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I must apprise the reader that in the spelling of the names of places I have always followed the orthography of the book or document from which I was at the moment preparing my statements. There is, consequently, a frequent variation in spelling the old Indian names of places, which is not to be charged to negligence. The modes of spelling them have varied at different periods. One of the most remarkable instances of this is Canso, which has been spelt Campseau, Canceaux, Canço, Canseau, &c. &c. Mines has been spelt Menis and Minas, and even Manis. Pisiguid, Pigiguit, Piziguid, &c. Chignitou, Chignicto, Shickanectua.—In extracts and quotations, I have generally adopted, as nearly as possible, the language, spelling, &c., of the time, not attempting to correct or alter it, on the contrary desiring to preserve the characteristic phrases and language of each period.

In the review of the people who inhabited Nova Scotia at successive dates, the Micmacs, the French, and the English, I have seen many shining and noble qualities displayed in each successive age, both by leaders and followers. Some faults they had—some crimes were committed ; but we, who