

he practised. He found use for the stumps he dug from the earth, and the limbs he cut from the felled timber. Nothing was wasted. Molasses, sugar, coffee and rum, he calculated on receiving from the West Indies, in barter for fish, beer and timber. Flour, peas and beans, could be obtained from Canada and his own cultivated acres. Salt, and the appliances needed for fishermen, he intended to import from France. It is no unlikely conjecture that this distribution of trade met scant approval among the company's shareholders in France, who probably beheld some of their own expectations impaired by such arrangements. If the director could have established his commercial project in all the branches he devised, there is little doubt but that the Island's resources would have developed rapidly. Hampered as he was by a yet incomplete organization, and the clamors of dissatisfied shareholders, he managed, nevertheless, in two successive years of scarcity, to relieve by his importations the wants of the distressed fishermen.

The mutterings of discontent from France, although gaining in volume and intensity, yet failed to lessen the energy of the intrepid director. He was roused but not intimidated. During the winters of 1732 and 1733, buoyant with confidence in the soundness of his plans, he vigorously pushed forward operations on Brudenell Point in order to make the establishment there worthy of the high position he had assigned it in his scheme of commerce. Neither did he forget, in the midst of his labors to reply to querulous shareholders in St. Malo and La Rochelle, who never seemed to weary in their efforts to thwart him. In order, if possible, to silence these opponents, he drew up a detailed account of all the works he had undertaken on the Island, the methods by which they had been accomplished, and the ends they were expected to serve. Thus it has come to pass that the self vindication of a provoked official, becomes in our day a valuable historical document, minutely describing the first extensive settlement on the Eastern shore of the Island.

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