

to whom the entire Anse aux Gascons coast was granted. This he divided among his children. A goodly portion of it fell in due time to Martha. And so it came to pass that in 1823, Philip Chedore and his wife, shortly after their marriage, came down here and settled on the land where now lives his son Francis Thomas. The present congregation is made up as follows: First, Philip Chedore's children, six families, four sons and two daughters; next his grandchildren, ten families, six of whom bear his name; Lastly, a nephew and niece, two families. In these 15 families are now 100 souls. If all Philip Chedore's descendants had remained in the settlement, but they are scattered far and wide, their number would be just about doubled.

This little handful of English Church-people is surrounded by an overwhelming number of French Romans, and it is remarkable that growing up as our young people have done—at first one isolated family with a large number of children (Philip Chedore had twelve)—surrounded by neighbors so zealous to make proselytes, and for 35 years with no resident Clergyman,—scarcely ever even visited by a Clergyman,—that they should have remained as steadfast as they have done to the Church of their fathers. This was due in large measure to the religious principle and sense of duty of Philip Chedore and his faithful wife.

When the Chedores settled here, and for many years after, there was no resident Clergyman of the Church from New Carlisle to Percé, a distance of about seventy-five miles. To the Missionary at New Carlisle was entrusted the duty of visiting and caring for the Protestant settlers scattered in little handfuls here and there for that distance along the Coast. The Rev. George Milne for many years used to pass up and down the Coast once in three months ministering to the people. The settlers at *L'Anse aux Gascons* however were too few in those days to claim a Serv. They were content to go to Port Daniel when the travelling Missionary's quarterly visit was due there, and in the intervals they would carry their children to Paspébiac or New Carlisle twenty-four and twenty-seven miles respectively to be baptized.

Fifteen years after the Chedores settled

here, a new element for good came unexpectedly into the life of the little Community. Mr. J. M. Lemoine in his charming *CHRONICLES OF THE ST. LAWRENCE* tells the story of the wreck of the *Colborne* as he received it here in Anse aux Gascons from the lips of one of the few survivors. *Joseph Jones Acteson*, a young Englishman from London, was a sailor on the ill-fated Vessel and was one of the twelve souls saved from the wreck. This happened on the 16th October 1838. Acteson was received with much kindness by the Chedore's, spent the winter with them, and in January, 1839, married their daughter Isabella. The young couple purchased a farm in the settlement and began life upon it. Mr. Acteson, however, was sought out by the Robins, and for some years served them at Paspébiac as a reefer and sail-maker, fitting out their many vessels for the sea. Finally he set up for himself at *L'Anse aux Gascons* as a merchant, was successful, was made a J. P., and soon came to be looked up to as an able business man, a wise counsellor, and the chief man in the settlement. Mr. Acteson died some years ago, but his wife is a vigorous active woman yet loved and honoured by her large family of twelve children and more than forty grandchildren. Three of Mr. Joseph Acteson's sons are heads of families in this place, one of them, who bears the honoured name of Philip and succeeded to his father's business, has been Church-Warden of St. Philip's Church for 30 years or more.

Mr. Acteson was during his whole life a devoted adherent and a generous supporter of the Church, and did much in conjunction with his excellent father-in-law Philip Chedore to keep the little Community together and faithful to their spiritual mother. Thus this little settlement grew on and finally the Mission of *Chigonac* (as the name was then spelt) and Port Daniel was formed at the close of the year 1858, and was entrusted to the Rev. William Gore Lyster, B.A., T.C.D. It does not appear whether any regular Services were given to Anse aux Gascons during his incumbency, but occasional Services seem to have been held in Mr. P. Chedore's house. In October 1863 he was succeeded by the Rev. Philip Tocque who continued for five years in charge of the Mission. Mr. Tocque had a passion for