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THE BELLEISLE FAMILY IN **RELATION TO HISTORY** OF THE ST. JOHN RIVER.

Rev. Dr. Raymond Has Interesting Chapter of His Story of the Past-Paul Mascarene, the Gallant Defender of Annapolis Royal-The Indian Treaty.

> W. O. RAYMOND, LL. D. CHAPTER X. (Continued).

INCIDENTS IN KING GEORGE'S WAR.

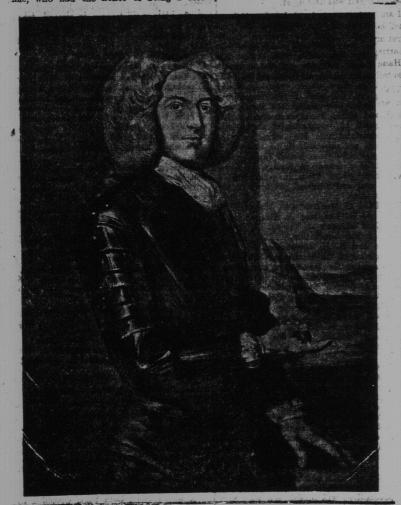
Paul Mascarene, who so gallantly and successfully defended Annapolis Royal to abandon his native country. Young Mascarene was early thrown upon his own rewards he went to England, became a British subject and entered the army. He was present at the taking of Port Royal by General Nicholson and, after serving with credit in various capacities, was appointed Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia

Mascarene preserved his love for his native tongue and was always dispos to deal kindly with the Acadians. Two very interesting letters written by in French to Madame Francoise Bellisle Robichaux have been preserved. This lady came of rather remarkable ancestry. She was the granddaughter of the Baron de St. Castin and had as her great-grandsires on the one hand the celebrated Charles la Tour, and on the other the famous Penobscot chieftain Madocka-

on the St. John river, where their name is preserved in that of Belleisle Bay, it may be well to trace the lineage in fuller detail.

d'Aulnay Charnisay, was Marie la Tour, who was born in St. John in 1654.* She eleven years her senior. Their son Alexander, born in 1679, married December 4, 1707, Anastasie St. Castin, a daughter of the Baron de St. Castin by his Indian wife Meletilde, daughter of Madockawando, and as a consequence of this alliance the younger le Borgne obtained great influence over the Maliseets. Lieutan Indian and lived among the tribe, being hostile to the British government." This statement is hardly fair to Anastasie St. Castin, for, while her mother cer tainly was the daughter of an Indian chief, her father was the Baron de in and she herself a well educated woman. The genealogist of the d'Abbadie St. Castin family, however, uses rather grandiloquent language when he styles the

de Matacawando, general-en-chef des indiens Abenakis."** In spite of the supposed hostility of Alexander le Borgne de Belleisle t tish rule in Acadia, he came before the governor and council at Annapolis and took the oath of allegiance. He also presented a petition requesting the restoration of the seignioral rights of his father as one of the la Tour heirs; this was of their number, Agatha la Tour, who had married an officer of the garrison Ensign Campbell, seems to have outwitted the other heirs and to have succeeded in selling the rights of the la Tour family to the English crown for three thousand guineas. This naturally was displeasing to Alexander le Borgne de Belleisle. He retired to the St. John river about the year 1736 and settled near the mouth of Belleisle Bay. He had a son Alexander (the third of the name ***), who married Marie Le Banc and settled at Grand Pre, where he died in 1744. Francoise Belle-isle who had the honor of being a correspondent of Lieut.-Governor Mascarene,



mascarene 5. From the Cainek-Savary History of Annapolis, by permission of the Hon. Judge Savary.

Jean Paul Mascarene, Governor of Nova Scotla married Pierre Robichaux. The wedding took place at Annapolis Royal, January

16. 1787, the officiating priest being St. Poncy de Lavernede. The contractin parties are described in the old church register as "Pierre Robiobaux, aged about 24 years, son of Francois Robichaux and Madeleine Terriot, and Madem de Belle Isle, aged about 22 years, daughter of Sieur Alexandre Le Borgne de Belle Isle and Anastasie de St Castin of the Parish of Ste Anne." The bride signs her name Francoise le Borgnes. It is evident that the "Parish of Ste Anne" was the parish or mission of that name on the St. John river from the fact that two years later a second daughter of the Sieur de Bellisle married a Robichaux and in her marriage certificate she figures as "Marie Le Borgne de Belle Isle, daughter of Alexandre Le Borgne de Belle Isle and of Anastasie St. Castin of the River St. John."

