

names which appear in old records as grantees, viz., Petrie, Deveron, Archer, Le Bouthillier and others; these men have left no descendants and are unknown to most of the old residents. They were either settlers who were only temporary residents, or else founders of some business which did not prove successful, or else persons who obtained the grants merely to sell them to others, and never became actual residents.

Among these early settlers of Shippegan is one whose family history is of rather especial interest, viz., Pierre de Grace, originally de Grasse. The history of this family is well known locally, and has more than once been written (notably by M. Gaudet in the *Courrier des Provinces Maritimes*, 9th August, 1894). According to the local tradition, which is, I have no doubt, in substance correct, Antoine de Grasse, nephew of Admiral Paul de Grasse, commander of the French fleet which rendered such signal service to the Americans during the Revolution, accompanied his uncle during a cruise in the West Indies, and later reached Martinique. Thence about 1785, he came to Quebec, and a little later to Bathurst, where in 1786 or 1787 he married an Acadienne, Angélique Haché, settled down and entered into business. His son, Pierre, born 1796, removed to Shippegan, and married Adelaide, daughter of Jean Baptiste Robichaud. Among the more prominent of their descendants is Eutrope de Grace, grandson of Pierre, proprietor of the principal hotel at Shippegan, and one to whom I am indebted for much information in this paper and for other kind assistance. The members of this family have made repeated efforts, which are still in progress, to secure possession of a great fortune in Spain said to have been left to Antoine de Grasse by his father Joseph Raphael de Grasse, and his mother, a wealthy Spanish woman.

Such was the origin of the French population of