

Dorion, Doucette and Blanchard come next, in order named. There was one family of each of the following names: Buote, Pinaud, LeClair, Blacquier, Gauthier, Brown, Gaudet. Included in the census was a widow named Mews, with a family of ten; but it is not known whether she was French or not. I can find no trace of any people of that name in the settlement to-day.

All these families were settled around Rustico Bay and along the rivers and creeks that empty into it. They lived on very friendly terms with the Indians, and there were some intermarriages with the children of the forest. Traces of such a mingling of the races could be discerned in some families years ago but now all evidences of Indian blood has disappeared.

It may be well to make a few remarks about these pioneers of civilization in Rustico. They were a strong race, both physically and morally. No better proof of this is needed than that, although they have greatly increased in numbers during the past century, there is no record of any one of them having been indicted for a criminal offence. They were a most adaptive people, and would do anything that came to hand and do it well, and without grumbling at their lot, however hard.

Ideal pioneers, Rustico was an ideal place for their settlement. The rivers, bay and gulf teemed with fish of the best quality. Trout of great size could be caught easily at any season of the year: cod, herring and mackerel came to their shores in immense shoals. The now extinct walrus, or sea-cow, frequented the coasts, and was killed for its skin, which was used in many ways, but particularly in making harness for the ponies and oxen. The last of these mammals seen on the coast was the cause of a tragedy. A Frenchman and his son were outside the harbour in a canoe, where by some means they secured a young calf. The enraged mother, hearing the cries of her offspring, followed the