

many good houses, a quaint English church, and the oldest graveyard on the continent, the first grave having been made probably in 1605, two hundred and eighty-seven years ago. On the grassy ruins of its old fort sheep and cattle now graze peacefully, but part of the massive masonry remains to tell this later age the long story of its stormy past. Its living inhabitants are people of intelligence and culture, some of whom are descendants of the Loyalists, some of the New England Puritans who came to settle the fertile farm-lands of the exiled French.

ing settlers, and after due deliberation and a careful survey of the country by pioneer agents, many hundreds of influential families from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, in the spring of 1760 and during the next year, removed to Nova Scotia and were given large tracts of the rich dyke-lands, the well-tilled uplands, and the luxuriant timber woods, that had before been owned by the Acadians. In this empty province they built themselves new homes and founded a new commonwealth, which in the fierce strife that in less than two



The Main Building of Acadia College, Wolfville.

The Windsor and Annapolis train, which runs from Annapolis to Halifax, in its course whirls the traveller through several other interesting towns—Bridgetown, Kentville, Wolfville, the seat of Acadia College, with its beautiful view across the Basin of Minas, and Windsor itself. Most of the older inhabitants of these places and of the country about them are descendants of the New Englanders who settled the depopulated Acadian lands in 1760. The expulsion of the French in 1755 leaving the greater part of the province without a European inhabitant, the government issued a proclamation throughout New England invit-

decades afterward broke out on the American continent, generally kept loyal to the king. Theirs was a golden opportunity and they did not neglect it.

"They came as came the Hebrews into their promised land,

Not as to wild New England's shores came first the Pilgrim band;

The Minas fields were fruitful, and the Gas-pereau had borne

To seaward many a vessel with its freight of yellow corn."

In a short time they had repaired the dykes, planted crops, reaped rich harvests, and become the owners of broad and valuable estates. New London, Connecticut, and Newport, Rhode Island,