

## THE LATE JUDGE HALIBURTON, OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Haliburton, in his History of Nova Scotia, writes: "By the construction of the Baie Verte Canal, the long and dangerous circuit of Cape Breton, in the navigation between New Brunswick and the St. Lawrence will be avoided; and Canadian produce be sent to Nova Scotia and her sister Province. The resources of Gaspe, Bay Chaleur Prince Edward Island, and the country bordering on the Restigouche and the Miramichi, are neither generally known nor easily developed on account of the communication with these places being tedious, dangerous and expensive. A Canal will obviate the difficulty attending the navigation, and render the intercourse between the Colonies in British America, safe and expeditious. It will also have a powerful influence in cementing their union, by creating a reciprocal dependence upon each other, by facilitating the means of friendly intercourse and increasing their commercial relations."

Thus wrote one of Nova Scotia's most gifted sons, as to the "commercial advantages" that would follow from the opening of the Baie Verte Canal, chiefly by the avoidance of "the long and dangerous" circuit between the Gulf and the Bay of Fundy, which was "tedious, dangerous and expensive," while the route by the Canal would "be safe and expeditious."

## CUMULATIVE TESTIMONY.

The views of Messrs. Boyd and Haliburton, have been ably set forth and maintained by the Boards of Trade of Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and St. John; re-affirmed by the Dominion Board of Trade, and pressed on the Government by the Canal Commission of 1870, and accepted as a part of the Canal system of the Country.

To consign to oblivion this long projected work, because of evidence taken by the Commission, in the face of such an array of witnesses, comprising the first commercial minds of the country, and nearly all residents of Quebec and Ontario, witnesses whose opinions are corroborated by the Hon. Mr. Pope of Prince Edward Island, Messrs. Tomkins and Lunt of New Brunswick, and many others—a work which has been twice before the Legislature of Nova Scotia as before stated, and for the commencement of which, the Federal Government made provision in the estimates, and obtained the sanction of Parliament, would be strange.

If this work is to be passed over, the question may well be asked on what class and character of testimony, are the great works of the