



LIVERPOOL.



HISTORICAL SKETCH.



THE history of Liverpool is of peculiar interest to our New England cousins. "In no other section of the province," says Mr. R. R. Mac-Leod, "can there be found such a colony of 'Plymouth Plantation' people." A warrant to survey a township was granted in 1759 by the Governor of Nova Scotia to a committee representing some one hundred and forty-two proprietors, all of New England, and many of them direct descendants of the Mayflower pilgrims.

As early as 1604, Sieur de Monts had entered the harbour and named it Port Rossignol, after a certain captain whom he found unwittingly poaching on his preserves, and whose vessel he confiscated. This was on the famous voyage that led to the selection of Port Royal (now Annapolis Royal) as the best site for a settlement.

Later, Port Rossignol formed part of the seigneurie of LaHave, under the protection of the fort there; and, though the fisheries were considered of some importance, the settlements were small and by no means permanent.

The condition of the country when the hardy ancestors of the present inhabitants of Liverpool fixed on