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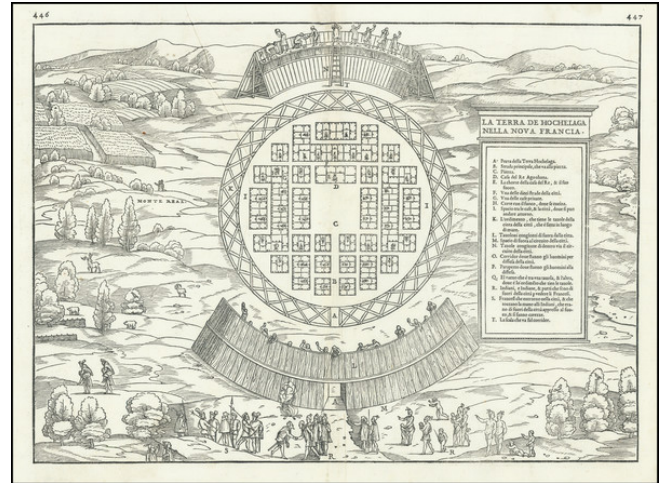
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## (Montreal) La Terra De Hochelaga Nella Nova Francia

**Stock#:** 70058  
**Map Maker:**  
  
**Date:** 1556  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 15 x 11 inches  
  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *First State of the First North American City Plan*

Fine example of Ramusio's map of Montreal, the first printed plan of a town in North America.

Jacques Cartier, the great French explorer, visited the village of Hochelaga on the island of Montreal in 1535. The village was near a mountain the explorer named Mount Royal or Monte Real. His account was published in the third volume of Ramusio's *Delle navigationi et viaggi* in 1556.

The map includes many of the things described by Cartier. The mythical large welcome is depicted in the clasping of hands by a Frenchman (presumably Cartier) and a native chief, and the advantage of two-story fortifications is demonstrated. The lodges within the fort are exceedingly symmetrical, but with each family unit indicated by a fire, they were probably intended to indicate that they were both single-family and multiple-family or extended family dwellings.

It is not clear who the Hochelagans were, although most likely either Huron or Iriquois. The village was gone by the time Champlain arrived.

### Detailed Condition: