

Notes on Annapolis History.

(For the Monitor.)

Please allow me a few words more relative to the early history of Annapolis.

If I recollect right, I said in my first letter, which you were kind enough to publish, that there was no certainty as to when the headland now known as Annapolis Royal was first inhabited and fortified by the French.

The first stockaded fort was built in 1655, on the Granville shore, opposite Goat Island. In describing its site and the surrounding country, Champlain also makes particular mention of what, for convenience sake, I will call Annapolis headland, he says that it is covered with a not dense oak wood and a species of wild vine, that the soil was light and sandy, that the woods were there especially clear, and that the spots selected for the fort were the best for the purpose.

Long years were to elapse before any new buildings were erected or any additions made to the "clearings" before the shores of Port Royal should be even visited by anybody who, whatever his title, should have the authority and the means to do so.

Fortifications were not begun until 1672, when the French, under the command of the Marquis de Beaujeu, began to build a fort on the site of the old fort of St. Anne.

With 1621 came the proprietorship of the William Alexander, and, in that year, according to the most reliable accounts, although the date is a little doubtful, the Baron in question sent an expedition to Port Royal.

The Franklin Expedition. Captain Adams, of the Dundee whaler, which made such a remarkable voyage to the Arctic regions a short time ago, has been in the city for some time.

Such is in brief my facts, and the conclusions which I formed upon them. All our English writers on the history, have unfortunately, I doubt not, grossly mistaken these facts. I am informed, and trust it is true, that Mr. Cline,

intends shortly to publish a history of Annapolis, or Annapolis and Digby counties, in such case, he has an opportunity of rectifying a whole series of blunders, which are chargeable against his predecessors in such work.

With many thanks for the use of your columns for the treatment of a subject which, after all, shall be of interest to your readers.

I remain yours, I. N. HAMILTON. Halifax, Dec. 6th, 1881.

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