

Mr. Halliburton, judge in Nova Scotia, has written the following in 1829: "While Germans have a tendency to disappear in the English population, the Acadians live together as much as possible; keeping their religion, language and peculiar customs. They never intermarry with their protestant neighbours. Among themselves, they speak but French."

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France has been, till the middle of the last century one of the greatest colonial powers in the world. The moment seems propitious to present to the public the researches we publish here. It is sad indeed in exhibiting the national character, to call back the painful end of efforts which, at their beginning, raised so legitimate and brighter hopes; but we must overcome the natural repulsion generated by misfortune, and fix our minds on these sad recollections of the pass, to derive from our disasters, useful informations to guide and strengthen our conduct in the future. We know that it is not without concern for us to follow the French people, abandoned in our old possessions and to show what has become of their posterity, through the difficulties and trials of foreign domination. France seems to have forgotten, that in the dark hours of her history, impor