

Magdalena Isles, which numbers over three thousand, nor those north of the Gulf of the Bay Des Chalems, Newfoundland and the State of Maine, belonging to the Madawaska group, which will raise about twenty thousand souls, giving the Acadian population of all these regions a total of over 130,000 souls. As I said before the Acadians are represented by men of their own race. In the Senate and House of Commons they have their deputies and even their local legislators. Men educated and noted among all classes of society, we no longer count the number of their schools, at the head of which stands Memramcook's classical college, without a doubt the best Catholic institution in the Maritime Provinces. They have several convents devoted to the instruction of youth in each of the Provinces, and as far as the Magdalena Isles they control the election in many counties. They have their French papers that teach them their rights, their attachment to their language and to France, at the same time declaring their entire fidelity to England. In fact they possess all the elements of progression possible to wish. The reunion of the British Provinces in Confederation strengthened them, at the same time binding them more closely to their brothers in Canada. In fifty years they will number half a million, and will be a power in the Maritime Provinces, as the Canadians are to-day in the Confederation.

France has been, till the middle of the last century, one of the greatest colonial powers in the world. The moment seems propitious to present to the public the researches I publish here. It is sad, indeed, in exhibiting the national character, to call back the painful end of efforts which, at their beginning, raised such bright and legitimate hopes, but