

noble family of Le Gardeur de Repentigny, show the importance which Nicolet enjoyed in the colony.

I have therefore regretted that a man so generally esteemed in his time, and who rendered such important services to his country, should have remained almost unknown among us. We should not have to express this regret if we had had a number of men like M. Garneau, devoting themselves with ardor and success to the study of the history of Canada.

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NOTE ON NICOLET.—I have learned from the president of the Société Académique, of Cherbourg, France, that the Nicolet family existed in that place during the sixteenth century; and that at the time that our Nicolet was born, there were several branches of the family in and around Cherbourg. There are at the present time no less than thirty-seven families of the Nicolets in the commune of Hainneville alone, a place of nine hundred souls, four miles from Cherbourg, aside from those in Cherbourg and elsewhere. The village of Delamer, which forms a part of Hainneville, has no other inhabitants than the Delamer families—the name of the mother of our Nicolet was Margaret Delamer.

Father Vimont's writings are invaluable. I suspect that he "pumped" Nicolet for information. In one of his annual letters—that of 1642—he nearly declares the fact.—B. SULTE.