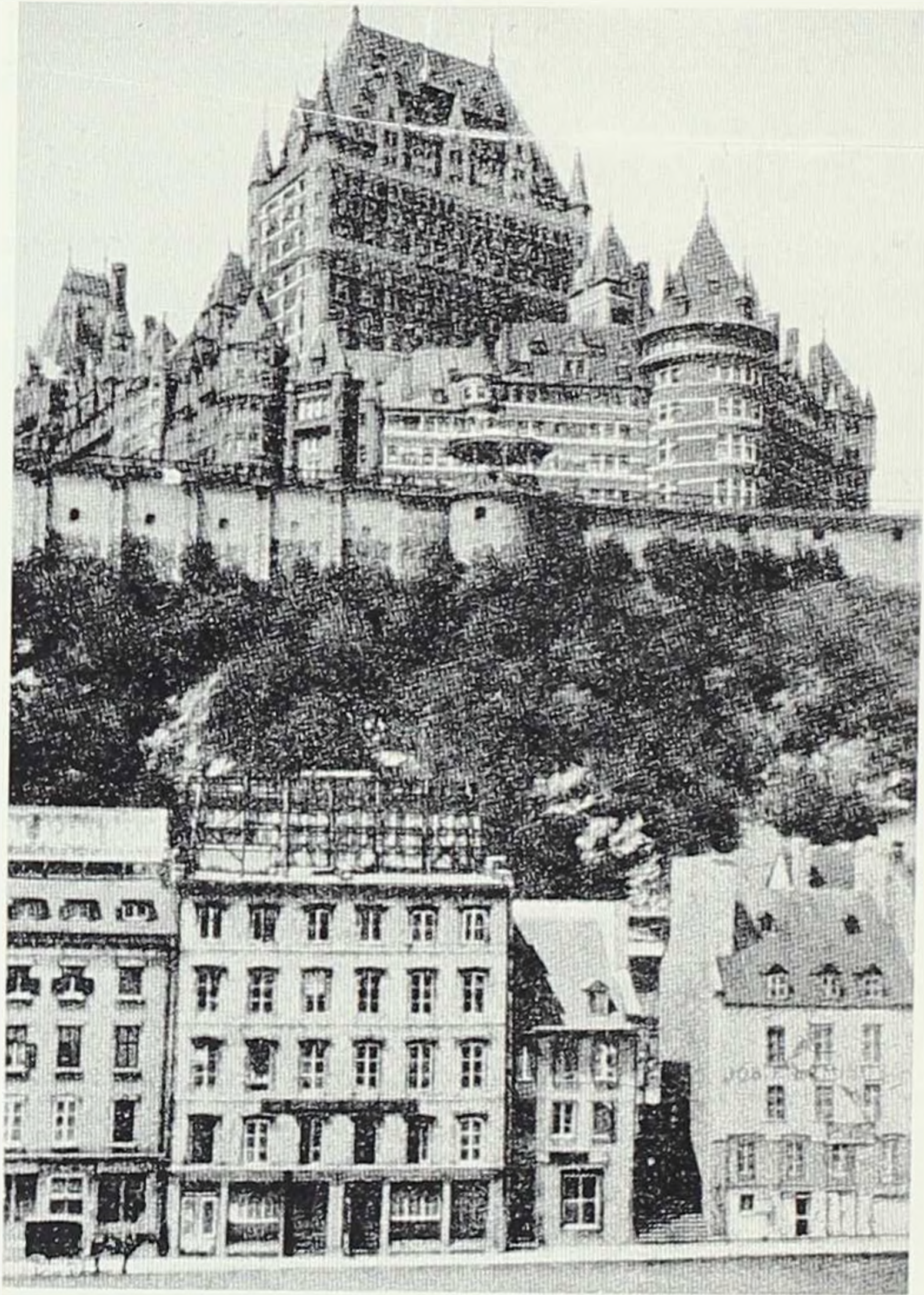


On the Trail of the Discoverers

This issue of THE PALIMPSEST commemorates the 295th anniversary of the Joliet-Marquette Expedition. It is hoped this story with pictures may lead Iowans to follow on the trail of Joliet and Marquette, a trip that would prove both rich and rewarding. Looking eastward from Pike's Peak at McGregor, one can envision today the setting when Joliet and Marquette paddled out of the mouth of the Wisconsin River and discovered Iowa.

Statues and monuments can be found everywhere along the path of the explorers, although none have yet been erected in either Missouri or Arkansas. The trip up the Wisconsin, the visit to Portage and Green Bay, and the stop at St. Ignace, Michigan, would be outstanding points in the United States. After crossing over into Canada at Saulte Ste. Marie and following highway 17 to North Bay, a one-day trip can be made along their trail by boat through Lake Nipissing and the French River, visiting the isolated fishing villages en route. On returning to North Bay, one can proceed down the Ottawa River from Mattawa via Ottawa to its mouth. Continuing down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, Three Rivers, and

Quebec, one can visit many historic monuments to the great men who blazed the trail to Iowa. One



Chateau Frontenac, Quebec

could even stay at the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec which commemorates the man who sent out Joliet and Marquette. It is hoped these suggestions will not only intrigue many Iowans but in turn will cause Canadians to follow the trail of Joliet and Marquette to our beautiful state.

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