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HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, KNIGHT, Governor.

ties which have been perpetrated there, and sympathize with those who mourn for relations and friends barbarously murdered. It is my intention to recommend that a subscription be opened in Newfoundland for the benefit of the sufferers; and, I sincerely hope these heathen atrocities may, by God's blessing, result in a great and beneficial change in that Empire, by inducing a full and free encouragement for the diffusion of Gospel light in all the length and breadth of its land.

In the month of July last, Vice-Admiral Sir Houston Stewart placed at my disposal Her Majesty's Steam-sloop-of-war "*Basilisk*," which enabled me to visit the Island of St. Pierre. I found at anchor there His Imperial Majesty's Ship "*Cleopatra*," bearing the flag of Admiral the Count de Gueydon; he was to be joined in a few days afterwards by several of the French Squadron whose crews had been experiencing the effects of a warm climate, and I was gratified to hear from His Excellency that nothing contributed so much to the health of his sailors, as the salubrious air of Newfoundland, and that he was to remain there until early in October. I then proceeded to the Northward with the intention of visiting the Labrador; but, Admiral Stewart having kindly permitted H. M. Ship "*Atalanta*" to cruise on these coasts, I was enabled to see Conception Bay, Trinity Bay, Spaniard's Bay, and Bay Roberts, and to visit the thriving towns of Harbor Grace, Carbonear, and Trinity. At the entrance of Trinity Bay the "*Basilisk*" fell in with the United States Surveying Steam vessel the "*Arctic*," commanded by the scientific and able Captain Berryman, of the United States Navy, the intelligent officer who had taken soundings across the Atlantic. He was then cruising in daily expectation of the arrival of the "*Agamemnon*" and "*Niagara*," on board of which was the Telegraph Cable; but we were doomed to disappointment, for in a few days afterwards we learnt that the Squadron had returned to England, the Cable having snapped not far from the Coast of Ireland.—We must all sincerely hope that this gigantic undertaking will be accomplished next Summer with perfect success. Nothing can surpass the picturesque scenery at Bay of Bulls Arm, where the Western end of the Cable is to rest; indeed, all the Bays that I had the