As to the actual words chosen, they may be drawn from any one of several classes. First, there are descriptive names; but these are good only when they describe some striking and easily-recognizable quality of the place, and are such as are not likely to be in use or to be adopted elsewhere. Our mountains, however, are not unlike enough to one another to make many such names available. Then there are Indian names, especially when these are familiarized into an easily pronounced form. Unfortunately, however, our Indians appear rarely to have had native names for mountains, and this, of course, for much the same reason that their white successors have none. Again, names may be drawn from those of persons or events prominent in the early history of the province. In these we have a great store of pleasing, easily-pronounced, already more or less familiar, words; and, as to their appropriateness, it is surely fitting that the names of those who have laid the foundations of the province should be lastingly commemorated in her eternal foundation hills. Most of our new names will probably be drawn from this source. Of course such names will be applied, as nearly as possible, to places associated with the person or event commemorated. It is a fact, too, that more honor would be done a person by naming for him a smaller mountain in an accessible and much visited place, than a larger one in a place inaccessible. There should be, too, some proportion between the importance of the place and the prominence of the person commemorated; the greater hills should be named only for those of provincial prominence, while the smaller may well be devoted to the names of those whose importance is only local.

With the convictions here expressed, and following the principles here recommended, I have ventured to apply names to the more prominent mountains about Nictor Lake and along the upper Nepisiguit. This region includes some of the highest, and perhaps scenically the finest, of New Brunswick mountains, and is withal fairly accessible.

About Nictor Lake is a particularly fine series of hills, described and figured in the preceding note (No. 29). The map accompanying that paper, as well as the one with this, show all new names in italics.

Mount Bernardin is named for the Recollet Missionary, who, about 1621, perished of cold and hunger somewhere in this vicinity while on his way from the mouth of the Nepisiguit to the St. John. Franquelin is for the great French cartographer, who was the first, in