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The History of Caraquet.



THIS article is one of a series aiming to collect, while yet it is possible, the still unrecorded facts about the origin of the settlements of the North Shore of New Brunswick, and to present these in conjunction with an outline of the earlier history of the places and a statement of all published works making mention of them. These matters already are of interest to some people, and in time to come they will interest many more. The preceding articles dealt with Miscou, Tracadie and Pokemouche, while others upon Tabusintac, Shippegan, and a few more are in preparation.

The Province of New Brunswick is roughly quadrangular in shape, and its principal northern boundary is formed by Bay Chaleur. Towards the eastern end of this bay, on the south side, near where the mainland breaks up into a group of islands, lies Caraquet. The Caraquet River, running north-eastward parallel with the coast of Bay Chaleur, broadens as it meets the sea into an extensive shallow basin, which is con-