

The RICHARD, descendants of Michel Richard dit Sanscoucy, refugees in Québec in 1755-1763

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In 1755, the English undertook the deportation of Acadians from Nova Scotia, which had been an English possession since 1713.

Faces with this event, thousands of Acadians fled and found refuge in French possessions: French Acadia (New Brunswick); Île St-Jean (Prince Edward Island and Île Royale (Cape Breton Island).

In 1756, it is the start of the Seven Year War (1756-1763) which was described as the first world conflict. ¹

Because of this war, communications and the supplies to French territories from France were disrupted, so it was from New France and particularly from Quebec that the supply of the French territories of Acadia was made.

Over several months, as the refugee situation deteriorated, Governor Vaudreuil gave the order to repatriate refugees to Quebec to reduce the pressure on these territories.

Thus ships responsible for supplying French Acadia returned to Quebec with their "cargo" of refugees.