The brothers Robichaux settled after their marriage near their father-in-law on the St. John river and it was from them that the little settlement of Robicheau, above the mouth of Belleisle Bay, derived its name.***

Francoise Belleisle Robichaux wrote to Paul Mascarene early in 1741 respect ing her claim to some property in dispute with her relatives at Annapolis. The governor in his reply gives her some information and advice, adding, "I think you

judge; but in every other thing that is not contrary to my duty I shall have real pleasure in testifying to you the esteem I have for you. Let me have your news when there is an opportunity, freely and without fear."

When the war with France began, three years later, the sieur de Belleisle and his son Alexander took sides with their countrymen. The father evidently cherished a hope that in the course of events Acadia might revert to France, in which he expected to obtain the recognition of his seignioral rights. Young Alexander le Borgne was, as already stated, a leader of the Indians in the attack on Annapolis early in 1744, which attack failed on account of the energy and bravery of Mascaerne. The following letter of the Lieut.-Governor to Frances Belleisle

Madame,—When I learned that your father, in the hope of recovering his seigneurial rights, had sided with those who came to attack this fort, I confess I was of opinion that the whole family participated in his feelings; and the more so, as your brother was with the first party of savages who came here last summer. I am agreeably surprised, however, and very glad to see by your letter that you did not share in those sentiments, and that you have remained true to the obligations which bind you to the government of the King of Great Britain, I am unwilling that the esteem which I have entertained for you should be in any manner lessened.

With respect to the protection which you ask for your establishment on the river St. John, it is out of my power to grant it. We cannot protect those who trade with our declared enemies. Therefore you must resolve to remain on this [the English] side during the continuance of the present troubles, and to have no intercourse with the other. Should you come and see us here, you will find me disposed to give you all the assistance that you can reasonably expect.

Be assured that I am, Madam,

Your friend and servant,

P. MASCARENE.

connection with a notable treaty made with the Indians in 1749. In the summer of that year, peace having been proclaimed with France, Capt. Edward How went to the St. John river in the warship "Albang," and had several interviews with the Indian chiefs, who agreed to send deputies to Halifax to wait upon Governor Cornwallis and renew their submission to the King of England, Accordingly on the 12th of August, Francois Arodowish, Simon Sactawino, and Jean Baptiste Madounhook deputies from the chiefs of the St. John river, and Joannes Pedousaghtigh, chief of Chignecto, with their attendants, arrived at Halifax to pay their respects to the new governor, and to agree upon "articles of a lasting peace."

scene that met their eyes on landing at old Chebucto. A colony of two thousand the Town of Halifax was rising, as if by magic, from the soil which less than eight weeks before had been covered by a dense forest. The sound of axes, hammers and saws was heard on every hand.

Two days after their arrival the Indians were received on board the man-of-war "Beaufort" by Cornwallis and his entire council. The delegates announced that they were from Aukpaque, Medoctec, Passamaquoddy and Chignecto, and that their respective chiefs were Francois de Salle of Octpagh, Noellobig of Medoctec, Neptune Abbadouallete of Passamaquoddy and Joannes Pedousaghtigh of Chignecto. They brought with them a copy of the treaty made with their tribes in 1728 and expressed a desire to renew it. After the usual negotiations the treaty was engrossed on parchment and signed by the Indians, each man appending to his signature his private mark or "totem." Eleven members of the council also signed the treaty

A few days later the Indians returned with Capt. How to the St. John river, where the treaty was duly ratified, and thirteen chiefs signed the following declara-

His Majesty's Council for said Province, and faithfully interpreted to us by 'Madame De Bellisle Inhabitant of this River nominated by us for that purpose "We the Chiefs and Captains of the River St. Johns and places adjacent do for Courselves and our different Tribes confirm and rathly the same to all intents and

