

boards which loving hands had placed there when the graves were new, but the last of these has long mouldered away. The burial ground itself gives no indication of the fact that hundreds have there been laid to rest, far from their home and kindred. To the eye it appears like an ordinary barren piece of pasture. At one time and another suggestions have been made that a suitable monument should be erected on the spot in memory of the unfortunate strangers, but no determined action has ever been taken. At last, however, the long deferred project is likely to be carried into effect. A number of the citizens of St. John, of Irish birth and descent, have taken the matter in hand, selected a site subject to the approval of the authorities, and propose to seek the sympathy and aid of all classes of citizens in the undertaking. It is intended to have the monument completed by the first of July next. The project is one which is likely to meet with encouragement, for the reason that the idea must commend itself alike to all friends of humanity, regardless of nationality or creed.

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THE BABCOCK TRAGEDY.

In August, 1884, Mr. J. W. Lawrence read a paper before the New Brunswick Historical Society, dealing with the Babcock tragedy at Shediac, in the year 1805. This paper did not become the property of the Society, and is not now available for publication. Through the aid of Rev. W. O. Raymond, however, the information upon which Mr. Lawrence based his paper has been secured, and with some additional facts the story is now told in more complete form than on the occasion in question.

In the year 1805 there were but a few English families in the parish of Shediac, among whom were