

August, 1646, and preserved in the Archbishop's Palace at Quebec, as the King's Pilot of the St. Lawrence; an appointment which probably conferred on its possessor considerable official rank; for we find that Jacques Cartier, when about to proceed, in 1540, on his third voyage to Canada, was appointed by Francis I. Captain General and *Master Pilot* of the expedition, which consisted of five vessels.

That Martin was a person of considerable importance in the colony, may be inferred from the fact that, in the journals and parish registers of Quebec, he is usually designated by his Christian name only,—*Maistre ABRAHAM*; as well as from the circumstance of Champlain, the founder of Quebec, having been god father to one Abraham's daughters, and of Charles de St. Etienne Sieur de la Tour, having stood in the same relation to Martin's youngest son. He married Marie Langlois, and left a numerous family. He is entered in the Registers as Abraham Martin the *Scot (dit Ecossais.)* His youngest son, Charles Amador, became a Priest in Quebec. His daughter Hélène, married Médard Chouart des Groiseliens, the excellent Pilot, who, in 1663, conducted the English into Hudson's Bay.

Abraham Martin, in 1648, obtained 3½ acres of land in the immediate vicinity of Quebec, which with the neighbouring hill, have, ever since been known as the Plains of Abraham, and Abraham's Hill. The property was sold, by his heirs in 1667, to the Religious Ladies of the Ursuline Convent.

We are indebted for these facts to the very Revd. Abbé Maguire, G. V. of the Diocese of Quebec, who by his indefatigable industry, rescued them from oblivion.