

12 men fired 3 volleys. Today a soldier was whip't 20 lashes for getting drunk last Sabbath. There are now 3 schooners and 6 sloops in the Harbour." He adds: "We went ashore & I seeing some Firr trees endeavoured to get the Balsam which is pretty plenty, but the Knats and Muskettoes being very plenty also, I was soon forced to give over: as I was going down I saw 2 speckled snakes like Adders, upon the beach, such as I never saw before, which I killed. The Water where wee anchor upon trial wee find to ebb & flow 20 feet & 8 inches and no more." The next day the schooner weighed her anchor and set sail for the coal mines at the head of the Bay of Fundy, near "Checnecto." At sunrise on the 25th June the schooner passed Cape Enragé, which Hale calls Cape Anroshia, and was soon at her destination, Granchoggin, in the vicinity of the Joggins coal mines. In describing the location, Hale observes: "Wee past by the Coal Banks & a little farther came to the place where the Coal is taken in, which is about 5 leagues below Meskquesh [Missequash] the chief place of Checnecto." After no little difficulty the schooner was brought in to the wharf and as much coal put on board of her as she could float at the wharf with at high tide. The incidents that occurred during the next few days are valuable as throwing light upon the manners of the Acadians one hundred and seventy-five years ago. Robert Hale shall tell us the story in his own words:

"Sat. 26 [June] 1 A. M. Made a second Attempt to gain the Wharff but gott aground a Boats Length from it.

"2 P. M. Wee got our Vessel in to the Wharff, & took our Cask out of the Hold, & Capt. Foresyth's Hands went to Loading & put in as much Coal as wee tho't our Schooner wou'd float with.

"Sab. 27. 2 1/2 A. M. It being the highest Tide wee cou'd expect wee hawl'd off into the Creek, but when the Tide went out, wee had like to have oversett, because she lay on the side of the Bank. The Coal which they dig about 7 miles below the Place, they bring hither in 2 Lighters & throw up into Cribs which they have made in the Edge of the Marsh, close to which they have cut down the Sodd or Marsh so as to make a Wharff & so low that a Vessel can go in a little before highwater. The Persons now concern'd in this Affair are Maj. Henry Cope of Annapolis, Capt. Alexr. Forsyth, Mr. John Liddel, and Mr. John Carnes, of Boston. They have a permission from Govr. Phillips at Annapolis & began to dig