

here; one of Highlanders, another of Rangers—Captain M'Kenzie, of the Highlanders, is gone to Halifax—the commanding officer of the Rangers is Captain Danks '—To my great disappointment a vessel had sailed for Boston about a week before, and the bay is now frozen up, which will occasion my stay here some time—So far the journal.

Here ends the first part of Smethurst's book. The second part is of much less interest, particularly to New Brunswick readers; and accordingly I shall here give only a summary of it with an occasional passage of particular interest. It begins thus:—

(27) A Providential ESCAPE after a SHIPWRECK, in coming from the Island of ST. JOHN, in the Gulph of ST. LAWRENCE; with an ACCOUNT of the FISHERIES round that Island.

I STAID at Cumberland till the winter was so fixed, as to go to Halifax on snowshoes—this is above an hundred miles—from thence I got a passage to New England—When I came to Marblehead, I found the brig had got safe there—the master, in his protest, swears that the wind was so high, a boat could not live; when the real truth was, he had been so frightened with the French account of the Indians, that to save himself, he left me to be sacrificed—Some masters of vessels make very free with the wind, when they have occasion to protest.

He then mentions his attempts to establish a fishery in the Island of St. John (Prince Edward Island), including his erection of two store-houses at St. Peters, and the bringing of a crew from Marblehead, in Massachusetts, "to cause an emulation." He then describes somewhat fully the advantages of the island for the fisheries and the most profitable way of exploiting them. Then (on page 29) he begins a journal, with the date Monday, December 5, 1763, descriptive of his shipwreck when proceeding in a small schooner from Fort Amherst in the island to

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Afterwards settled at Bale Verte. He is mentioned in an earlier document | of this series (these Collections, II., 165.)