"Given under our hands at the River St. Johns this fourth day of September,

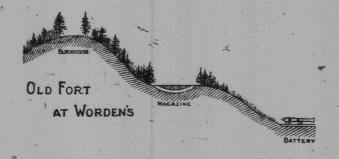
At first glance it would seem that the interpreter, Madame Belleisle, must have been Anastasie St. Castin, wife of Alexander le Borgne de Belleisle, but as she was en more than sixty years of age it is possible the interpreter may have been her ughter, Francoise Belleisle Robichaux. That the latter thad a position of some influence with the Indians is shown by the fact that when the chiefs of the River St. John went to Halifax in 1765 (nearly twenty years later) they complained that the ornaments of their church "were taken by Francoise Belleisle Robicheau and carried to Canada by her, and that she refused to give them up." The natural presumption is that the ornaments were intrusted to her care by the missionary, Germain, when he left the mission of Ste. Anne, and that she took them with her for eafe keeping at the time of Monckton's raid.

The English colonial authorities congratulated Cornwallis on the treaty made with the Indians. "We are glad to find," say they, "that the Indians of the St. John river have so willingly submitted to His Majesty's government and renewed their treaty, and as they are the most powerful tribe in those parts, we hope their example may either awe or influence other inferior tribes to the like compliance." Corpwallis in reply said, "I intend if possible to keep up a good understanding

with the St. John Indians, a warlike people, tho' treaties with Indians are nothing, nothing but force will prevail."

Nid a'Aigle-The Eagle's Nest.

Alexandre le Borgne de Belleiale was living on the River St. John as late at least as 1754 and was regarded by the Nova Scotia authorities as "a very good man." The site of his residence is indicated on Charles Morris' map of 1765 and there can be little doubt that a settlement of four houses in the same vicinity, marked "Robi cheau" in the Morris map of 1758, was the place of residence of Frances Belleisle



The name Nid d'Aigle, or "The Eagle's Nest;" is applied to this locality in Bellin's map of 1744, D'Anville's map of 1775 marks at the same place "Etablies't Francois," of French Settlement. The place is nearly opposite Evandale, the site of the well known summer hotel of John O. Vanwart. Here the St. John river is quite narrow, only about a five minutes paddle across. The British government during the war of 1812 built at Nid d'Aigle, or "Worden's," a fortification consisting of an earthwork, or "half-moon battery," with magazine in rear and a blockhouse at the crest of the hill still farther to the rear, the ruins of which are frequently visited by tourists. The situation commands an extensive and beautiful view of the river, both up and down, and no better post of defence could be chosen, since the narrowness of the channel would render it well nigh impossible for an enemy to creep past either by day or night without detection.

It is altogether probable that the name "Nid d'Aigie" was given to the place by the seieur de Belleisle or some member of his family, and one could wish that it might be restored either in its original form, or in its Saxon equivalent, "The

Colonel Monckton, by direction of Gvernor Lawrence, ravaged the French Settlements on the lower St. John in 1753, and in the report of his operations mentions "a few Houses that were some time past inhabited by the Robicheaus," which he burnt. It is possible that Francoise Belleisle Robichaux went with her family to l'Islet in Quebec to escape the threatened invasion of which they may have had timely notice, but it is more probable the removal occurred a little earlier. The situation of the Acadians on the River St. John in 1757 was pitiable in the extreme. They were cut off from every source of supply and lived in fear of their lives. The Marquis de Vaudreuil says that in consequence of the famine prevailing on the river, many Acadian families were forced to ply to Quebec and so destitute were the wretched ones in some instances that children died at their mother's

Francoise Belleisle Robichaux died at l'Islet January 28, 1791, at the age of 79 years, having outlived her husband six years. They had a number of children, one of whom, Marie Angelique, married Jean Baptiste d'Amour, de Chaufour, and had a daughter, Marguerite d'Amour, whose name seems very familiar to us. This Marguerite d'Amour married Joseph Dion, September 30, 1782, and her mother, who had been five years a widow, imitated her daughter's example four weeks afterwards by marrying Rene Denault, a widower.

