OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK. By Abraham Gesner, Provincial Geologist, &c.

To His Excellency Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B. & K. C. H. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

A Geological Survey may be considered to have a threefold object. The first of these embraces the discovery of rocks as they are placed in the order of superposition, the causes similar in their nature are now accumulating, and the uses to which their materials may be applied, either in their arts, architecture or agriculture. It also views all the physical operations going forward upon the surface of the country submitted to examination, the relations they bear to the former history of the earth, and the effects they continue to produce upon the occupations and prosperity of its in-

The second relates to the discovery, examination, and application of all the mineral substances contained in the earth, whether they are ores yielding metals, the bituminous and carbonaceous compounds affording fuel, the chemical substances employed in the different arts and manufactures, or those peculiar kinds of matter that promote the growth of plants, and are therefore of inestimable value

Thirdly it comprises the analysis of the different soils, and by comparing the less productive kinds with those of known fertility, the elements necessary for their productiveness are discovered, and the sources whence they can be supplied are made known.

On the European continent, mining has long enjoyed the fostering care of different Governments, Colleges have been founded and cherished, for the sole purpose of qualifying the geologist, mineralogist and miner for their important duties. Libraries and museums have been collected, laws have been made to protect and encourage mining, and the ablest men have been employed in those departments of matter. To these are added the different parts ductive knowledge experiments should be adscience which were found to be intimately connected with national safety and prosperity.

Great Britain, with her vast mineral wealth, had observed the advantages gained by neighbouring countries from their attention to natural resources, and viewed with jealousy the importation of iron from Sweden and Germany; but individual enterprise was left unaided, and her miners were for a long period left to grope their way in darkness, without the light of science to guide them in their uncertain path. climates, is one composed of different propor-But no sooner was the attention of the British Government directed to this subject, and its inadequate support to the most enduring branch of natural industry rendered obvious, than public surveys were ordered, the studies of geology and mineralogy were immediately introduced into English and Scotch colleges, and an impetus was given to these enquiries which has been unparalleled in its beneficial results.

The mineral wealth of Great Britain remained for a long period unnoticed and disregarded, and many individuals were ruined by money had been unsuccessfully expended, in kind of matter, it may, from a knowledge of seems to be placed beyond the reach of human enterprises which since the diffusion of know- the circumstances, be greatly improved and its observation. There are, however, some realedge adapted to them, and the encouragement fertility increased four-fold. offered by legislative acts, have been resumed, and rendered the scources of public and private ramifications, the quantity of each earth may the earth produces both the lofty oak and the

world. These improvements have not arisen gence. altogether from any peculiar advantages enjoyed by the Mother Country, or the unaided capalegislation by comprehensive minds, and the tation, those soils which are placed upon dedissemination of sound principles of science, and to the legitimate objects of labor. And objects, have closely followed the adoption of both byevaporation and absorption. The materials, upon which the industry of the people yields the greatest amount of profit.

The annual amount of the raw mineral produce of Great Britain is no less than twenty millions sterling. When the increase of this from the disintegration of the rocks beneath, by their Agricultural Societies, have sustained by the multifarious operations of manufacture, and the charges of shipping for transportation of vast supplies of wrought material abroad, are computed, the aggregate is almost incal- rents still active in their transportation. The rural industry of the Province.

More than forty years ago, the Ordnance Geological Survey of England was commenced, by Mr. De La Beche, whose labours proved of the greatest utility to the mining and agricultural interests of the country. Both before, and since the above period, large sums had been expended from private funds in order have not, however, altogether discontinued their resources of the country. The recent diffito make new discoveries, and a number of per- useful labour, nor ceased to clothe the lower culties in monetary affairs in the United sons from the love of science, were actively grounds with an annual deposit, of finely di- States and the British Provinces, have retarded engaged, and whose labors have opened a new era in the history of the prosperity of the king-

The Ordnance Geological Survey, is now advancing, and the reports of the Geology of Geology, therefore, by following causes to their Cornwall and Devon, by Mr. H. T. De La effects, and by watching over the constant Beche are of great interest and importance.

enterprise have completed geological explora- of mineral under whatever circumstances they tions of many extensive districts; others are appear on the bosom of the earth. in progress, and the time is rapidly advancing, when each section of their territory will have been submitted to careful examination. Nor knowledge of the plants belonging to the cliquiries in America been less successful than

commencement of these enquiries.

take an exploration of her mineral wealth, and ting of more certain success. a gradual interest in the great natural resources of the country is increasing daily, under

by which such rocks are formed, and others from this circumstance, and the extension of in proper proportions, a plentiful harvest would and the United States at a great expense." rail roads, render New Brunswick a most im have followed, and the disappointed tiller of as Nova Scotia, contains an abundance of those received from Nature's cornucopia. most necessary minerals, the advantage of possuch situations as render it useful along the adapted to the nourishment of plants, the com-Northern Atlantic coast.

prise to other resources more permanently valuable, encouragement is offered for the introduction of foreign capital, and the prosperity of the country will become equal in some degree be gained only by the sciences of geology and to its natural advantages.

