

The names of nearly all the localities mentioned in the foregoing table have persisted to the present time. The Loyalist settlement on Chedabucto Bay soon after took the name of Guysborough, and in the course of time Sissiboo was altered to Weymouth.

A number of observations upon the state of the infant settlements named in this table were submitted by the muster-masters which are of great interest and will afford material for another paper, in which I shall take occasion also to discuss the question of the number of Loyalists who came to the Maritime Provinces, concerning which there has been some difference of opinion.

THE ACADIAN LAND IN LOUISIANA.¹

It is only within the past year that my attention has been particularly called to a wonderland situated within the confines of my own State, although in a vague way I have always known something about it. It is the land of the departed Acadians of whom Longfellow sang. These sorrowful pilgrims soon found the place of their exile a land of balmy air, bright sunlight, abundance, comfort and peace. As the shades of evening fell myriads of wild ducks from the Gulf marshes, seeking their evening meal on the broad savannas, furnished an epicurean feast. The lakes, bayous and bays teemed with the finest fish in the world—pomp, sheephead, trout, red-snapper and Spanish mackerel, oysters superior to any that Baltimore can furnish. Drives of red-deer skimmed the plain or slept secure in the tall grass. Flocks and herds multiplied wonderfully in a climate where the air was cooled by the invigorating sea breezes, and there was grass to eat winter and summer, where the whole country was one broad, level meadow, so level that you could see your neighbor's children playing before the door five miles away. In the black loamy soil vegetables grew almost without cultivation in the greatest profusion. Oranges could be plucked from the trees even in December. An acre or two barely scratched over and sown in rice furnished the favorite food for a large family. No cultivation was necessary.

¹ The editor of the LEAFLETS is indebted to a gentleman in Shreveport, Louisiana, Capt. Geo. E. Thatcher, for the following description of the land of the Acadians in the South, and the industrial development that has recently taken place there.