The parish records at l'Islet give considerable information concerning the descendants of the families d'Amours, Robichaux and Belleisle, but the space at our disposal will allow us to follow them no further.

BAY CHALEUR SCHOONER CHEW'S NARROW ESCAPE.

of the Fleet Rescued in the Nick

Sydney, Aug. 31.—The fishing schooner Minnie M. Cook, Captain Abraham Cook, arrived here today from the Grand Banks and reports that on Sunday, the 23rd inst., while twenty-three miles north by west of North Cape (P. E. I.) during a heavy westerly gale she took off Captain Maskell and five of the crew of the schooner Queen of the Fleet, which was in a sinking condition with sails and main rigging

ing condition with sails and main regards carried away.

The Queen of the Fleet was bound from Bay Chaleur to Halifax with a cargo of shingles and lobsters and left Bay Chaleur on the evening of Friday, the 21st. On Saturday evening the vessel encountered a gale which tore away her sails and did other damage. The Queen of the Fleet was an old schooner of forty-seven tons register and was owned by Captain Maskell himself, who also owned the cargo.

said that when he rescued the crew of the sinking vessel the weather was so rough that he would never had thought of putting out a boat only to save human lives. Captain Maskell and crew belong to West Jeddore (N. S.) and the schooner hails from Lunenburg.

NEW BRUNSWICKERS WIN

was excellent, and there was a goodly number of spectators. Pte. S. C. Copping, of the 3rd V. R. C., with a score of 35, won the cup, medal and \$16.25 in the H. L. Borden match. Pte Goudie, 8th R. R., L. Borden match. Pte Goudie, 8th R. R., was second with 35 points, getting \$16.25; Lt. R. H. Ryan, R. O., third, with 35 points, geting \$16.25, and Cept. C. E. Phillips, 10th R. G., fourth, with 35 points, capturing \$16.25. Lt. J. N. Day, of 93rd, got \$10, with 34 points, and Sgt. G. H. Blair, 28th, got \$8 with 34 points.

Capt. Wetmore, 74th, got \$4 with 33 points. Light Sutherland, 78th, \$4 with points; Pte. Haystead, 63rd, \$4 with 32 points; Sergt. J. S. Murray, 5th R. G. R., got \$4 with 32; Capt. L. H. Hartley, \$4 with 31; Pte. Semple, 78th, \$4 with 32; Mr. Scott estimates, a loss of at least \$12,000, and possibly \$15,000, while the insurance is but \$5,000. Arthur Anderson, the night watchman, first saw the fire. He was making his rounds of the mill to see that all was right when he was alarmed to see a small blaze in the lower part of the building. He did his best to beat out the fire, but it spread despite his efforts, and he soon saw that least \$12,000, and possibly \$15,000, while the insurance is but \$5,000. Arthur Anderson, the night watchman, first saw the fire. He was making his rounds of the mill to see that all was right when he was alarmed to see a small blaze in the lower part of the building. He did his best to beat out the fire, but it spread despite his efforts, and he soon saw that he could do nothing single handed. He burried to the mill whistle, and the

In the Ross match, Gunner Hallett, H. M. S. Ariadne, won \$10; Captain Wilson, 63rd, and Lt. Longueil, 63rd, \$4 each. BLUEBERRY PRICES

Maine Canners Are Paying 9 3 4 Cents a Quart--Factories Are Shutting Down.

Bangor, Aug. 31.—Never before in the history of the blueberry industry in Hancock county were prices so high as at hutting down. The factories that have contracts to fill are paying 93-4 cents a quart, compared with an average price of three to four cents in recent years. Last year the price was forced up to six cents, and the producers reaped a harvest. This contracts at an average of eight cents a quart. One wagon load recently received at a factory netted the farmer \$180.

Failed to Swim English Channel.

Dover, Eng., Sept. 2-Montague Holbei ourth attempt to swim the English chan-nel. He left the water eight miles from Calais, after swimming seventeen hour and twenty minutes.

