

province, and judicious conduct in the discharge of your duties as the provincial agent from the time of your appointment, met their highest approbation, in testimony of which the sum of £200 sterling was granted to you for your past services; a remuneration, however, inconsiderable in itself, exceeding the rate hitherto granted in any similar instance."

COLONEL LUTWYCHE

continued to discharge the duties of agent evidently to the satisfaction of the committee until his death, which occurred in London in the autumn of 1815. During the years that Colonel Lutwyche held the office of province agent he had many difficult and delicate missions to perform; but in all the negotiations he conducted with the home authorities he seems to have performed his part to the satisfaction of such exacting critics as Winslow, Leonard and Chipman. On several occasions he acted in conjunction with the celebrated Nathaniel Atcheson, who was then acting as agent for the province of Nova Scotia in London; and his intimate knowledge of and acquaintance with the leading public men in the British metropolis rendered him a valuable official for this young colony in those days of political intrigue.

On the 7th of March, 1816, Thomas Bonnor, of Spring Garden, was appointed province agent in London, and held the position until 1824. And on the 27th of that month Jno. Bainbridge and Henry Bliss were appointed joint agents for the province in the room of Thomas Bonnor.

John Bainbridge was an eminent London merchant, and had been for many years deputy chairman of the Society of British North American Merchants. He was well known to the province merchants of that day, and was held in high esteem. Henry Bliss was a son of the Hon. Jonathan Bliss, chief justice of New Brunswick from 1808 to 1822, and was born in St. John. He was a graduate of King's College, Windsor,

Nova Scotia, and became a barrister of Lincoln's Inn, London, where he resided. Mr. Bliss was the author of several pamphlets on colonial questions, that created considerable discussion in the English as well as the provincial journals when issued. The most valuable contribution from Mr. Bliss' pen appeared in 1833, and was entitled "Statistics of the Trade, Industry and Resources of Canada and the Other Plantations in British America." Mr. Bliss wrote with great vigor and a keen appreciation of his subject, and his works are valuable as revealing an intimate knowledge of British American colonial trade during the first quarter of this century. He was agent also for the province of Nova Scotia for many years, and in his time was one of the best known colonial writers in London. Mr. Bliss' writings, with those of Sir Howard Douglas, Sir Brinton Haliburton, Nathaniel Gould and a host of others, would form a valuable library for perusal at this juncture, when the British possessions on the northern portion of this continent are assuming in the eyes of the world such vast magnitude, and giving strength and solidity to the British empire.

Henry Bliss died in England, regretted by many in his native province. The beautiful window in the chancel of Trinity church (the church of the loyalists) in St. John was placed there by a brother—Lewis Bliss—in loving memory of the Hon. Jonathan Bliss and Mary Bliss, his wife, and of their sons, John Worthington Bliss, William Blowers Bliss and Henry Bliss.

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