

all the elements of a community, fall or pine. New England with her settlers forming a community of families, bound by a deep religious bond, with every trade, with church and school, prospers on the almost sterile coast. Canada owes her preservation and progress both at Quebec and Montreal to the same religious and community elements. From some exhausted province in France, from that Acadian shore in America where England threatens a noble community of colonists, transplant whole villages to the Mississippi valley—farmers with their families and implements of agriculture, carpenters with their tools, the blacksmith with his smithy, the teacher to continue his school, the clergyman to resume his wonted duties. Under their industry the land will yield beyond all calculation. France can then support her children, and those who have gone will form a new France, strong in itself and strengthening the old."

But France did nothing. Her only course was to cripple colonization by leaving the land of Marquette and Joliet to great soulless companies.

She neglected the Acadians. England could afford to send ships to carry off seven thousand and scatter them in destitution through her colonies. France had not forecast or generosity enough to transport them with their household goods to this valley, where they would have become great and powerful, having in themselves every element of success. If the few stragglers who revived Acadia in Louisiana thrive and prospered, who can estimate the progress to be made by the whole Acadian population transferred under favorable circumstances?

The English colonies that prospered from the outset were those where families settled bound by some potent tie—New England, Maryland, Pennsylvania—elsewhere only when moulded by disaster into a community. The English Government did nothing. When Townshend described the American colonies as "children planted by our care, nourished up by our indulgence, and protected by our arms," Burke, in a strain of indignant oratory, showed the fallacy of it all, yet even he did not see the true element, the family as the basis of the community, the community of the state, with some potent tie, some deep princi-

