as it was described in the agreements made with the men was not "suppressed," yet the promises of two hundred acres of land for each soldier and fifty for each of his family besides were carried out. A few received their grants in Pictou County, but the great majority obtained theirs at Nine Mile River, Gore and Kennetcook.

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Capt. McLean lived for a number of years at McLean's Brook, the property lately owned by Miss McDougall. Lieut. Robert Robertson's house, named "Abbotford," was on the lands now occupied by the Anthonys. Officer Mungo Campbell had his at what is now known as Mungo's Brook.

Col. Small bought the property granted to Malachy Salter, just below Maitland, erecting his house on the side of what was then a forest-covered hill, overlooking the Bay, on a spot between those now occupied by the Methodist church and parsonage. Tradition says it was a very grand residence for those days of log houses, its fittings and furniture brought from England. He gave it the name of the celebrated home of Malcolm as described in Ossian's poems—"Selma Hall." Here the Colonel lived for six years. In 1790 he went to England leaving a tenant by the name of McCollom at Selma. But the Colonel never returned. Soon after his going to the Old land he was called to that "Country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Selma Hall became the prey of the flames and McCollom moved to Eastport.

We have thus given the story in part, of the beginnings, in the greater part of the huge parish that received its first regular minister a hundred years ago this month, not the whole of it, in that we have not gone down over the straight up and down. Tennycape hills, visited the Meadows of Elmsdale or crossed the Shubenacadie to see the down river Colchester parishoners.

The people of this big parish were largely Presbyterians, Irish and Scotch, and English Puritans.

Probably the first Presbyterian pastor to minister to them was Rev. James Murdoch, the first Presbyterian minister to settle permanently in the Province. During his some twenty years ministry at Horton and Windsor he did what he could for the scattered Scottish, Irish and New England settlers in Cornwallis, Parrsboro', Amherst, Noel, and the Shubenacadie country. During the last