

(7) Negro immigration and settlements.

(8) Royal Instructions to Governors.

(9) Miscellaneous papers relating to the Province; as well as three boxes or chests of Land Grants, Charters, Commissions, Rolls, Account Books, and other material not capable of being bound.

One feature of much interest in this year's report is the suggestion—somewhat forcibly urged—of the publication of a portion of the historical papers now brought to light, especially those relating to the removal of the Acadians in 1755, which, to use Mr. Akins words "Is a subject which has of late occupied the attention of writers both in England and America, and on which much has lately appeared in condemnation of the course pursued by the Government of that day. The papers selected throw additional light on this interesting subject; and for the credit of the Province, all papers that may in any way discover the motives, views and conduct of those engaged in that period in the settlement of the country, and which may tend to contradict or explain partial statements, or put in a new light transactions hitherto considered harsh and cruel, should be given to the public."

The Committee of the House of Assembly to whom had been entrusted the supervision of the work this year reported favourably of Mr. Akins' labours, and recommended that his duties be carried on to completion, in view of the fact that a large mass of valuable documents were still to be classified and bound. And also that the Governor be requested to obtain from Canada and from London copies of documents now lying there, and necessary to complete our files.

They declined to recommend the publication of any historical documents this year.

On 4th April of same year the Lieutenant-Governor was authorized by vote of the House to procure from Quebec copies of some papers in the archives of that City relating to the early history of Acadia.

As recommended by the Committee, the work was carried on into the third year, and on 24th January 1860, Mr. Akins presented another report. This gives the usual details of the