

society and law in the Island whether the unfortunate mariner, who was compelled by distress to seek refuge on its shores was to meet with hospitality and protection, or be subject to have his miseries aggravated by the danger of robbery, and, perhaps, murder.

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To be concluded next month.

The Escape of the Deserter

AT the time of the Russian War, the British garrisons in the smaller colonial places were called in to join their regiments, and take part in the siege of Sebastopol. On the 25th of September 1854, the transport Osprey. Captain Hunter, called at the port of Charlottetown, and, without any delay, took on board the company of the 76th Regiment which, under Captain Senhouse, had been stationed here for some months prior to that date.

When the roll was called it was found that three of the men were missing. A request was at once sent to the local authorities to have them arrested, and lodged in jail until a guard could be sent to convey them to the Citadel at Halifax, and it was stated that a reward of five pounds each would be paid for their apprehension.

Two of them were soon captured, but the third man George Bowlin, who had been orderly at Government House, had many friends in town and country and had not been taken when a petty officer and soldier arrived to take charge of the prisoner and convey them to Halifax.

It seems that the orderly who deserted was engaged to a respectable young woman in the City, and desired to marry her, but could not get leave from his superior officer to do so. When the company was ordered to embark he went to bid farewell to his sweetheart, but it was hard to part, and there was a struggle between the claims of love and duty. Love prevailed; duty was forgotten and he became a deserter. All the efforts put forth by the constables who arrested the other two had signally failed in his case