

The second grant, made in the year 1794, extended from Green river (with many vacancies) to a little below Grand river. Some six names that occur in the former grant¹ are omitted from the enumeration that follows. Several of the settlers in this grant are known to have formerly lived at French Village, on the Kennebecasis. The names of those Acadians who settled on the east side of the St. John are as follows : Olivier Thibodeau, Baptiste Thibodeau, Joseph Thériault, Joseph Thériault, jr., Olivier Thibodeau, jr., Jean Thibodeau, Firmin Thibodeau, Hilarion Cyr, and there seem to have been but two Canadians, viz.: Louis Ouellette and Joseph Souci. Those Acadians, who settled on the American side, are as follows: Grégoire Thibodeau, Louis LeBlanc, Pierre Cormier, Alexis Cormier, Baptiste Cormier, François Cormier, Joseph Cyr, jr, Firmin Cyr, Joseph Cyr, François Violette, sr., and Augustin Violette; and there are three Canadians, viz.: Joseph Michaud, Baptiste Charette and Germain Soucie.

From the list of names now given, an idea may be formed of the relative proportions of the Acadian and Canadian element in Madawaska. At first the former was much the larger, but since then emigration from the Province of Quebec has been so great that probably the Canadian element is now rather larger than the other. Some family names recur frequently in the grants enumerated notably those of Cyr, Thibodeau and Daigle. The Cyr family in Madawaska, N. B., alone, numbers a thousand individuals who comprise one-twelfth of the population of the county. By intermarriages² many families today are of both Acadian and Canadian origin. The Canadian families numbered among the founders of Madawaska came from Kamouraska, Témiscouata, L'Islet and a small part of Rimouski county, and chiefly from the following centres: St. André, Rivière Ouelle and L'Isle Verte.

¹ The names are those of Paul Cyr, Etienne Thibodeau, Jean Martin, Joseph Cyr, jr., Zacharie Ayotte and Joseph Mazerolle.

² Prudent L. Mercure informs me that an old lady whose maiden name was Marguerite Blanche Thibodeau, the wife of Joseph Cyr, was known as the "aunt of Madawaska," or simply "Ma Tante la Blanche." She was the aunt of the Thibodeaus, the Cyrs, the Thériaults, the Violette's, etc. She was a woman remarkable for her qualities of mind and heart, and her name has become proverbial, as synonymous with sweetness and goodness.