

## *On the traces of François I*

*A stone marker, engraved with a lilly flower, reminds us that the forest of Brotonne was long personal property of the kings of France. Many of them hunted there, but the most assiduous was François I. The founder of Le Havre loved this big forest for its large avenues conducive to cavalcades. Roes and boars are numerous. The beech is the king today but it will soon be dethroned by oak, which is planted more and more to adapt to global warming.*