

he refused, for various quaint reasons. First he said that he had brothers not so well off as himself who would feel humble by comparison. Afterwards his reply was that the honor might make the ladies of his family vain ! Probably he was not without some humor.

During the same year Acadia was permanently conquered by Vetch (with Nicholson as nominal leader) and Vetch was made first Governor of Port Royal and of Nova Scotia. The name of the town was changed to Annapolis Royal in honor of the Queen. In 1711, the British fleet, commanded by Admiral Sir Hovenden Walker, came out bearing an army under General " Jack " Hill, a worthless court favorite, and sailed from Boston for Quebec. Vetch had stipulated that in case of success in reducing Canada and Newfoundland he might be left Commander-in-chief of Canada. (1)

The story of the shipwreck on the *Iles aux Oeufs* in the Gulf is familiar. Walker, who was incapable and headstrong, refused to be warned that he was running on the rocks, while Hill, the General, fell into a monstrous fright and retreated. Vetch, plans were thus frustrated, to his intense chagrin. Schuyler meanwhile, as Lieutenant-General, received the levies of the colonies at Albany, arranged for the Indian alliance, and commanded the Albany regiment ; but the land expedition being by its nature auxiliary only, was given up on the failure of the fleet. The connection of this expedition with that of 1691 is

(1) N.-Y. Doc., V. p. 79.