

ed amongst them in the hope of bringing them under the refining influence of the Church. Then Tragedy set her mark upon that peaceful spot. Charles LaTour, as bold and adventurous a spirit as ever cast in his lot with a new country, now laid claim to the land at the mouth of the St. John River. He came from his fort at Saint Leavis to erect a new fort at the mouth of the river which was the road to the wealth of that wilderness of country now known as New Brunswick, Quebec and Maine. Like a feudal baron LaTour lived in state within his garrison, and grew rich through his trade with the Indians, who could not match wits with him in a business deal. His wife was his companion in what must have seemed exile to her, while fortune favored him, and later, when troubles arose she was his strongest supporter, whose fidelity never wavered.

LaTour was not alone in his ambition for wealth and power in this new country. The sieur d'Aulvay Charnisay was his constant rival. Charnisay tried, through his influence at the French Court, to bring about LaTour's downfall, but the latter, since he was far from France, ignored the orders which he did not care to carry out, and refused to give up his property or his person when commanded to do so by the King himself. He tried, with only slight success, to enlist the help of the people of New England. For a long time the struggle went on. Charnisay made several attacks on Fort LaTour, but he was always repulsed. At last LaTour perceived that, unless he could obtain help, he could not hope to hold out against his enemy. He left his wife in command of the fort and went to Boston in search of the much-needed assistance.

Charnisay had been made more angry and more determined to succeed by his many failures. When he learned, through spies, that LaTour was gone, and that the fort was much weakened, his heart rejoiced in anticipated triumph. At once he made an attack, in the hope of being immediately successful. But he reckoned without the spirit of Lady LaTour. She directed the defense of the garrison with such vigor and skill that Charnisay was forced to retire with heavy casualties.

Within the fortress, Lady LaTour was waiting vainly for her husband's return. When he did not come within a reasonable time she realized that Charnisay must have effectively blockaded the Bay of Fundy. She knew then that there was no hope of making