

at least—not quite clear, the more especially as the old calendars in which the day is denoted, are now scarcely to be found. Thus, in 1774, "Aspinquid's Day" was May 17th; in 1780, it was May 5th; in 1786, it was June 3rd. It seems to have occurred on the recurrence of the New Moon. A comparison of a number of calendars would enable one to determine *what* Moon: but, at present, I am unable to determine that point.

One conjecture which has been afloat is, that *Aspinquid* was an eminent chieftain, or *brave*, of the Aboriginal race, in the remote past. By some, *Aspinquid* has been assumed to be the name of a tutelary saint of the Aborigines, and is accordingly called "the Indian Saint." I beg leave to submit the following letter, contributed by me to the *Halifax Herald*, a few years since, as my own view of the origin of the word *Aspinquid*.—

"To the Editor of the *Herald*."

"Referring to a paragraph in the *Herald*, under the title of "St. Aspinquid," allow me to repeat the substance of some remarks communicated by me, some years since, to another Halifax Journal upon the puzzling subject of *Aspinquid*.

"In the course of a very considerable reading of what records are procurable, touching the early history of this country, I have been unable to find any such name as *Aspinquid*. I have however, met with a passage in the "*Relations des Jesuites*" which, I think, may account for its origin. In the *Relation* of 1611, and the chapter treating upon the nature, the clothing, habitation, and food of the Aborigines of this country, which we now call Nova Scotia, after much other matter bearing upon these heads, the account goes on to say, in the quaint original—speaking, of course, of the Indians:—

"Dés le mois de May iusques à la My-Septembre, ils sont