

the woods. Others held a hurried consultation, and decided to send Captain Bourgeois, who then had a temporary command at Chignecto, to meet Church and try to propitiate him. Preparations were made to give Captain Ben a royal reception. Oxen, sheep and fatted calves were killed. Savory dishes were prepared. Church and his men fared like kings. Capt. Ben's stomach, filled with good things, they re-acted on his mind and placated him towards the French. In a fit of generosity he proposed that if the French would undertake to kill all the Indians within reach, he would enter into a treaty of friendship with them. This was a condition they could not accede to for two good reasons. The Indians had now nominally become Catholics, and even if that were not an unsurmountable obstacle, they knew that war with the Indians meant their own extermination. If for the present, with Church's assistance, they might kill Indians with impunity, as soon as he left them they would be at their mercy. Capt. Ben and his men stuffed with all the good the fields and the larders afforded, for a time remained quiet, merely burning down the houses of those who had fled to the woods. For some days he spared the chapel and inhabited houses. A terrible result sometimes springs from a very small cause. Church one day entered the chapel. You ask me, did he go there to worship? How absurd, a descendant of the Puritans worship in a Roman Catholic chapel? Why, he would have thought the act his passport to eternal perdition. What Church found in the chapel, prayer book and rosary, or cross and chalice, we do not know; but history records that he found an order written in French, and signed by Frontenac, then Governor of Canada. This, if he could have translated it, would have disclosed that it was only a regulation about trade and commerce. Church saw in it treason, and let loose "the dogs of war;" and ere that autumn