

the city, the venerable John Ward. When the toast of the day was given, a salute of fifty guns were fired by the City Artillery, from King Square. The Loyalists at this meeting, while celebrating an anniversary of the land they had come to, were not forgetful of the land they had left. This was the toast of the day: "The land our ancestors left, and the land we live in; both inhabited from one common parent, and enjoying, though under different governments, the blessing of freedom. May old animosities be forgotten, and the present good understanding continued."

This being the Centennial Year of the erection of Upper Canada into a separate Province, and the next year being the year of the establishment of its government, we may with fitness imitate the United Empire Loyalists' descendants in New Brunswick, who, in a right loyal manner, celebrated their Centennial in 1783.

And here let me refer the reader to that good citizen of St. John, J. W. Lawrence, corresponding member of

the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, and Honorary Member Worcester Society of Antiquity, who has in his "Foot Prints, or Incidents in Early History of New Brunswick," given us so much food for thought, and of what may be useful in the Centennial celebration of Ontario. Especially would I refer to his able paper on "New Brunswick Centennial Year," read before a distinguished audience in St. John at a meeting composed of judges, senators and others, the most distinguished citizens of the ancient City of St. John, and which received the highest encomiums from the able speakers at the meeting, and the most favourable comments from the press of the Maritime Provinces and the ancient Province of Quebec. The "Foot Prints," besides other interesting matter, contain the names of the Original Grantees of Parr Town and Carleton in 1783, among whom are many names of United Empire Loyalists, who made Upper Canada their permanent home.—*D. B. Read, in Week.*

GEOGRAPHY.

A NEW OCEAN CABLE.—Arrangements are all complete for laying the cable from Fort Jupiter, Fla., to the island of New Providence. The work will begin at the Jupiter end. The distance between the two points is 230 miles. It is expected that the cable will be in operation by the middle of January.—*The School Journal* (N.Y.).

THE PLACE OF POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY.—By comparing the teaching of geography in the present with that of the past, we find that the natural features of the world are slowly gaining more prominence. Since history

rests upon the geography of a country, since the commercial prosperity of a nation has its foundation in the physical features, there is a growing tendency to magnify physical geography.—*Intelligence.*

DISCOVERIES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—A party have been exploring the country west of the South Australia border. They have found that it consists principally of grass-covered sand hills and sand plains with granite and other hills in groups or isolated peaks. No permanent surface water was discovered. The natives appeared friendly, but fright-