

of those whose feet made plain our paths, whose hands cleared the rocky forest-clad hills of Nova Scotia, whose eyes ached with looking westward to the land which they made home for us, but which was to them for many years a place of toil and privation.

It is difficult to compute exactly the number of settlers in any old town at a given time, but an authority tells us that in October, 1753, five months after the settlement of Lunenburg, there were 650 male residents in the place. The majority of these had been brought from Halifax in various ship-loads, after being landed there from Germany. Among the vessels employed were the "Pearl," "Gale," "Sally," "Betty," "Murdoch" and "Swan." The original port of embarkation was Rotterdam; and it is computed that about 1,615 persons emigrated from there. The original indenture, by which those who sailed on the "Pearl" bound themselves to a Mr. John Dick, agent for the colony of Nova Scotia at Rotterdam, is still in possession of one of the old families of Lunenburg. Under its provisions the eighty-three Germans who sailed with their families bound themselves to work off their passage money. The German text is as follows:

Wir— die untergeschriebene Passagierean Boord des Schiffes genannt die Pearl, geführt von hier aus Rotterdam über See nach Halifax gelegen in der Provintz Nova Scotia oder Neu Schottland in Nord America, bezeugen und bekennen hiermit: Dasz wir an der Herr John Dick Sein Brittanisschen Majestats Agent von die Provintz Nova Scotia, in der Pordt Rotterdam, die hierunter nach unserer unterzeichnen nahmen für unseren und unserer familien Transportation von hier nach vorgedachten Nova Scotia gestellte frachten und besonders specificischen und in Hollandischen Wahrung und Summen auf eine ehrliche treuliche und rechtmassige Weise schuldig sind. Welche verschiedene Summen wir hiermit samt und sonders, und ein jeder für sich selbst und die Seinigen versprechen und geloben Ihnen der Herrn John Dick, sobald nach unserer obgedachten Nova Scotia. Gott gebe glückliche ankunft, treuligst zu bezahlen und abzuführen