

settlement, but their only recognizable results to-day are a few place-names—Fundy, Acadia, Chaleur, St. John, St. Croix, and possibly Miramichi.

The ACADIAN OR FRENCH PERIOD began with the settlement by De Monts on St. Croix Island in 1604,¹ and lasted until after the fall of Quebec. To it we owe, first of all, nearly one-fourth of our population, the Acadian French, who live along the North Shore, on the Memramcook, and at Madawaska, retaining largely their own language and customs. They are a contented race, a valuable element in our population, and are likely to play a far more important part in the history of the province in the future than they have in the past. To this period, too, we owe some of the most striking incidents and saddest memories in our annals, such as Madame La Tour's defence of her husband's fort at the mouth of the St. John, and the Expulsion. From this period also we derive at least fifty, and probably more, of the place-names in use to-day; or, if we count those given recently by the Acadians, two or three times this number. We have, however, adopted from them but few other words, of which I recall only *aboideau*, *gaspereau* and *perdu* (often pronounced *budoo*), applied much like the word *bogan* already mentioned. *Portage* and a few others are not from the Acadians directly, but are of wide use. Visible relics of another kind remaining to us from this period are ruins of old forts in several parts of the province, and a few other historic objects.

The ENGLISH PERIOD began with settlements by New Englanders on the St. John shortly after 1760, and ended with the coming of the Loyalists in 1783. In this interval there came to New Brunswick many settlers from New England, Pennsylvania, England and Scotland. We have no means of knowing how many there were, but we may estimate the numbers at about two thousand, and perhaps about five per cent of our population is descended from them. So like in character were these settlers to the Loyalists who came later, and so thoroughly did they mingle with the newcomers, that it is very difficult to trace any features of language, government, etc., that we owe to them directly. From this period, however, we have derived some seventy of our place-names in use to-day, including the names of one county and several parishes, Sunbury, Maugerville, Burton, Gagetown, Hillsborough, Hopewell, Moncton, Sackville. That part

¹Described in No. I. of this Series.