

### THE HISTORY OF NOVA SCOTIA IN MINIATURE.

This province was the first land discovered on the continent of America, just 400 years ago. The first settlement was made under the name Cadie by the enterprising protestant Frenchman, DeMonts, in 1604 at Port Royal. This colony was broken up about nine years later by an English captain, who based his claim on prior English discovery. He took the people captive and destroyed the settlement. About eight years after, this province, with much adjacent territory under the title Nova Scotia, was granted to a Scotch nobleman, Sir Wm. Alexander, who sent out a colony to take possession and subdue the wilderness. His ownership was brief. In 1632 Charles 1, by treaty, restored it to France. In 1654, Oliver Cromwell sent an expedition against Nova Scotia and retook it and raised the British standard. Thirteen years later it was again under its old name Cadie ceded by treaty to France. For twenty years the colony had repose with a population of about nine hundred Frenchmen. In 1688 it was again taken from the French by an armed force from Massachusetts, and awarded to the government of that colony. Nine years later it was for the third time given by treaty to the French. A few years after the country was again captured by the English and ceded by the treaty of Utrecht, 1713, to Great Britain. At that time Cape Breton was not a part of Nova Scotia and was in the hands of the French, it was ceded to the English after the capture of Louisbnrg in the treaty of Paris, 1763. The Acadians were exiled from Grand Pré and their buildings burnt in 1755.

Thus for more than 260 years the province was the scene of unceasing change and hostilities which crippled all efforts to progress and enterprise. And if now we are a little in the rear of our neighbors across the line, in material progress and enterprise it is only because the tender plants of colonization have been so often nrooted. With our inexhaustible mineral wealth, rich agricultural grounds, genial climate, communication