

Lescarbot speaks of the occurrence of Mussels at St. Croix Island, and referring to the natural productions of the country, says: "I would be forced to make an entire book if I should discourse on all the fishes which are common to the Brazilians, Floridians, Armouchiquois, Canadians and Souriquois. But I will restrain myself to two or three, after having said that at Port Royal there are great beds of Mussels, with which we filled our boats when sometimes we went to those places. There are also there, Scallops, (*Palourdes*),* twice as large as Oysters in size; also Cockles, which have never failed us." He makes a few other incidental references to this subject.

The next work to mention our Molluscs, appears to be the "Description Geographique et Historique des Costes de l'Amerique Septentrionale," and the "Historie Naturelle... de l'Amerique Septentrionale," by Nicholas Denys, in 1672. The latter work, especially, contains several references of considerable interest, though of not much scientific importance. He knew of the occurrence of the Oyster at several points on the North Shore, notably around George's Bay, at Malagash (?), Tatamagouche, Pictou, at Cocagne and the Bras D'or Lake. Other Shell-fish he frequently refers to, and mentions their abundance at several places, for instance, the region near Cape Sable, La Heve Harbor, George's Bay, near the mouth of Bras D'or Lakes, Tatamagouche, Miramichi, Bathurst, Port Daniel. He noticed Razor-fish (*Couteliers*), near Cape Sable, and Scallops (*Conniffle*), at La Heve. His interesting description of the Squid and of the oyster-fishery, will be noticed under the sections on those animals.

We have not been able to find that anything on this subject worthy of note was written during the last century. Occasional references to the North Shore oyster-beds occur, but nothing further. Charlevoix, in his "Historie de la Nouvelle France," (1744), is said to have referred to the manner of fishing Oysters on the coast of Acadia, which was the same as

*Mr. J. H. Duvar tells the writer that the Acadian French of Prince Edward Island apply this word to the Quahog. It appears to have meant the Scallop to Lescarbot.

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