CANADIAN WHEAT CROP BETTER THAN EXPECTED

Captain and Five Men from Queen Crop of 65,000,000 Bushels Likely Distinguished South African Depre-

north. It was supposed two weeks ago that the crop would be 20,000,000 bushels below estimates and actually less than last year, but this is not to be the fact. Cutting is done in southern Manitoba, two-thirds complete in the central parts of the province and helf through in the contral parts of the started in Alberta. The ripening wheat has filled out wonderfully, and though straw is short, the heads are very large and plump.

Last week more than 8,000 farm laborers

arrived here for distribution through the provinces to help in the crop. The week before there were 10,000 arrivals. Most of the men come from Ontario and the eastern provinces, with a fair sprinkling of Englishmen. The weather is facorable for harvest, but with occasional showers. the export market is taking some, though the price is yet too high for much busi-ness. Old wheat is all cleaned out in the

N. S. SCHOONER ASHORE

Ottawa, Sept. 2—(Special)—There was good shooting at the third day of the D. R. A. matches on at Rockliffe riffe range. The first match shot was the Harold L. Borden memorial match. The weather and will probably prove a total wreck. The captain and crew of the vessel were

W. J. Scott's Sawmill at Springhill, N. B. Is Devoured by Flames.

Springhill, York county, Sept. 3—(Telephone message)—Wm. J. Scott's well equipped saw mill here was totally destroyed by fire, which broke out about half an hour before midnight. Building, machinery and a lot of cedar shingles points; Lieut. Sutherland, 78th, \$4 with 32 points; Capt. H. C. Blair, 78th, \$4 with 32 points; Capt. H. C. Blair, 78th, \$4 with 32 points; Capt. H. C. Blair, 78th, \$4 with 32 points; Pte. Haystead, 63rd, \$4 with 32 laths near the mill building were saved.

Blair, 78th, got \$4; Lieut. Summershall, 78th, got \$4.

In the Borden match of the D. R. A. meet today, Q. M. S. Montford and Pte. Barteaux won \$4 each.

The 13th Battalion won the Kirkpatrick cup, 43rd Battalion the Caron cup, and Q. O. R. the Gillespie cup, all being team matches.

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doomed, for the fire burned fiercely, and in an hour had made the property but a heap of blazing ruins.

The mill was built four years ago and was wel. fitted for business, with the latest machinery. Work had been going on steadily all summer, about 2,000,000 of lumber had been sawn and there was yet another million to handle. Forty hands were employed. This was the only industry in the place and will hardly be replaced, as Mr. Scott and his brothers have recently bought the Victoria mills at Sergt. Beer, P. E. I., 31; \$4, Pte. W. Macrecently bought the Victoria mills at Fredericton, and will probably devote their attention altogether there.

Nova Scotia Weddings.

Halifax, Sept. 1-The marriage of Dr. Wm. D. Finn, medical examiner, and Miss Emma Louise Grant, daughter of Duncan Emma douse Grant, daughter of Duncan Grant, took place this morning at St. Mary's Oratory. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Moriarity.

The marriage of Charles P. Fullerton, of the law firm of Harrington & Fullerton, Halifax and Sydney, and Miss Sarah Ethel Ferguson, daughter of Daniel Ferguson, took place at St. Andrew's church, Sydney, this morning. Grant Ferguson this morning. Grace and Greta Ferguson, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids, and Harold Bailey, Halifax, was groomsman.

is due to defective circulation. Tak plenty of walking exercise, and if circum stance are in favor of it perform some your household duties each day.



RHODES' GRASP OF EMPIRE PROBLEMS

Famous Englishman's Letter to Late Sir John Macdonald Made Public.

THE NATION'S FUTURE.

cates How Little English Politicians Understand of Reciprocity With the Colonies -- C. P. R. Atlantic Service Doing Well.

Montreal, Sept. 1-A Herald special cable from London says:-

cation from Cape Town, enclosing an ori-Sir John A. Macdonald, congratulating him on the results of the general election

in 1891.

