

this as a desirable site, is neatly and graphically described by Mr. D. R. Jack in "Acadiensis":—

"Five years prior to this date the Acadian French "had been expelled from Nova Scotia, and the peninsula was indeed a lonesome place. There were a few "unfortunate Acadians who had made their homes with "the Indians, and the Annapolis valley was from end "to end a scene of desolation, extending for many miles "to the eastward and westward. There were two small "military posts, one at Annapolis and a second at "Windsor. Halifax had only been founded about ten "years. At Lunenburg some unfortunate Germans had "been making a desperate struggle for about six years."

The AMERICAN WAR OF REVOLUTION brought to Liverpool some strife and suffering, and a good deal of excitement. The American privateers proved a constant source of annoyance and actual damage, and there is ample proof that the Liverpoolians were at least justified in retaliating in kind. This they did with great gusto, and the game proved greatly to their liking and material advantage, both in this and the succeeding wars.

In 1779 several of them obtained LETTERS OF MARQUE from the British Government, with assistance for arming vessels, and a grant for a block-house and barracks.

SMUGGLING, too, was not as unpopular as might be expected: a certain citizen, in 1782, thought to advance himself by turning informer, and shortly afterwards the

* The original of the "Letters of Marque" granted to John Roberts, Jr., of the schooner "Wolverine," is in the possession of Miss Inniss, a great-granddaughter of the said John Roberts. The document, given in Halifax, 11 November, 1813, is interesting as showing the exact status of the privateer. The preamble contains justification: "Whereas, in consequence of the repeated insults and provocations which we have received from the Government of the United States of America, finding ourselves compelled to take such measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honour of the Crown and the just rights of our subjects, etc."