

The Heroine of Acadia

mand. In those days the fisheries of the river and harbor yielded enormously, while all manner of wild animals and birds swarmed in the forest. The visitor can see today the very place where LaTour caught fish in such abundance that they broke his nets, for there great ocean liners lie freighted with goods for Europe which have come over thousands of miles of railway from the prairies of the West.

Across the Bay of Fundy, at Port Royal, LaTour had an enemy who viewed his prosperity with jealous eyes, and sought to compass his ruin. This was Charles de Menou, Sieur d'Aulnay Charnisay, who had been second in command to De Razilly, who up to the time of his death in 1636 represented the Company of New France in Acadia. Charnisay succeeded to the command at Port Royal and at once began that series of intrigues which had such a sinister influence in the prosperity of Acadia. The family of Menou to which Charnisay belonged was in some way connected with that of Cardinal Richelieu, and Richelieu was then the master of France. Charnisay's father, who is described in state documents as "Councillor of the King," had the ear of the great minister and soon brought his influence to bear to advance his son's fortunes. His first efforts, however, were not very successful, for they resulted in the issuing of a royal letter addressed to both Charnisay and LaTour in which