

## JOEL BONNEY.

From his grandson, Mr. Chas. Jamieson,\* of St. Stephen, we learn that Joel Bonney was born in Pembroke, Conn., (now Mass.), and was of Welsh descent. He was a very stout and able man, six feet and one inch in height and remarkably fine looking. He fought in the French and Indian wars, and was present as an ensign at the taking of Detroit, and tradition says that it was he who pulled down the French colors when the British entered the fort. As a carpenter and millwright he came to Machias in 1763 to help in building the first mill there. By the year 1770 the settlements in that neighborhood had greatly increased and seven saw mills had been built. He lived for a time on Grand Manan, where one of his children was born, who is said to have been the first white child born on the island. At Digdeguash Joel Bonney assisted in the building of a mill for John Curry and also a residence. His own house stood on the east side of the river, some distance south of the highway road that now leads to St. George. Bonny River in the vicinity preserves his name. He received his grant of land at Digdeguash, March 29, 1784. As stated in his deposition, Joel Bonney was obliged to leave his place at Digdeguash for a time on account of circumstances arising out of the war. He returned in 1780 and, some years later, took up a new place at the mouth of Digdeguash. Major McDonald, in the year 1804, says "Joel Bonney, senior, settled on the Head in 1790, which he cleared all up and then moved back in the rear of the other settlers on the county road in 1796, where he now resides." After living some years at Digdeguash he removed to Portland, Maine, where he died about the year 1824 at the age of 84 years.

## LEWIS FREDERICK DELESDESNIER, A. D. C., ETC.

Lewis Frederick Delesdernier was a nephew (not a son as previously stated) of Moses Delesdernier. The elder Delesderniers were natives of Switzerland, and came to Nova Scotia about 1752, and were intelligent and well educated men. In November, 1776, Jonathan Eddy, a former resident of Cumberland who had obtained the commission of colonel in the Continental army, led an armed force, which he had collected on the St. John, against Fort Cumberland, and attempted the capture of that important post. A number of the residents of Cumberland joined Eddy's force, and among them was Lewis Delesdernier. As the garrison

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