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## SIR HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, R.E., K.C.M.G.

AS a general thing, the Governor of Newfoundland is not encircled with that halo of glory which surrounds the renowned Governors of North Carolina and South Carolina. The advent of a new ruler to the ancient and loyal colony does not materially augment the gayety of nations, nor his departure interrupt the harmony of the terrestrial sphere. So far our rulers have been highly respectable officials, but with the notable exception of the late Sir John H. Glover, G.C.M.G., wholly unknown to fame outside their immediate surroundings.

When Sir Henry McCallum was appointed we were all rather astonished to find that so much notice was taken of the new administrator.

The English service papers were full of interesting paragraphs. All with one accord referred in the highest terms to the new Governor's professional ability and his distinguished career; all seemed to regard his occupancy of the governorship as a mere temporary thing until he could recover his health sufficiently to resume his more important work as an engineer on the fortifications of Hong Kong and the Straits Settlements. From these notices Newfoundlanders for the first time learned that their new ruler had already done splendid work, and his future as one of the most brilliant scientific men in the service was a matter of deep interest. Sir Henry was born at Yeovil in 1852,

of military ancestry on each side of the house, both his father, his mother's father, and his wife's father belonging to that distinguished corps, the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

A glance at his career fully justifies all the laudatory notices in the British service journals.

Sir Henry is none of your wooden warriors. He is a thoroughly all-round man, a scientific soldier, fit to go anywhere and do anything, — able to build a bridge, construct a railway and telegraph line, run the locomotive, repair it, and work the electric wires, survey a new territory and administer a British sphere of influence either in Africa or the far East. He has had plenty of service in the field with the fierce Malays at Pahang, where he quelled one of the constantly recurring native outbreaks, and in the Hinterland of Lagos. He began his life as a soldier at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. His record is unique; the only one that we know of that can be compared with him in phenomenal brilliancy as a student is Captain Grenfell, R.N., formerly a partner with Armstrongs. Young McCallum literally swept the college of prizes, coming out first of the whole batch of fifty-two cadets in 1871, winning besides the Pollock medal, and later on the coveted distinction of the Fowke medal in 1874.

For a young engineer his appointments