

"I have received an account of the May and June packets from Falmouth to Halifax having been taken, one by the 'President' and the other by an American privateer but afterward recaptured by the 'Maidstone' and sent into Halifax; both mails were sunk before the vessels were taken," Sir George Prevost wrote on 12th August, 1813. "Several months must elapse before I can receive copies of the despatches lost. The duplicates of the May despatches being lost in the June packet, I have received no communication of importance since your despatch of the 12th of May last. I cannot now expect to receive them till January or February next. The great injury arising to the public service from the want of a more frequent and regular communication with your Lordship, during the winter months, induces me most strongly to urge the expediency of sending the packets direct to Halifax during November, December, January and February, instead of sending them to Bermuda. I have every reason to think, from every information I have obtained upon the subject, that the passage during the winter will be equally safe and expeditious as to Bermuda."

"Should this plan be again adopted, I shall receive your Lordship's despatches several weeks sooner, and can reply every month."

THE NEW ENGLAND MOVEMENT TO NOVA SCOTIA.

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In the Maritime Provinces of Canada there are living to-day not far from a million people. They are derived from five distinct sources. There are, first, a few thousand Indians, once owners of all the land where now they exist by sufferance of their conquerors. Second, there are the Acadians, more than an eighth of the population, best known to the world through the sufferings they endured under ruthless political necessity. Third, there are the English and New Englanders, concerning whom something is to be said below, who gave us perhaps a sixth of our population. Next are the Loyalists, our greatest and most valuable accession, from whom more than a half of our people are descended. Finally, there are the later immigrants, mostly from Great Britain and Ireland, who have not yet had time to make history, but who will be heard from in the future.