

which, while unseemly even in a great republic, would be doubly ridiculous in a comparatively unknown colony.

Such, it is believed, were the feelings which influenced the Anniversary Committee, in instituting a commemoration of the landing of Colonel Cornwallis and the first settlers of Halifax, on the 21st day of June, 1749.

The following brief outline of the proceedings, of which the following address formed a part, may not be uninteresting :—

At an early hour the citizens of Halifax were reminded of the day's celebration, by a salute fired by the Halifax Volunteer Artillery.

At the meeting at which the following address was delivered, the pupils belonging to all the different schools of the city were present, and sang several songs composed for the occasion. On the platform were Sir Alexander Milne, K. C. B., the Admiral on the Station, and suite, Colonel Dunlop, the Commander of the Garrison, the Hon. Alexander Stewart, C. B., Judge of the Vice Admiralty, the Members of the City Council, representatives of the Clergy of all the different religious denominations in the city, the Provincial Secretary, and a large number of other gentlemen.

His Worship the Mayor (P. C. Hill, Esq.) took the chair and made the following opening remarks :

*"Ladies and Gentlemen,*—The objects of this meeting are so well known to all of you that I feel it unnecessary to explain them. Upwards of one hundred years ago the first of our ancestors came to the place where Halifax now stands. From that time to the present our city and province have been growing, until both have reached a size and importance that was once but little anticipated. Not that we have yet become a nation : but when we consider the difficulties which those men had to encounter, when we recollect that for a long time Nova Scotia was tossed as a football from England to France, and when we view the circumstances which have since surrounded us, I do think that without any self-laudation we can congratulate ourselves on the position in which we stand to-day. The object of our assembling here is not to show that we are independent of England's power, but that, although Englishmen, Irishmen and Scotchmen, we should yet feel ourselves Nova Scotians. On that day, when the first Council sat on board the *Beaufort*, my great-grandfather sat with them as a member, and I feel proud that I am the lineal descendant of one of the first settlers of the province. Yes, I am thankful that I am a Nova Scotian ; I feel proud of my country ; and as long as I am spared I will do all I can, according to my humble means, to promote the spirit of patriotism and enterprise, which is as essential to its advancement as its material wealth. These topics, however, will be more fully discussed by the gentleman who is about to address you, and whom I have much pleasure in introducing to you as the son of our provincial historian, Mr. Justice Haliburton."

After the meeting, the Children proceeded to Government House, and presented to the Countess of Mulgrave a bouquet composed of wild flowers from the forest.