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secured for them in the Barracks at St. John, which were fitted up comfortably for their reception. Good health generally prevailed among them, and they gladly assented to accept the employment on the Water Works as a fair fulfilment of the Government engagement to provide work.

On my arrival at St. John, I met Capt. Heller, and opened negotiations with him for a change of his contract so that the Government might be relieved from their guarantee for two years' work to the Danes.

The experience of the past year had fully satisfied me that the satisfactory fulfilment of this part of the contract involved a very great deal of anxiety, and a considerable outlay of money, when the work could not be provided for them on the roads in their own settlement. The difficulty in securing such work as each person is desirous of obtaining necessitates extensive inquiries and many details, the result of which are not an equivalent for the labor, time and expense involved ; and oftentimes over-fastidiousness as to the character of the work is, too apparently, made an excuse for unwillingness to faithfully perform work secured, tendered, and accepted.

In this matter of change of contract, Capt. Heller met me very cordially, and after full explanation to him of the reasons which induced me to endeavor to negotiate it, cheerfully assented to bring the matter before his innmigrants and urge it upon their favorable consideration and adoption. The terms offered were that they accept, in lieu of Capt. Heller's contract, the same terms as were given to Capt. Brown's colonists under the minute of Council of 16th August, 1872.

THE SCOTCH COLONISTS.

Between the 1st and 10th May, I was very much occupied in making preparations for the reception of the Scotch colony, whose sailing had been announced. Arrangements were made with steamers plying on the river St. John for the transport direct from the Anchor Line steamer "Castalia" up river to Kilburn's Landing.

The backward Spring presented many anxious considerations for the comfort of the colonists on their arrival.

In view of the absolute impossibility of getting, in one day, from the bank of the river at Kilburn's to their houses, by any means at our disposal, I secured from the Dominion Government a number of militia tents for accommodation, for a short time, in case of bad weather on their landing.

The suggestion was made, and by many urgently pressed upon me, that arrangements be made for the accommodation of the women and children either at St. John or Fredericton while the men went forward to the colony and got their houses thoroughly prepared for their reception. While at first disposed to accept this suggestion, I finally determined to take all forward, believing that in their wives and children they would find strength and firmness to face the many difficulties I knew were before them. The experience I had afterwards with them satisfied me that I was correct in this determination ; and I gladly bear testimony to the perseverance, determination, self-sacrificing energy