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Part I.—Canada under French Rule.

Chapter I.

FINDING THE NEW WORLD.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

LONG years ago no white man lived on the continent of America; no white man even knew there was such a place. The people of the Old World then had but little time for learning or travel. They were often at war, and during peaceful days their affairs at home needed attention. Less than five hundred years ago all but a few learned men believed the earth to be flat. They had no idea there was a great stretch of land beyond the Atlantic Ocean. In those days a man was put in prison because he said the earth was round and turned on its axis. But he was so sure he was right that, when they put him into his cell, he stamped his foot and said, "She is turning still."

It is true there were men who had sailed across the ocean, but no histories of their voyages had been written, and the stories told about them were treated very much as fairy tales. Mothers told them to their little children as they put them to sleep at night.

During the time that these stories were being talked about a little boy was born in Genoa. To him the legends of distant countries were told. Little Christopher Columbus, for

that was his name, never forgot the stories, and when he grew older he believed that far across the Atlantic there might be found a rich and beautiful country. He determined to be a sailor, so that he could sail away and explore the unknown waters.

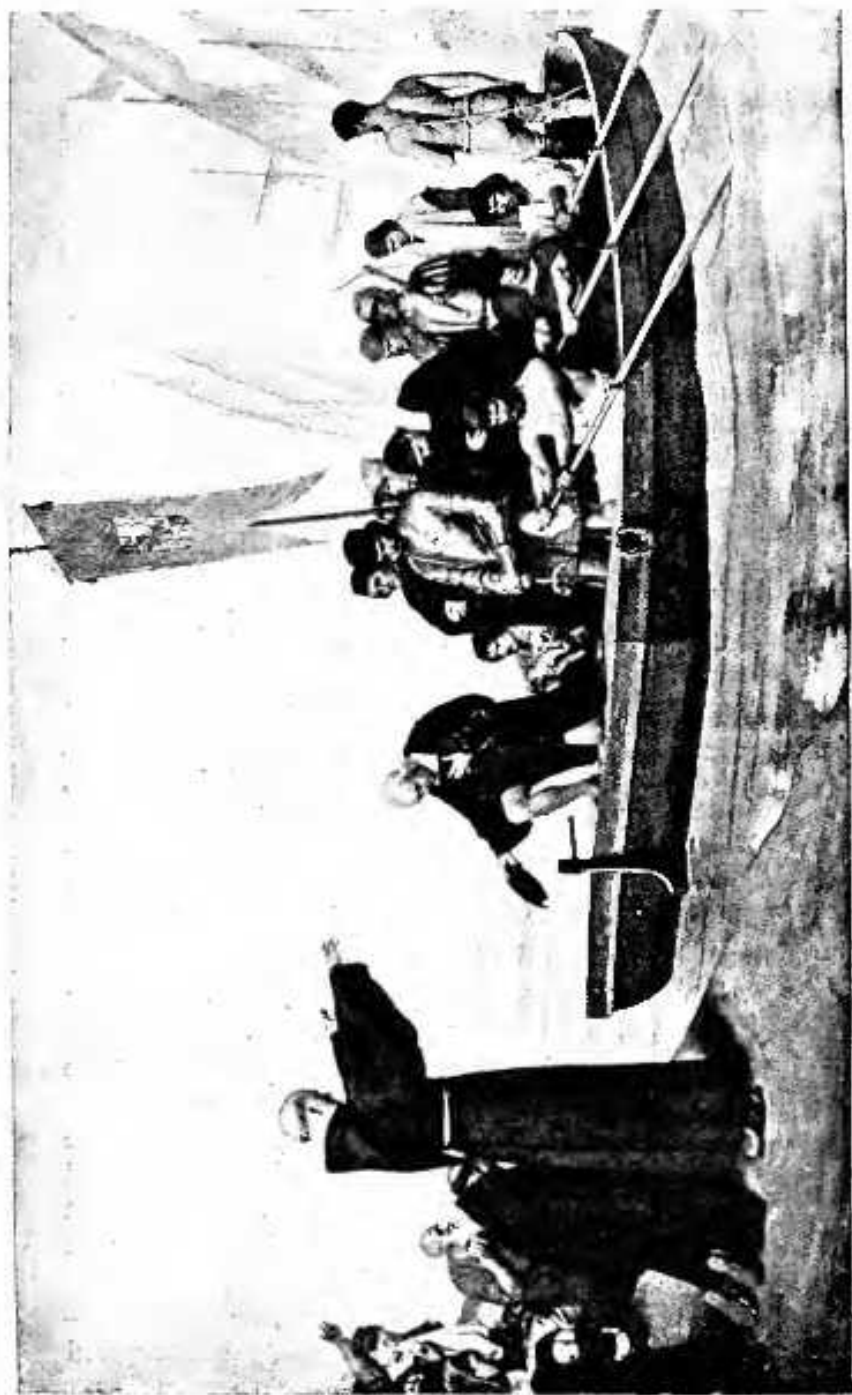
His father was a wool weaver, and he was intended for that trade. But he longed for a life at sea, and when only a boy began to study the art of navigation. Much of his spare time was spent on the beach, talking to the sailors or watching the waves, and wondering what could be beyond that deep, dark water.

One day an old man who had just returned from a long voyage told him that he had been farther out than ever before, and that he had found floating upon the waves the branch of a tree which was unlike any tree he had ever seen. Columbus felt very sure that it had come from land across the water, and said that by sailing still farther one might come to this land. But the old sailor shook his head and would talk no more.

When Columbus became a man he believed that the earth is round, and that, by sailing far enough to the west, India might be reached. His one great desire was to cross the unknown waters and find out whether this would make a shorter route for the trading vessels than that round the Cape of Good Hope on the south coast of Africa, which was their only course at that time. He also wished to see whether there were any strange new lands beyond those unexplored seas.

Columbus could not start out on a voyage of discovery without money to buy ships and fit them out, and in trying to get help he met with many discouragements. The learned men he talked with declared his schemes impossible. They did not believe that the world is round, and they said that fitting out ships for him would be throwing money away.

But at last the beautiful Queen Isabella of Spain heard of him. She was greatly interested in his plans, and tried to



DEPARTURE OF COLUMBUS FOR THE DISCOVERY OF THE NEW WORLD.

(From the picture by A. Galdier.)