

"If all the registers of these several churches were available, it would be an easy matter to trace the Acadian Genealogies from 1632 to the year 1755, but unfortunately very few of them are in the country."

Only two volumes of the church at Port Royal are known to exist, and they embrace the years 1702-1755. The originals of these are at Halifax, and copies of them are in the Archives at Ottawa. Other registers have been discovered at Louisiana, dated between 1773 and 1859, and these are now being transcribed.

It is intensely interesting to follow the vicissitudes of the church registers, and it is marvelous that so much has already been accomplished towards building up the genealogies of this important portion of our community. M. Gaudet apparently has strong hopes that many further discoveries of lost registers may be made, and that eventually complete genealogies of many families may be compiled.

By the expulsion of the Acadians many families were broken up, and the various members scattered broadcast over two continents. To trace these families in their wanderings is far from an easy task, and until missing documents are discovered no genealogical work can be completed.

In the meantime further researches are being made, and while possibly complete genealogies of many families never can be obtained, very much has been accomplished, and still more will undoubtedly be the outcome of the present system of research.

The review of this important work reminds us that no official action has been taken to gather up and place in permanent form the similar records of the Loyalists and their descendants, which form quite as important a feature in the country's history as that under review, and is entitled to at least an equal amount of attention. Mr. George S. Brown, formerly of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and at present residing in Boston, Mass., in a letter to the writer of this notice, dated 2nd July, 1908, says:

"I sent to your address to-day by the American Express Co. a box containing two volumes of my Yarmouth Genealogies, as printed in the *Yarmouth Herald*, * * * * * There are, scattered all over the New England, Middle, Western and Pacific States, many hundreds of families, the descendants of Yarmouth County families, who saw or heard of my Yarmouth Genealogies while they were being published in the *Herald*, and who are waiting for an opportunity to buy