

duty to his clients as well as to the Reporters and to the public.

One benefit, however, has resulted from the delay in the appearance of the Report; the Award of the Land Commissioners having been received before its issue, the publishers have deemed it advisable to print the Award and have it bound up in the same volume. They here, then, present to the public an abstract of the evidence given before the Commission, and also the Award; and as both together will be a book worth possessing and preserving, they hope that their endeavors to furnish an account of the progress—so far as it was publicly conducted—and then of the result of an investigation the most important by far which has taken place in the history of Prince Edward Island, will receive a commensurate reward in the liberal patronage of the public.

April, 1862.