

articles for clearing the land, erecting dwellings and prosecuting the fishery.

The advertisements were so inviting that within a short time, 1176 settlers, with their families were gathered together, and the sum of £40,000 was appropriated by Parliament. The expedition was placed under the command of Col. the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, M. P., as Captain-General and Governor of Nova Scotia, and set sail in May, 1749. It is unnecessary here to record the story of the settlement, the first winter, the laying out of the town, the erection of the various buildings of importance, the slow growth of the town during the next fifteen years, the coming and going of the German settlers and others, the use made of the port as a base of operations against Louisburg by General Wolfe, the treaties with the Indians, the expulsion of the Acadians, and other facts which may be found in almost any history of Canada or Nova Scotia. The foundations laid by Cornwallis and the early settlers were well and truly laid, the commercial importance of the city and port has constantly increased and its naval and military importance have more than once been of decisive value.