

The Meroine of Acadia

HE story of Lady LaTour is the most romantic in the annals of Acadia. The world's heroines have always been few in number, and fewer still have been those women who have been impelled to deeds of heroism by love of husband and home. Yet this was the influence that made Lady LaTour an Amazon and a heroine, so that her name will be handed down to the most distant ages linked with deeds of valor. The soil upon which she fought and died and in which her bones still rest must therefore always be looked upon with interest by those who admire those qualities by which men may become immortal.

The husband of our Acadian heroine was Charles de St. Etienne, Sieur de La Tour, who came to Acadia from France with his father about the year 1609, when he was only fourteen years of age, and formed a part of the Port Royal colony of Poutrincourt. Father and son were Huguenots, and the father had been ruined by the wars of the League which devastated France for so many years. The LaTours were of an ancient family and claimed to be allied to the noble house of Bouillon.