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THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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HE early settlement of Prince Edward Island may be treated either with regard to its partial settlement between the years 1719 and 1758 by the French, whose descendants form a goodly number of its present population, or with regard to its later and more general settlement under British rule. The material the subject affords, if dealt with in its twofold aspect, would present a field too comprehensive to be embraced within the limits of a single paper, and I shall therefore confine my present remarks to the Settlement of Prince Edward Island under British Rule.

I need scarcely premise that this Island, then Isle St. Jean, was a possession of the French Crown until 1758. In that year Louisburg, the Capital of Cape Breton, and one of the chief strongholds of French Power in America, was surrendered to the British forces under the command of General Amherst, with whom was associated