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Murphy's Old Carbonear.

THE first week of January, 1916, I had published in the *Daily News*, of St. John's, some items in relation to the past history of my native birth place—Carbonear. Deeming it advisable to place those items in pamphlet form, I have done so, though meagre, yet I know that they will be acceptable to all classes of the community. From notes by the late Rev. Philip Tocque, I extracted the following:—

The rev. gentleman says in one of his publications on Carbonear, "The town next in importance to Harbor Grace is Carbonear, which ranked a little higher in population in 1845, and until within the last few years always stood higher as a place of commerce. When the French fleet attacked and destroyed St. John's in 1696 the British settlers at Carbonear successfully resisted the French Commander. Again in 1706, when La Ovide, the Commander of the French fleet, destroyed every other British settlement in the Island, Carbonear defended itself and repelled all attacks. In 1762, however, in common with all other ports of the Island, this hitherto impregnable fortress was taken by the French. In 1762 Charles Garland, Esq., of Harbor Grace, supported a detachment of whom were garrisoned on Carbonear Island at the mouth of the harbor. Mr. Garland paid, fed, and supported the men when provisions were scarce and dear. He raised a number of sailors for the temporary use of the