

## Publisher's Note

age he became interested in Acadian history and the result of his studies in this direction were given to the public in 1878 under the title of "A History of Acadia," a book which has been extensively read wherever the English language is spoken. As a journalist Dr. Hannay held a recognized position in Canada for many years. He was an excellent writer and possessed a large fund of information and a retentive memory.

¶ No man was more intimately acquainted than Dr. Hannay with the contemporary events of the last half century. From the beginning of the campaign which led up to the confederation of the four Provinces, which originally composed the Dominion of Canada, down to the last general election, he had taken some part in directing public opinion. ¶ Much of his time, during the five years preceding his death, was spent in gathering materials and preparing the manuscript for the History of New Brunswick, which was published only three weeks before his death. ¶ It was always a marvel amongst his friends where Dr. Hannay found the time to do so much work of a permanent character, requiring deep and painstaking research, as at a comparatively early age he attached himself to the staff of the St. John