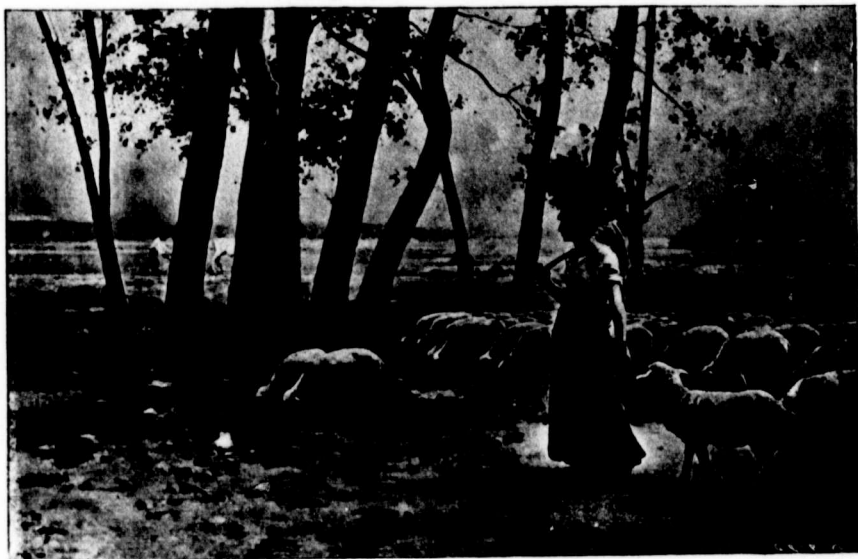


hundred years they met with scant success. Writers viewed the tragic event from like standpoints, and their conclusion as to the lack of justification for the act and the cruelty which characterized it ran with pretty general concurrence. Raynal's Gallic fancy made him somewhat idealize the lives led by the Acadians in the days before the dispersion; but Thomas Chandler Haliburton, a descendent of a loyalist grandfather, a lawyer devoid of predisposing influences

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