

A hospital was erected, and also a school for orphans, and vessels were fitted out for fishing on the banks. Lots in the town were now worth fifty guineas. The hastily erected barricade, thrown up during the first fall, was removed, and a line of palisades carried about the town. This formed a much better protection. St. Paul's church, which still stands in Halifax, one of the few remaining relics of the early settlement, was erected during the summer of this year, the frame of the building being imported from Massachusetts. The government also made arrangements for the erection of a dissenting meeting-house, a court-house, and a prison.

In August a ship arrived with over three hundred emigrants. These were settled on the opposite side of the harbor, where they founded the town of Dartmouth. During the following spring a great number of Germans arrived. Most of these latter were sent in 1753 to Malagash Bay, where they built the town of Lunenburg; the remainder settled chiefly in the north suburbs of Halifax.

Halifax was now firmly established, and was rapidly taking its place among the important towns of the new world. As it rose into prominence, Annapolis assumed a secondary place, save in the never-to-be-forgotten annals of history. Settlers were attracted to the new town from many directions; and its commercial, military and naval importance rapidly increased, one of its greatest advantages being the magnificent harbor that had first attracted attention to the shores of Chebucto, and suggested their fitness as the situation of a colony.

THE HESSIANS.

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The name Hessian is too often used as a word of dislike and contempt. A false idea of the ferocity and cruelty of the Hessian troops prevailed among Americans at the time of the Revolutionary War. Tories were bad enough in their estimation; and are so still, though it is no longer the fashion to abuse them. But a special antipathy to the German auxiliaries and their officers, which arose from this ill-founded dread, has been fostered for a century by writers of popular history in the United States; and no term of obloquy was too strong to apply to the hated Hessians. Even in Canada, there are careless