworks or else executed the plans devised by the illustrious strategist Vauban.

The city had but three gates under French Dominion: St. Louis, St. Jean* and Palais. General James Murray records in his diary of the siege, the care with which on the 5th May, 1760, he had Palais gate closed, "Palais gate was shut up all but the wicket."

* "Cette même année (1694), on fit une redoubt au Cap au Diamand, un fort au Chateau, et les deux portes Saint Louis et Saint Jean... La même année (1702) on commença les fortifications de Quebec, sur les plans du Sieur Levasseur, qui eut quelque discussion avec M. Le Marquis de Crissasy, qui, pour lors, commandait à la place."

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