

ther Biard, the surviving Jesuit, out of Malice to *Biencourt*, inform'd Sir *Samuel Argal* of the Settlement at *Port-Royal*, and the ease with which he might reduce it; which, upon Experience, he found to be true, and on the Surrender of the *French*, he did no Damage to their Houses, their Barns, and Mills, such as they were, but oblig'd them to quit the Country. They had sow'd and reap'd, and those of them that did not care to return home, remov'd to the River of St. *Laurence*, where now is the Capital of *American France*. I know not whether these *Acadian French* were not the first Settlers of that now formidable Colony, formidable in Barrenness, Frost and Snow; thanks perhaps to the want of Management of the *English*, who possess the warmer, the more pleasant, and fruitful Clime. My Author says, *Argal* return'd to *Virginia*, satisfy'd with the Plunder he got in these two Settlements; if so, I suspect that a very little satisfied him.

When Sir *Ferdinando Gorges* was President of the *New-England Company*, he propos'd to Sir *William Alexander*, to procure a particular Grant for the Land to the Northward of their Patent, which was easily obtained of King *James* the Ist, and a Year after, 1622, Sir *William*, and some others whom he had got to be concern'd with him, sent a Ship with Passengers to plant and settle there. *Newfoundland* was then very well known on Account of the Fishery, and the Ship being late in her Voyage, the Master put in and wintered there. The next Year they set sail, and made the Promontory at the North Shore of *Cape-Breton* Island. They coasted it along till they came to *Cape-Sable*, in *Acadia*, where they found three good Harbours, and went ashore at one of them, which they called *Luke's-Bay*, in which was a large River that had 8 Fathom Water at ebb. This Ship sail'd up one, and according to the Accounts that were publish'd by those that were to be Sharers in the Patent, this Country, one of the most miserable that ever was inhabited even by Barbarians, is described as a kind of Paradise. As they sail'd up the River they saw on each Side flowery Meadows, and a charming Prospect of green Hills, and shady Groves; which should have been indeed high Mountains and thick Forests: The Fields were deckt with Roses red and white, and Lillies of a fragrant smell: Coasting thence along to the next Harbour, they came to a broader and deeper River, and a more lovely Prospect than before: The Soil was rich, stor'd with Fruit and Grain, Gooseberries and Strawberries grew there in abundance, and what is the most incredible of all, Rye, Barley, and Wheat; but these Voyagers did not say who planted them, for there was not a mortal Man to be seen there; however failing to the next Harbour,

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