

REVIEW OF THE PAST MONTH.

Among the leading provincial topics of the past month, has been the rumoured appointment of Colonel Sir J. Gaspard Le Marchant, the present Governor of Newfoundland, to the administration of the Government of Nova Scotia.

By the return of the Canadian and New Brunswick Railway delegates, the ground of hope for the immediate construction of a Railroad from Halifax to Quebec, has been abandoned as no longer tenable. Negotiations have been opened with a Company of capitalists, by which it is expected that the European and North American line, from Portland to Nova Scotia, may be shortly commenced.

We have to record the occurrence of a melancholy accident on the 7th ult. A party comprising Professor Isaac Chipman of Acadia College in Horton, with four students, Messrs. Grant, King, Phalen and Rand, the Rev. E. A. Very of St. John N. B., and two boatmen, while crossing the Basin of Mines, from Blomidon to Wolfville, on their return from an expedition in search of geological specimens, were, with the exception of one of the boatmen, drowned by the upsetting of the boat. Four of the bodies were subsequently recovered by their friends.

Among the obituary notices of the past month, is that of the Rev. Samuel Elder, late of Fredericton N. B.,—a native of Nova Scotia, and graduate of Acadia College, Horton. He was distinguished for high moral and literary attainments.

The most interesting intelligence from Great Britain is the completion of the first of three projected lines of Sub-Marine Telegraph between England and Ireland, which was accomplished on the first of June. The Journals of the day notice the operation as follows:—

The telegraph cable is eighty miles in length, the width of the channel between Holyhead and Howth being sixty-five miles. The cable having been properly coiled on board the steam vessel *Britannia*, the operation of sinking the telegraph commenced. When about four miles had been performed so great a strain fell upon the cable that it was broken completely across and the portion sunk had to be raised again in order to repair the fracture. The *Britannia* was therefore obliged to return to raise the broken part and to connect the wires. On Tuesday (June 1st) the operation of "paying out" the cable was completed in the most successful manner, and the first message was transmitted from Howth across the channel at half past eight o'clock in the evening and an answer instantaneously received. * * * The cable fell so straight and sunk so evenly that only three miles more than the straight line across the channel were payed out. This in a course of sixty-five miles is really extraordinary. The moment the *Britannia* had arrived at her destination and communicated the fact to Holyhead that the Irish shore was reached, the final grand test was applied to the telegraphic cable by connecting the wire with one of the ship's loaded guns, and passing the word "Fire" to Holyhead. The answer was the immediate discharge of the gun on board the *Britannia*. The hour was then just half past eight. The works had been performed in little more than eighteen hours. Messages were now rapidly interchanged and a salute of the *Britannia's* guns fired from Holyhead. * * * Another hour and the cable was ashore, the connexion completed with the land-wires, and the indicators at the Dublin terminus of the Drogheda Railway were conversing with those at the terminus of the Chester and Holyhead Railway in Holyhead.

The price of the Crystal Palace £70,000, has been paid to the contractors, Messrs. Fox and Henderson, and a park of 150 acres in the neighbourhood of