

many proprietors, lieutenants-general for the king. The first, from Pentagoët to the St. John's River, he calls the province of the Etechemins, and it was previously styled Norimbegua; the second, from St. John's River to Cape Sable, he styles French Bay; the third, according to him, is Acadia, from Cape Sable to Camceaux; and this was first styled by the English, Nova Scotia, on an occasion soon to be mentioned. The fourth, which was his domain and government, from Camceaux to Cap des Rosiers, he calls Bay of St. Lawrence; others have styled it Gaspesie.¹

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Description
of Acadia.

Would it not seem that this manner of thinking of our two oldest authors on Acadia was kept in view, when it is declared in the treaty of Utrecht that the Most Christian king ceded to the Queen of England and her successors forever, "Acadia, or Nova Scotia, according to its ancient limits, and also the city of Port Royal, or Annapolis Royal, with its jurisdiction?" for, as this treaty adds Port Royal to Acadia, or Nova Scotia, it would apparently follow that it did not include all the peninsula under the proper name of Acadia, or Nova Scotia.²

I am aware that in several treaties made between the two crowns, we find the name Nova Scotia applied sometimes to the peninsula, excluding the southern coast of Canada, and sometimes to that coast, excluding the peninsula; but they can prove by no memoir worthy of credit that both ever bore it at the same time. Moreover, these changes of name are recent; and the point between the English and ourselves is the ancient limits of Acadia, or Nova Scotia.

So true is it, that even in England the name of Nova Scotia is given only to the peninsula, that William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, having obtained from King James I. all that had been wrested from France in that part of Canada, during the reign of that prince, divides that concession into two provinces, calling the peninsula Nova

¹ Denys, i. 56, 126. Memoires des Commissaires, ii. 503.

² Memoires des Commissaires, i. lxvii.