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apressive ceremony took place E. Pipon and deposited in the Lady afternoon when two flags Chapel of the Church by the mem-Royal Newfoundland Regiment bers of the Pipon family. On the the Infantry, which for a return home of the Newfoundlandof years have hung in St. Bre-church, Jersey, were formally and on the 12th December, 1214, a led in the Museum under the paper on the "Newfoundland Regiof the Agricultural and Mines ment of the Olden Times" was read nt Elaborate preparations by Miss Morris at the Current Events resolutions were issued to represent the common of the com anders were also in attendance. matter and proposed to obtain the ment, formerly commanded by major the ment ma few minutes to 3 o'clock Flags. Mr. Shortis, the Correspond the Parish of St. Brelade by Major of honour presented arms ing Secretary of the Society, was au- General P. G. Pipon, C.B., R. Artil-Royal Salute was sounded by thorized to communicate with Sir rom the Methodist Guards Edgar Bowring, High Comm Entering the building his Ex- in London and in March, 1920 receivin that of their successors in the said as met by the President and ed the following letter from him:-

Dominion of Newfoundland. High Commissioner's Office. 58 Victoria Street,

Westminister, S.W.I.,

March 17th, 1920. s of the Royal Newfoundland fice were acceptable to the good peo- his property.")

lace a bugler played a bar of tor of St. Brelade, Jersey, Channel eral Pipon. Both parties agree that al Anthem, various detach- Islands, and I am now enclosing for while they would offer no objection enting arms. President H. your perusal a copy of his communito the return of the banners to the rier, C.M.G., in addressing cation. You will observe that Mr. Government of Newfoundland, they used rather in a passive and not in ring and explaining the ob- Balleine has gone to some trouble on hesitate to give a final decision until an active sense, but on examining occasion, spoke as follows: our behalf to obtain the views of they have ascertained the status of such authorities as are available I those in whose custody the Newfound- the "Historical Society." land Banners have been held for a long time. He has ascertained that remote, of that body ceasing to exist containing the root of the word for park the return to New- no objection is offered to returning and of the banners eventually being the ancient colours of the Banners to the Government of neglected or lost? of the ancient colours of the Banners to the Government of Nid. Regiment known Newfoundland, but they will not agree so readily to transferring the aware that these Colours are the Banners to the Government of the Banners to the Government of the Before the removal of the banners from our church could be effected, a faculty, incurring some expense,

istorical Society's connectand I am accordingly asking the plate, indicating the reason of the nese Flags begins with Colonial Secretary to interest himof them by some of its self in the matter, and probably you In 1913 the teachers of will like to get in touch with Mr. Newfoundland met at Mews to obtain the views of the

There will be some expenses involved, of course, in the removal of the Banners, and I presume no objection and on the 12th August forward by the Rector that a brass at Jersey in the Chan-plate should be substituted at the exand visited the Church of pense of Newfoundland when the an old historic build- flags are removed and returned to the

n Newfoundland by Major I have not yet been able to obtain

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St. John's, Newfoundland.

St. Brelade Rectory, Jersey,

the Dean of Jersey. The statement on behalf of th lery, nephew of the said Major Elias

(Nots by Major General Pipon follows: "I have been trying to get some account of these Colors, but have failed. All I know is that the colors are those of the "N.F.R." which was disbanded or converted into the nted on their staffs, were Thank you for your letters of Jan- "Newfoundland Companies" in the miled to a pillar in the centre uary 22nd and February 21st. It is a early part of this century. My uncle om, and near which a hol- great satisfaction to me to know Major Pipon, was in command at the formed on two sides of that the trophies obtained by this of-

ne ends. His Excellency was a very nice and most interesting let- authorities last week, and also interviewed the daughters of the late Gen-

ough tradition claimed they sociation.

where, and it was thought This is a difficulty that should be in the ancient city of Bris-very easily overcome in my opinion, authorities also suggest that a brass mation required.

> Yours faithfully. (Sgd.) JOHN A. BALLEINE, Rector of St. Brelade, Jersey. Edgar R. Bowring, Esq.,

Westminster, London, S.W.I.

GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE.

a brass plate, explanatory of the lander in touch with the martial event, which will be erected in the Spirit.

Church at Jersey.

In 1757, again in an emergency, the

nnection with these banners. I feel sure that this action of the dependence. The Americans were kee

I have the honor to be,

ur views on the above matter.

Meanwhile I shall be glad to have

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) EDGAR R. BOWRING,
High Commissioner for Nfid
L. F. Shortis, Esq.,

year 1882. In our ecclesiastical Arch- dressed the gathering.

Pipon, to remain in their custody and

Parish."

th buglers and Boy Scouts Since last writing you, I have had ing of our parochial ecclesiastical

return of the banners to Newfoundland should be placed in the Church. May I therefore ask for the infor-

Meanwhile, believe me to be, 58 Victoria Street.

Dept. of Colonial Secretary to one another. My conclusions might St. John's, Nfid., 3rd August, 1920.

the 26th May, covering copy of Re-Fencibles, now in the Church of St. referring to it. Brelade, Jersey, I have the honor to

The proposal of the Government is local Militia of Newfoundland was rethat these Banners shall be in charge formed and apparently 4 companies of the Government authorities, and were embodied. be placed in the Museum under proper keepership, and with a detailed most interesting episode in Newfound-statement, setting forth so far as possible, all the circumstances in ess. That you will remember was the

Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS,

accepted the flags, and intimated that they would be placed in the charge of Mr. George E. Turner, I.S.O., Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mines. He congratulated the Society on having secured the trophies, and agreed with the idea that they should be placed in some public place where they could be always open to view.

The flags being looped up with a ribbon were released by his Excel-

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years, though I believe it has now fer to some authentic original authority; I have not this at hand but I find in the Manual of Military Law that 'Fencibles' was one of the terms used for Corps raised on a volunteer basis. something less definite than the Militia. Apparently the original Fenland: afterwards the term was ap-

were to be used primarily for defence. My difficulty over this was that the make out that this termination, which Is there any possibility, however is apparently a variant from a suffix

> marily employed for the defence of a traces of military effort and it is not inappropriate to give some shor sketch of them. And here let me make one remark as to the importance of care in using evidence. The chief information which I have been able to get comes from Prowse's History and certain extracts produced by Mr. Shortis and Miss Morris of the originals and I have not been able to collate them. What we have is good as far as it goes; only it must be used dates and the relations of the papers

be modified by more complete mater-In 1797 and 1799 there was a local solution passed by the Historical So- Militia at St. John's probably raised ciety of Newfoundland relative to for the emergencies of those times; certain Banners of Newfoundland we have extant some few documents

In 1717 it is recorded that the intimate that the Government have Second Somersetshire Regiment, af-instructed the High Commissioner, terwards called the 'Fighting Fortieth' London, to arrange for the return to Newfoundland of these banners, and Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, this WILLS should be kept in ent of the expenses in con- was not directly a Newfoundland ection with the same, as well as of Regiment; but it kept the Newfound-

local Militia of Newfoundland was re-

In 1775 there are found traces of a year of the war for American Inde-Government will commend itself to to bring Canada in on their side the members of your Society. Canada was at the time denuded of British troops; it relied only upon half-hearted French, many of whom were much inclined towards the Am-

(Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS,
Deputy Colonial Sec'y.

H. F. Shortis, Esq.,
Corresponding Secretary,
Historical Society of Nfid.

This completes the account of the Historical Society's connection with these Flags.
I now have the honor to request the Prime Minister, Sir Richard A. Squires, to formally acknowledge the receipt of the flags and to give them place in the Museum as the property of the Government.

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the people of Newfoundland, formally accepted the flags, and intimated that they would be placed in the charge of the second some setshires which we mentioned cowards the angle of Carlston, the Governor, was left practically without support and was driven back on Quebec, at that time a principal military station. Here there appears to have been certain Companies of Newfoundlanders, probably details of Regiments such as the Second Some restshires which we mentioned just now, recruited in Newfoundland. They were the chief receipt of the flags and to give them place in the Museum as the property of the Government.

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