

designed to recapture the great stronghold in 1746. Dispersed by the contrary winds, the shattered remnants of this once power-



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ful fleet crept into Bedford Basin, the inner harbor of Halifax. Round its waters lie the unseen graves of over a thousand brave soldiers and sailors of La Belle France, victims of tempest and disease. The two admirals in command perished in sheer despair, the Duc d'Anville of apoplexy, D'Estournelle, the vice admiral, by his own hand. Two years later, and but a year before the settlement of Halifax, Louisburg was restored to France, in exchange for Madras, by the treaty of Aix la Chapelle. As may well be conceived, frequent dissensions and occasional ruptures of the peace took place between the new settlers and the French and Indians.

Six years after the settlement of Halifax actual war between the two great rivals broke out afresh and the star of France seemed for a time to be in the ascendant, engendering covert hostile intrigues among the French Neutrals who were, however, compelled to evacuate Beausejour,



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Profoundly stirred by the disaster on the Monongahela, the expulsion of the Acadians en masse was carried out by the authorities at Halifax, a politico-military episode stern in its necessity, but almost inhuman in its accomplishment. In a more beneficent and enlightened age, the sad story has been woven into a masterpiece of imperishable verse by the most distinguished of America's poets. Psalm cxxxvii, a sacred lyric of patriotic fervor, touchingly portrays the readily imagined laments of the Exiles of Acadia, a disheartened few of whom succeeded in returning to their cherished homes, to find them occupied by their oppressors. A recent biographer of William Pitt tersely alludes to the sagacity of England's great statesman in taking full advantage in 1757 of the ports of New York and Halifax when both were under British control, to retrieve the disasters which mismanagement had brought about from the time of Braddock's defeat down to the triumph of Montcalm at Carillon. To offset New York and Halifax Louis XV. and his astute Minister of War held Louisburg and Quebec. Eventually both suc-