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in him; and completely won the proud woman, who would not lift her eyelids for that which did not come spontaneously as summer rain.

So the brilliant August days, that ripened the blessed grain on the sides of the happy Valley, found Pierre Pontreincourt, and Edith Lecister in Acadia indeed. They did not know that they were too happy,—their life was as yet in its beautiful morning, though they were nearing fast the "burden and heat of the day." And although Pierre was of the temperament that lives rapidly, and already far older at heart than Edith—being with all his grace and gaiety, more melancholy and passionate in the depths of his nature—the farthest deep was yet unfathomed, and neither of them, to use the words of an exquisite writer of our own time, had "ever heard the foot of deadly sorrow all their days."

But the troubles that had long occasionally harassed the Acadian settlements, arising out of deep hostility felt by the Indians, and not a few of the French, who called themselves 'Neutrals' toward the English Colony at Halifax, were fast thickening,—and signs ominous of evil, increased daily in the pleasant villages of 'Minas,' and the neighboring Rivers.

At 'Cumberland,' or 'Chiegnecto,' as it was then called, and Port Royal, there had already been serious mischief,—and in various parts of the Province, the Indians had undoubtedly been indebted for the frequent success of their secret and sanguinary attacks upon the English Forts, to the equipment in boats, arms, and ammunition, furnished by those of the French Acadians who conceived their race aggrieved—as it indeed partially was—by its subjection to English dominion.

Indeed, it was scarcely possible for true cordiality to subsist between these people and the Government established at Halifax, although good and wise men on either side, had always been anxious to suppress ferocity in circumstances naturally irritating.

But the 'Neutral French' were no longer trusted by the English Governor; and troops were quartered in all the villages that were likely from the disposition of the inhabitants, or a favorable locality, to assist the savages in their unprovoked and intolerable warfare. These troops, to say the truth, were billeted upon the Acadians, in a very unceremonious and aggravating way; and did not fail to increase the bitter feeling already prevalent against them.

But, looking at all the available accounts of that miserable period of our history, common fairness towards the Acadian population of the time, justifies us in believing, that great numbers were innocent of the treachery ascribed to them, and were, as they professed to be, and must have been, if they were rational at all, truly neutral, in the French and Indian war.

Proofs of the honesty of many of the 'Neutrals,' still remain in authentic records; and the family of Henri Pontreincourt, at Molansoe, was conspicuous for its anxiety to preserve good

faith with its acknowledged rulers.

It happened, early in the August of which I speak, that Henri Pontreincourt had intelligence of preparations making at 'Chiegnecto' for the departure of an Indian party, whose design was to surprise a body of English troops, then on the march between Halifax and the English fort, latterly built, and garrisoned at 'Pesiquid'; a flourishing Acadian settlement then, our much admired 'Windsor,' now.

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GOING EAST.		Accm. Daily.	Accm. T.F.S.	Exp. Daily.
	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Annapolis Leve		6 15		1 15
14 Bridge-town "		7 10		2 03
28 Middleton "		8 10		2 48
42 Aylesford "		9 15		3 30
47 Berwick "		9 35		3 48
50 Waterville "		9 50		3 57
59 Kentville dpt	6 00	11 15		4 35
64 Port Williams "	6 20	11 35		4 51
68 Wolfville "	6 30	11 44		5 00
69 Grand Pre "	6 43	11 57		5 11
72 Avonport "	6 55	12 10		5 23
77 Hantsport "	7 12	12 30		5 38
84 Windsor "	8 00	1 20		6 00
116 Windsor June "	10 15	4 00		7 20
130 Halifax arrive "	11 00	4 40		8 00

GOING WEST.		Exp. Daily.	Accm. M.W.F.	Accm. daily.
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Halifax—leave	7 15	7 00		2 30
14 Windsor Jun "	7 55	7 22		3 30
49 Windsor "	9 15	10 15		5 33
53 Hantsport "	9 40	10 44		6 01
58 Avonport "	9 56	11 02		6 19
61 Grand Pre "	10 06	11 15		6 33
64 Wolfville "	10 17	11 30		6 46
68 Port Williams "	10 25	11 40		6 55
71 Kentville "	11 00	12 30		7 10
80 Waterville "	11 27	1 05		
83 Berwick "	11 36	1 20		
88 Aylesford "	11 50	1 40		
102 Middleton "	12 30	2 50		
116 Bridgetown "	1 15	3 50		
130 Annapolis Ar've	2 00	4 45		

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