

Whether more formal articles were executed subsequently at the "Trafalgar Chateau" is not for me to state. This much, however, I do say, that the Island of *la belle Hélène* (the wife of Champlain), and this old tree which stood as sentinel thereon for many a century should be credited with the post of honour.

Of this Island gem, Lesperance says (Illustrated Canada) in his exquisite simile, "looking from the crest of the Royal Mountain it appears as a green leaf floating on the silvery St. Lawrence."

Truly this Island is the worthy rival of that Isle immortalized by Scott as the home of the Lady of the Lake (another Ellen), in that beautiful line,

"Like emerald set in burnished gold."

However, now the "old house" is in ruins, the "old tree" blasted, the swords of the warriors laid aside and they themselves at rest, having left us the representatives of the two branches of the same old human race re-united in a Canadian nationality upholding the British standard with the French escutcheon of "Dieu et Mon Droit" and possessors of the northern half of this continent; the issue of the capitulation signed in this peace-bearing Trafalgar chateau.

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Notes.

The following Extract of a Representation of Sir Lewis Kirk concerning Acadia, was kindly forwarded by Mr. Douglas Brymner, in connection with the note at p. 103 of Vol. I. :—

"Afterwards a war arising between His Majesty King Charles the 1st and Lewis the 13th, anno 1627 and 1628, Sir David Kirk and his brethren and relations of England did by virtue of His Majesty's commission, send to sea at their great charge, first three, afterwards seven ships with warlike preparations for recovering of the possession of the