

in 1844; Mr. Abraham Gesner, whose "New Brunswick, with Notes for Emigrants, comprehending the Early History, an Account of the Indians, etc.," was issued in London in 1847, and the Rev. Robert Cooney (whom some Montrealers, doubtless, remember), whose "Compendium History of New Brunswick and of the District of Gaspé," appeared at Halifax in 1832.†

It will be seen that Gaspé is coupled with New Brunswick in Mr. Cooney's title. That county has also its historians, such as Mr. Langelier, and Dr. Dionne, of Quebec, who devotes some interesting pages of a little prize volume to the lieutenant-governors of that sometime quasi-province. Mr. J. M. LeMoine has also dealt with the same little-touched subject in his "Chronicles of the St. Lawrence." To a former representative of Gaspé in the Quebec Legislature, we owe one of the most valuable collections of historic material that any single author belonging to this province has compiled regarding its past. I mean Mr. Robert Christie's "History of the late Province of Lower Canada, parliamentary and political, from the commencement to the close of its existence as a separate province." On the appearance of the second edition in 1866, the *Gazette* of

† It may not be without interest, in a historical paper like this, to recall a sermon preached by Mr. Cooney "in the Wesleyan chapel, Odelltown, November 9, 1839, being the first anniversary of the battle fought at the above place between the insurgents and the loyal volunteers," which was published at Montreal in 1840. In a review of the sermon, the *Gazette* of those days thus commented on it and the occasion that called it forth:—"This pious, loyal and patriotic discourse is dedicated to, and published at the request of, Lieut.-Col. Taylor, C.B., and the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the La Colle, Odelltown and Hemmingford Volunteer Corps, who so gloriously and triumphantly defended their hearths and constitution, on the 9th November, 1838, against a combined attack of marauders from the United States, and native insurgents who are well described by Mr. Cooney as one of the most ungrateful race of men that ever lived."