

they still cling to the soil which their forefathers redeemed to civilization, and transmit to their children the traditions of the past. No extravagant idea, no hollow dream of Utopia, no thirst of gold, nor spirit of insubordination, has loosened the domestic ties, nor effaced the love which they feel for a rural life—for the labour of the field is preferred to every other toil. They either till the earth or attend to the product of the fisheries. Their young men do not load and unload the *Durham boats* of the Erie Canal; nor are the young women to be found as servants in the towns. The custom has not come into vogue of shaking off the paternal authority as early as possible, and of believing oneself of great consequence, before being either the head of a family or a useful and respected citizen."

In reference to the statements of l'Abbé Raynal and Messrs. Hoquart and Beauharnois, cited in the early part of this paper, I may say that truth, as is generally the case, will be found to lie between. The Acadians were not then, nor are they now, what either of them describe them; but I tell you, from my own knowledge, we may safely accept as correct what Bouchette has written, who, in this, as in everything else which he has written, has proved himself a most reliable authority. M. Chauveau's account is, in the main, fair and correct, and is much to be preferred to that of Dr. Taché, who appears to have been not so well informed on the subject.

In addition to Arichat, mentioned by M. Chauveau, the townships of Clare and Argyle, in the west, are *largely* Acadian settlements, and were formerly represented in the Legislative Assembly by the D'Entremonts, Comos, Robichauds, &c., as Arichat was by Martel.

The comparative isolation of the Acadians of the present day must not be attributed too much to their attachment to the Roman Catholic faith; for we still find the Protestant German settlement of Lunenburg, and the French Protestant

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