

port. The free schools, which have recently been organized, are nearly 200 in number; the appropriation for their support was, in 1853, £6,000.

In 1852, a submarine telegraph cable was laid from Cape Travers to Cape Tormentine in New Brunswick, a distance of nine miles, and the island thus brought into instant communication with the whole vast telegraphic network of the United States and Canada. From Cape Travers the wires extend to Charlotte Town, and thence to the easternmost point of the island; and it is proposed to continue a submarine line to Newfoundland.

The government of the island consists of a lieutenant-governor, appointed by the crown, an executive council of nine, appointed in the same way, and a legislature of two houses, the upper of six members, and the lower of twenty-four. The courts are, justices' courts, special magistrates' courts, and the supreme court of judicature. There is also a court of chancery.

The wealth and prosperity of the island are based upon the most enduring sources, and the limit of their development can only be set by that of the wisdom and industry of its people. It is by nature one of the most perfect and delightful spots on the face of the earth; and it must be added that thus far its history is such as to bring no discredit upon its possessors. Upon many occasions they have shown a decided and steady spirit in asserting their rights when assailed by unworthy officials, but their loyalty to and affection for the British crown has been and is firm and enthusiastic. That such is still the fact, was strongly shown by the demonstrations of pleasure which attended the short visit lately made to Charlotte Town and vicinity by the Prince of Wales during his progress through the British North American possessions.

The Prince arrived at Charlotte Town on the 9th of August, 1860, in the *Hero*, from Pictou. He reached the landing-place at noon, where he was received by the governor, the judges, members of legislature, mayor and corporation of the city, the clergy and heads of departments, the shipping displaying all their flags, and a royal salute being fired from the men-of-war. The wet and gloomy weather interfered with the programme of the festivities, but could not quench the enthusiasm of the people; a strong procession of the volunteer military companies, the masons and other societies, escorted their future sovereign to the Government House, through streets overhung with triumphal arches, and lined with delighted

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