

Editor's remarks on the occasion, as appropriate to our present purpose—in the hope that the perusal may serve as a stimulus to an enlarged support in this our present attempt, to furnish another "Literary Garland" in provincial literature. That it may be made decidedly successful, the present is the proper period for the display of a friendly recognition wherever the impulse of patriotism is felt. But to the notice in the words of the Spectator, on the discontinuance of

"THE LITERARY GARLAND.—We regret to learn that this useful and instructive Magazine, the only one published in British North America, after an existence of fourteen years, is now to be discontinued. The *Garland* has always been a favorite with a certain class of readers, but it appears that class has greatly diminished during the past year, and the publisher is at length compelled, from want of due support, to discontinue its publication. We regret this the more, from the fact that it has never had a rival. The number for the current month is before us, containing the publisher's valedictory, from which we take the concluding paragraph:

The announcement is made, yet we linger reluctantly over this page. We feel saddened when we think that we are bidding adieu to so many esteemed friends, who have long lent us their cheering countenance and kindly interest. To them, each and all, and to those friends who have contributed often and well to our pages, we tender our hearty thanks, and our sincere wishes for their welfare, and we bid them earnestly and sincerely, what we feel to be indeed 'a lonely sound,' "FAREWELL."

If this sound is to be uttered between the public and ourselves, we have hopes that it may be only on the part of the former, and that speedily. But let it be in two words disunited and written, fare, well! and let the words be accompanied by the necessary deeds—subscribing and paying!

With regard to events of provincial importance, the past month has furnished to the newsmongers, the Assembling of the Legislatures of New Brunswick on the 7th—that of Prince Edward Island on the 22nd, and that of Nova Scotia on the 29th. The meeting of the latter has been distinguished by the presence of a deputation from Canada and New Brunswick for consultation by members of the several governments, on the subject of inter-colonial Railways. These were the Hon. Francis Hincks, Inspector General, Canada;* The Hon. John Young, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, Canada; the Hon. E. P. Tache, Receiver General, Canada, and the Hon. E. B. Chandler, Attorney General of New Brunswick. The proposition made by the Delegates to the Executive Government of Nova Scotia in consequence of recent adverse despatches from the Colonial office was submitted to a Committee of the Legislative Assembly who reported to the House, declining its acceptance, on the last day of the month. Any further Legislative action on this interesting and important subject, will, therefore, remain as the subject of notice for next number of the PROVINCIAL.

* A local journal furnishes the following personal description of these gentlemen of which we make a note as a matter of general Provincial interest.

Mr. Hincks—leader of Lord Elgin's Government (of Scottish extraction) about fifty years of age, has a light complexion, wears large greyish whiskers, has an easy manner, but looks excitable. His eye is keen and restless, traversing its socket quickly, scanning and apparently measuring everything within its range.

Mr. Young (a Canadian by birth) is a gentleman of dark complexion, tall and of athletic frame. His brow is broad and massive. He looks like a good thinker, and has a staid, sober and pensive manner.

Hon. E. P. Tache is a Canadian (French extraction). He has a fine proud bearing in his features, with strong distinctive traits of nationality. His complexion is light, his countenance seemingly beaming with good nature. He saw some service in the last American war, and obtained a militia Colonelcy—a distinction by which he is still familiarly designated.

Mr. Chandler, is a small man with light hair and light complexion. He seems to possess a very unassuming manner and an easy address; blue eyes and of a quick active manner and step.