

years of hard toil and risks of all kinds, became settlers and heads of families. The names of these early comers have come down to their descendants—Marguerie, Jacques Hertel, Marsolet, Brulé, Godefroy and Jean Nicolet. The last of these as an explorer stood head and shoulders above his associates. He discovered Lake Michigan and penetrated west as far as Wisconsin. Guillaume Couillard also arrived early in the colony (1613). Having married a daughter of Louis Hébert, he settled on a farm near Quebec, and is supposed to have been the first to turn the Canadian soil with a plough. Many of Couillard's descendants are still to be found in the Province of Quebec. Father Le Clercq, in his book *L'Établissement de la Foi dans la Nouvelle France* (1687), says that in his day Hébert's posterity had increased so much that it numbered over two hundred and fifty members and that more than nine hundred persons were related to the Couillard-Hébert couple. Couillard, like his father-in-law, became a model colonist, engaged altogether in farm labour.

About the same time Abraham Martin settled not far from the *Abitation*. At a later date he received, from the One Hundred Associates, a grant of land close to Quebec, the famous Plains of Abraham where Wolfe and Montcalm found death and immortality. The land he tilled is now dedicated to memorial purposes under the name of the 'Park of the Battle Fields.'

Many of Champlain's companions were attracted to Canada by the fur trade—the fur trade that was to be the bane of New France—and neglected the true labour of colonization. Not so with Hébert, who devoted all his time to farm work. His industry was greatly appreciated by Champlain, who says: 'He was the first head of a family residing about Quebec who got his living from the ground he cultivated.' Several French Canadians of to-day can prove their claim to relationship with this remarkable colonist, whose example should have been followed by every settler. He had no male issue save one son, who died young, but he was the father of several daughters.

Champlain's associates were nearly all picked men, but their number amounted only to a corporal's guard.