

## The Heroine of Acadia

goods. The same memoir alleges that she was the daughter of a barber of Mans. It is impossible either to absolutely contradict or to verify these statements, at the present day. They are highly improbable, however, and as they were written by an enemy of LaTour and for the purpose of injuring him few persons will be disposed to believe them. One thing is certain, that if LaTour's wife was selected for him by another, his agent made an admirable choice, for no man ever had a more faithful and devoted life partner.

Francis Marie Jacqueline was probably not more than fifteen years old in 1625 when she was married to Charles LaTour. Acadia was then a wilderness, inhabited only by Indians and the few Frenchmen who followed the fortunes of her husband. Their home was at Port LaTour, near Cape Sable, where her husband had built a residence and fort which he named Fort St. Louis. It was not until ten years later, in 1635, that they took up their abode in Fort Latour in St. John harbor.

The ten years that elapsed between the arrival of Lady LaTour in Acadia and the taking up of her residence at St. John were years of war and adventure, but only one of many incidents need be stated, the one which gave her the title by which she is known in history. LaTour, the elder, while on his way to France was captured by an English ship and taken to England. There he