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Mr. Perrot
is pursued
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English.

Some days before Mr. Perrot—who, after losing the office of Governor of Acadia, had remained in that province for his private affairs—had embarked in a ketch with the *Sieur Duclos*, his clerk, with the view of trading along the coast. On the 27th of May, as he was returning to Port Royal, unconscious that the English were in possession, he was—fortunately for him—detained by a head-wind at the mouth of the bay. Then, not seeing the usual sentinel, he suspected something, and got into a canoe with Mr. *Damour*, a Canadian gentleman, and an Indian, to ascertain what had happened. After advancing three leagues, he perceived an English ship at anchor in the river, on which the town was built, and heard the report of several cannon and volleys of musketry.

Believing that an action was going on, he hid his canoe in the woods, and went on foot to the first house, which he found abandoned. Retiring in haste, he jumped into his canoe, and pushed off to his ketch, which he found in the basin. It had already attracted the attention of two Englishmen, who, learning of his return, awaited him, and had embarked in a sloop to board him; but, as the tide was falling, the sloop, which was not far from the shore, grounded. Perrot profited by this accident; and, after avoiding a canoe, which also pursued him for some time, he reached his ketch, hoisted sail, and left the basin. The English ship, which he had perceived, having also observed him, gave him chase; but, seeing it fruitless, sailed back into port, and Mr. Perrot entered Port des Mines.

Mr. Villebon arrives at Port Royal, and finds the English no longer there.

On the 14th of June, the Chevalier de Villebon, captain, one of the sons of the Baron of Bekancourt, arrived from France at Port Royal, his company being in Acadia. There he found Messrs. Perrot and des Gouttins, and from them learned that Admiral Phibs had remained there only twelve days; that he had carried off Mr. de Manneval, a sergeant, and thirty-eight soldiers, with Mr. Petit and