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The History of Miscou.



IN this paper I aim to present an outline of the history of Miscou, with especial emphasis upon the founding of its present settlement. The earlier events, interesting though these be, I shall touch but lightly, since I seek rather to show how the Miscou of to-day came to be and the part it has had in the building of New Brunswick. But I shall try throughout to make mention of every document, paper, or book, having matter about Miscou, so that the reader, if he will, may find and read for himself the original documents; and these I can commend, from a depth of experience, as far more interesting, realistic and satisfying than any compilation can possibly be. These various publications may be seen at any large library, as for example the St. John Public Library. As to this outline, I warn the reader that I seek not to entertain, but to instruct him, and therefore I have no concern save to set down clearly that which I believe to be true. I hope the reader, like myself, agrees with our early voyager Smethurst in "preferring simple truths before the embellishments and colourings of the best writers."

This is the first of a series of papers planned to cover important New Brunswick settlements of which the history is yet largely or wholly unwritten. In following numbers of this magazine I hope thus to consider Shippegan, Caraquet, Pokemouche, Tracadie, Tabusintac, Burnt Church and Neguac, Bay du Vin