

constant attacks, exposure, and hardship, he abandoned the fort he had built and sailed back to St. Malo. M. de Roberval who had been appointed "Viceroy and Lieutenant General" of Newfoundland, Labrador, and Canada, with Cartier as his "Captain General," and was to have commanded the expedition but failed to complete his arrangements in time, sailed the following spring and occupied Cartier's abandoned quarters. The Indians were sullen and withheld supplies. Men sent to search for gold and silver were tomahawked and scalped in the forests; mutiny broke out and executions had to be resorted to; Roberval gave up the fort and reached France with a loss of 25 per cent. of his command. In 1549 Roberval started from France with another expedition, but his vessel was wrecked and all on board went to the bottom, and for nearly half a century colonizing expeditions were discontinued.

The fate of the expedition undertaken by the Marquis de la Roche, the next Viceroy, is too familiar to call for more than the briefest mention. He sailed to take possession of his government in 1598. On his way out he landed forty convicts who formed part of his expedition at Sable Island, to await his return from an exploration of the coast of the mainland; but storms forced him back to the French coast, and when a vessel was sent out to rescue the marooned men twelve of them were found to have perished from famine, exposure, and violence. In the meantime individual adventurers had been finding their way up the St. Lawrence and were gradually establishing a trade with the Indians, exchanging European goods for furs. The French king, in order to control this growing traffic, granted a charter with exclusive rights to M. Pontegravé and M. Chauvin, who established a post at Tadousac, at the mouth of the Saguenay, and stationed a party of men there for the winter of 1599-1600. The following spring most of the poor fellows were found by Chauvin to have fallen a sacrifice to hunger and hardships, the survivors being in a most pitiable condition. Chauvin himself lost his life at sea soon afterwards.