

to Nova Scotia by the British Government. The Earl applied the greater part of this money to the founding of Dalhousie College, the corner-stone of which he laid in the year 1820. Pictou Academy was established about the same time.

During the Earl of Dalhousie's time were published the celebrated letters of "Agricola" on agriculture. They awakened new interest in the farmer's calling, and led to the formation of a Provincial Agricultural Society, with the governor as its president. The author of the letters was John Young, father of Chief-Justice Sir William Young. He was afterwards elected a member of the House of Assembly.

In 1820, at its second session in the new building, the Assembly voted \$4,000 to purchase a star and sword for Governor Dalhousie. The Earl refused to accept the presents, because the Assembly did not provide for a survey of the province and for the inspection of the militia—measures which he had urged as of the highest importance.

---

## CHAPTER XIV.

### MEN OF NOTE.

**Cape Breton.**— In the year 1820 Cape Breton was annexed to Nova Scotia, with the privilege of sending two members to the Assembly. The islanders were not at all pleased at losing their independence, as they considered it, and tried to break up the union.

One of the first members sent from Cape Breton was Lawrence Kavanagh, a Roman Catholic. The oath of admission to the House at that time contained a clause abjuring Popery; Kavanagh could not, therefore, take his seat. The governor applied to the king for instructions in the matter, and in the