

the 24th of June, in honour of the day he called it *the St. John*.

Having spent the summer in exploring the coast, the adventurers took up their winter quarters on a small island in Passamaquoddy Bay, near the mouth of the St. Croix River. Here they erected rude dwellings, and made other preparations for a season, of the severity of which they had yet but little idea. It was a gloomy winter. The cold was intense, fuel and water were scarce, and the food was bad. Then disease broke out among them, and thirty-five men fell victims.

Port Royal Founded, 1605, A.D.— Early in spring they went further west along the coast, but no place pleased so well as Port-Royal. Thither, accordingly, all returned, bringing with them the materials of which their winter houses had been made. But scarcely were they settled when bad news came from France. The king, influenced by De Monts' rivals, had cancelled the charter which secured to his company the sole right to the fur trade. De Monts and Poutrincourt at once set out for France, leaving Champlain and Pontgravé in charge of the little colony.

In the following spring Poutrincourt returned to Port Royal, bringing supplies and new colonists. It was well he came so soon, for Pontgravé, despairing of his return, was about to break up the settlement and return to France. It was a joyous reunion. To make the occasion more merry Poutrincourt set out a hogshead of wine which he had brought with him from France, and invited all to partake.

Among those who came with Poutrincourt was a young barrister named Marc Lescarbot. His talents were varied, and