

I may state that there are still descendants of the Delanceys living in the Province, though their comparatively humble circumstances present a striking contrast to the former position of a family, that gave two Governors to the State of New York, and raised a regiment to fight for the cause of loyalty.

NOTE E.

"On the 10th of September, as the British privateer brig Rover, of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, armed with fourteen long four-pounders, and 54 men and boys, under the command of Captain Godfrey, was cruising near Cape Blanco, on the Spanish Main, the Spanish schooner Santa Ritta, mounting ten long six-pounders and two English twelve-pounder-cartronnades, with about 85 men, and accompanied by three gunboats also under Spanish colors, and which, as well as the schooner, had the day before been equipped by the governor of Puerto Caballo, on purpose to capture the Rover, came out from near the land to fulfil their orders. The light breeze which had been blowing having died away, the schooner and two of the gunboats, by the aid of a number of oars, gained fast upon the brig; keeping up as they advanced a steady fire from the bow guns, which the Rover returned with two guns pointed from her stern, and as her opponents drew near, with her small arms also.

Apprized by their motions, that the schooner intended to board on the starboard quarter, and the two gunboats (the third appeared to keep aloof) on the opposite quarter, the Rover suffered them to advance until they got within about 15 yards of her. She then manned her oars on the larboard side, and, pulling quickly round, brought her starboard broadside to bear right athwart the schooner's bow; upon whose decks, then filled ready for hoarding, the brig poured a whole broadside of round and grape. Immediately after this, her active crew passed over to the guns on the opposite side, and raked the two gunboats in a similar manner. The Rover then commenced a close action with the Santa Ritta, and continued it for an hour and a half; when finding her opponent's fire grow slack, the Rover, by the aid of a light air of wind, backed her head-sails, and brought her stern in contact with the schooner's side. The British crew then rushed on board of, and with scarcely a show of opposition, carried the Santa Ritta. The two gunboats, seeing the fate of their consort, sheered off, apparently in a very shattered state.

"Notwithstanding this long and hard-fought action, the Rover had not a man hurt; while, on board the Santa Ritta, every officer, except the commander of a detachment of 25 soldiers, was killed: the whole of the killed, as found on the deck, amounted to 14, and the wounded to 17. The prisoners, including the latter, numbered 71. These, being too many to be kept on board, were all, except eight, landed; the Rover's captain having previously taken from them the usual obligation not to serve again until exchanged. This was an achievement that did great honour to Captain Godfrey, his officers, and crew; and proved how well the hardy sons of British America could emulate their brother tars of the parent country." (James's Naval Annals, vol. 3).

NOTE F.

"When we reflect that excellent half-cleared farms, near good roads, with a house, barn, fences, &c., can be purchased for one-half the price that an emigrant is compelled to pay for wilderness land in the interior of New Zealand, where houses, barns, &c., have to be built, the land cleared, roads made, and where the market for agricultural produce is far inferior to our own, it seems inconceivable that emigrants should roam off to the Antipodes for a home, when one so near the mother country is open to them. But it is still more surprising that many of our people should have an idea that this country has no capabilities for absorbing an agricultural immigration, as it is the opinion of some most practical, intelligent men, that, by the aid of a proper system, half a million of people could find a home in Nova Scotia. The Cus os of Inverness is of opinion that 500 families, with a capital each of from £50 to £500, could find a home in that county at once; and I am convinced there is nothing exaggerated in the state-