

13. I have always understood that the word "aboideau" came from the French words "aboi," "d'eau;" "aboi"—to keep at bay, "d'eau"—the water. It is a poetical expression taken from hunting—the moose keeping the dogs at bay—and would suggest itself to out-door people and hunters, as the early Acadians were, as the most natural word (or words) to express the idea of the on-rushing waters held back. Some have suggested that the word comes from the Norman "Aboter"—to clog; others from the French "abattre"—to beat back. Hèbert, the apothecary, who is credited with the idea of rescuing the land on the L'Equille river, near Annapolis, from its diurnal flooding, by means of dams, probably found the word coming to his tongue as a happy inspiration while describing what he purposed to do.

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15. The E. & N. A. railway between St. John and Sussex was opened on the 10th of November, 1859. The first passage of a locomotive between Hampton and Sussex Vale had been made on the 1st day of November in that year.

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### PROVINCIAL CHRONOLOGY.

Every day in the year is the anniversary of some event of more or less importance in the history of the Maritime Provinces and in the lives of individuals. In view of this *THE MAGAZINE* intends to give, each month, a chronological table, as well as a list of marriages and deaths in various years of the past. In respect to the latter, dates will be beyond the time of the present generation. In each instance, the words of the marriage or death notice will be given as they appeared in the newspapers of the time, excepting that such phrases as "At St. John" and "on the — inst," will