

excitement, and it is clear that the Acadians—whatever their motive may have been—strongly resented the attempt to serve processes of execution from Quebec and showed a decided predilection to be governed by the laws of New Brunswick.¹

The settlement at Madawaska was not a purely Acadian settlement; it had its Canadian element even at the first, but the Acadians were largely in the majority and may fairly claim to have been the founders of the settlement. In the plan of the first grant, made in 1790, the names of the grantees are in most cases incorrectly written, while in the plan of the second grant of 1794 the spelling is better. In the list of names that follow, the proper spelling is restored. For the division of the original settlers into two classes, according as the family origin is Acadian or Canadian, I am greatly indebted to my Acadian friends, Placide P. Gaudet and Prudent L. Mercure. The first grant, it must be remembered, included both banks of the river St John from the mouth of the Madawaska down to Green river. The grantees of Acadian origin on the New Brunswick side were Louis Mercure, Michel Mercure, Joseph Mercure, Alexis Cyr, Olivier Cyr, Marie Marguerite Daigle, Jean Baptist Daigle, Paul Cyr, Pierre Cyr, Alexandre Cyr, Jean Baptiste Thibodeau, jr., Joseph Thibodeau, Etienne Thibodeau. The grantees of Acadian origin on the American side of the river were Simon Hébert, Paul Potier, Jean Baptiste Mazerolle, jr., François Cyr, jr., Joseph Daigle, sr., Joseph Daigle, jr., Jacques Cyr, François Cyr, Firmin Cyr, sr., Jean Baptiste Cyr, jr., Michel Cyr, Joseph Hébert, Antoine Cyr, Jean Martin, Joseph Cyr, jr., Jean Baptiste Cyr, sr., Firmin Cyr, jr., Jean Baptiste Thibodeau, sr., Joseph Mazerolle. In addition to these there are several grantees, whose descendants claim to be of Acadian origin, and say their ancestors came from the "lower country" (*pays-bas*); but I am not able to determine whether the following are undoubtedly of Acadian origin or not, viz.: Louis Saufaçon, Mathurin Beaulieu, Joseph Ayotte, Zacharie Ayotte, Alexandre Ayotte.

Respecting the grantees who are undoubtedly of Canadian origin, those on the New Brunswick side of the river are Jean Tardiff, Jean Lévasseur, Joseph Dumont (or Guimond) and Antoine Gagnier; and those on the American side, Joseph Sausier, Jean Marie Sausier, Jean Baptiste Fournier, Joseph Au Clair, François Albert, Pierre Lizotte, Augustin Dubé and Pierre Duperré.

¹ See Canadian Archives for 1895 under New Brunswick, pp. 30, 31.