

the two men who were the last to fill the office of Attorney General of Massachusetts under the crown now rest side by side in the old burial ground of the city of Saint John.

HISTORICUS.

THE "SUMMER FLEET" OF 1783.

Almost every one knows of the arrival of the "Spring" and "Fall" fleets at the harbour of Saint John in the year 1783, each bearing its large contingent of Loyalists, but not every body is aware that an almost equally important contingent arrived in the month of June in a fleet of ships which, to distinguish it from the earlier and later arrivals, may be designated as the "Summer Fleet."

The late Joseph W. Lawrence in his Foot Prints makes no mention of this fleet, in fact nearly all of our local historians have ignored it. Moses H. Perley, however, in his well known lecture on the early history of New Brunswick mentions it very briefly.

In Sabine's well known work on the Loyalists of the American Revolution we learn the date of the arrival of the June fleet in the biographical sketch of John Clarke of Rhode Island of whom we read.

At the peace, he settled at St. John, New Brunswick. He arrived at that city on the 29th of June, 1783, at which time only two log huts had been erected on its site. He received the same year his grant of land. The government gave him and every other grantee 500 feet of very ordinary boards towards covering their buildings. City lots sold in 1783 at from two to twenty dollars. He bought one for the price of executing the deed of conveyance and "a treat." Mr. Clarke was clerk of Trinity Church nearly 50 years. He died at St. John in 1853, in his ninety fourth year, leaving numerous descendants."

There is quite a full account of the voyage of the "Summer Fleet" from New York to Saint John in the journal of an old Loyalist lady, Mrs. William Frost, which is still preserved by her descendants, and the