"Mr. Rhodes wrote as follows:—

"I have read your manifesto and can understand the issue. If I might express a wish it would be that we could meet before our stern fate claims us. I might write pages, but I feel that I know you and your politics as if we had been friends for years. The whole thing lies in the question, can we invent home ties with the mother country that will prevent separation. There must be a practical soluthe world, but do not understand what a system of protection, coupled with reciprocal relations among the different parts of the empire means. I have taken the iberty of writing to you. If you honor me

Roseau, Dominca, Sept. 2—The British schener I. V. Dexter, of Liverpool (N. S.), Captain Clements, which sailed from Port John died on June 6.

dislike of the proposed name, Common-wealth, which suggested a desire for separ-ation from the homeland. He suggested instead that the term dominion be used. He recognized that if the colonics were to

reteive special consideration from the mother country, including preferential treatment for colonial products.

"Hon. Clifford Sifton and Sir Louis Jette were callers at the Canadian high commissioners office today." Afterward Mr. Sifton held a conference with W. L. Griffith and the Alaska boundary officials. The Canadian junior counsel, T. C. Wade, K. C.; L. C. Duff and N. W. Rowell, K. C., bladge sarrived."

A Star cable from London says:—
"The Canadian Pacific railway opened of F. W. Foster, formerly Bristol manager for the Elder-Dempster Company's Bristol service. The Canadian Pacific's Atlantic liners are doing very well indeed, the whole "There was a meeting today of the high officials, whose business has been to watch

Ottawa, Sept. 1—(Special)—In the D. R. A. matches on Monday, winners were:—Bankers match, 600 yards, \$8, Ptc. A. Fleming, 1st C. A., 33; \$5, Capt. Blair, 78th, 32; \$5, Ptc. Haystead, 63rd, 31; \$5, Sergt. Beer, P. E. 1., 31; \$4, Ptc. W. Maclarn, 78th, 30 lean, 78th, 30.

Walker match, 500 and 600 yards, \$10,

Capt. Blair, 78th, 64; \$10, Gr. C. E. Burns, 1st C. A., 64; \$8, Ptc. Steck, 93rd, Capt. Blarr, 78th, 64; \$10, Gr. C. B.
Burns, 1st C. A., 64; \$8, Pte. Steck, 93rd, 63; \$8, Sergt. Boutillier, 1st C. A., 63; \$8, Sergt. Chandler, 74th, 63; \$8, Pte. A., Fleming, 1st C. A., 62; \$5, Gr. P. Hallett, H. M. S. Adriane, 61; \$5, Capt. Wetmore, 74th, 60; \$5, Pte. Jardine, 74th, 60.

In the McDougall match at the Dominion Rifle Association today, the G. W. Russell, G. G. F. G., got cup and \$25 with 68 points. Capt. Blair, 78th, got \$8 with 65 points, Private E. Haystead, 63rd, got \$6 with 63 points; Capt. Innes, 82nd, got \$6 with 63 points; J. S. Farren, St. John R. C., got \$4 with 61 points.

In the tryos, Pte. A. R. Jardine, 74th, Sussex, got \$4 with 60 points; Pte. L. Christie got \$4 with 59 points.

In the Dominion of Canada match, cup and \$30 were won by Pte. J. W. Hendrie, 77th, with 67 points; Lt. W. E. Forbes, 73rd, got \$13 with 64 points; T. M. S. Mc. Numford got \$6 with 61 points; Pte. F. Stewart, 74th, won \$4 with 60 points.

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\$4 with 58 points; Capt. J. A. Charlton,
09th, \$4 with 57 points; Pte. A. R. Jardine got \$4 with 57 points; Sergt. D. R.

\$50,000 if Shamrock Won.

New York, Aug. 31-This morning before he yachts started out from their anchor-ge, Sir Thomas Lipton paid a visit to the

age, Sir Thomas Lipton paid a visit to the Shamrock III and had a brief interview with Captain Robert Wringe.

The baronet had in his pocket a check for \$50,000, made out to the order of his racing skipper. This he showed to Capain Wringe, informing him that if he sould win three process with the Shamrock. tain Wringe, informing him that it no could win three races with the Shamrock, and thereby take the America cup, the check would be his, as well as an annuity for life of \$2,500 a year.

To the sailors of the Shamrock Sir Thomas promised a handsome cash bonus if the boat could be made to win one wife, and a much larger one if she took three.—
Reston Globe