AGRICULTURE. Soils are most frequently composed of the following earths, mixed in different proportions -silica, (flint,) alumina, (clay,) lime, mag-The presence of some of these substances is absolutely necessary to vegetation, others exert absolute demonstration. an influence hostile to the growth of plants, when they exist in any considerable quantity, tions of siliceous (flinty,) calcareous (marly,) ore. aluminous (clayey,) earth in a finely divided of vegetable and animal matter returning to a

By pursuing this enquiry into its minutest be so adjusted to all the conditions of climate, Britain chiefly owes her elevated character. of plants, that the greatest possible harvest may They have imparted an extraordinary impulse be reaped from lands which in their natural to mechanical genius-have aroused her inha. and depraved condition were barren and unbitants to most unceasing exertion, and have fruitful. This constitutes the science of Agriproduced those extraordinary revolutions in ag. culture, that ennobling branch of industry riculture, manufacture and navigation, which which nature never fails to reward when her render her an object of admiration to all the bounties are sought with care, skill, and dili-

The power of some earths to absorb and retain moisture is much greater than others, and the soils of every country; but of all these the bilities of her people. They are the results of as water performs an important office in vegeclivities, and are therefore quickly drained, rewhich have been directed to the public mind quire a larger quantity of retentive clay than such as are placed in lower situations-where, thus the gradual advancement and application perhaps, the open sand allows the accumuof the arts to the most useful and desirable lated rain to escape with greater facility, measures by the Government for carrying into composition of the subsoil must also be shall be founded on a course of analytical and effect a more perfect developement of those considered. Should it be impervious clay, the water cannot descend even through a thin stratum. Again, if it repose upon beds of sand, gaged the attention of Your Excellency, and it escapes by infiltration with great facility.

and frequently at no great distance from them. under circumstances of discouragement those Even the alluviums can be traced to their birth enlightened views, which, by being more explaces, whence they have been driven by cur- tended, will prove of vast advantage to the greater fertility of these alluviums had resulted from the continued action of the causes to which tages have already accrued from the geological they owe their origin. Those mighty opera- exploration of New Brunswick? In this early tions that spread a covering over the rocks, period of the survey it will not be expected whereby the earth was rendered a fit abode for that every useful discovery, or the confidence man and his associate animals, are now almost of the public in the success of mining should be inactive on a large portion of the globe. They such as to have any great influence over the vided matter, and thus to increase the food of the progress of successful enterprise, and plants for the growing population of each con- English capitalists hesitate to apply their funds make upon the vegetable kingdom for food. disputed line between this Province and the charges of matter, both in regard to chemical The United States with great alacrity and and mechanical operations, supplies the history

Agriculture, to be attended with success, must be conducted upon scientific principles. Some have the advantages derived from those en- mate and exotics, and the soil capable of producing them most abundantly, must be obthose of Europe, for both agricultural and tained before the husbandman can receive an mining industry have become far more extend- adequate reward for his pain or rejoice over ed and successful than they were prior to the the fruits of his labour. It is here also geology lends its aid, and by a careful analysis of the Of the British North American Colonies, soils, a basis is laid upon which the farmer can

New Brunswick is one of the first to under. by his own experience create a system admit- United States shall be adjusted, for it is evident

Your Excellency's paternal care. Since the pensably necessary for those whose employ- these obstacles to the immediate extension of commencement of the geological survey of ment is in them, and it is surprising that the foreign and domestic capital, the beneficial re-New Brunswick, a similar one has been insti- agriculturist, who requires more of this kind of sults of the labour of a single season, are such tuted in Newfoundland, and the work is now knowledge than the common artizan, should as indicate a certainty of the final utility of the advancing. Nova Scotia would have been have been so much neglected and left to dis-upon the list long ago, had not her mines and cover, by the experience of a whole life, what to the soil has already commenced. The exminerals been so disposed of that her inhabi- he might have known from a single lesson. Iu- cellent quarries of granite on the Saint John tants can scarcely participate in the benefits numerable are the instances where the seed have been opened by Messrs. Wetmore; and that would arise from having them generally has been scattered in the sand and in the clay, from the cheapness, superior quality, and beauty The navigation of the Atlantic by steam, demned as being barren and worthless; but used. Hitherto the granite employed in the Burnett. and the increased demand for iron and coal had those two different substances been mixed Province has been imported from Nova Scotia portant colony. For as this Province, as well the ground would have smiled over the bounties

Manures are of three kinds, namely-anisessing sufficient supplies on both sides of the mal, vagetable, and mineral. It would seem late conflagation at Saint John. ocean that separates this country from Great that the Chinese had arrived at a more per-Britain are inestimable, and render New fect knowledge of these substances in the sup-Brunswick one of the most valuable appenda- port of vegetation than any other people. So ges of the British Empire, independent of her essential do they consider manure to be to the fertile soil and vast supplies of timber. Her production of crops, that night-soil mixed with importance is also obvious, without any refer- fat marl and formed into cakes, is an article of ence to those facts from her proximity to the commerce throughout the Empire. Geology, United States, where hituminous coal evidently as applied to agriculture, takes cognizance of does not exist in sufficient quantities and in the different conditions of mineral matters position of soils, whether in a natural or artifi-The progress of mining in new countries is cial state, and the means capable of rendering Fredericton, on Wednesday, 26th day of Fealways slow, a circumstance arising from the them fertile. Soil may be unproductive from lack of capital, which is always employed upon the absence of certain mineral or vegetable objects of trade procured with the least expense, ingredients, or from the presence of some noxand afford the most readily a return for their lous principle. These conditions can be overvalue. But by opening the channels of enter- come by the addition of the matter required in the first case, and by producing such a chemical decomposition in the latter, as shall render the poisonous matter inert. These are objects to

The soil of New Brunswick is extremely Fredericton, New Brunswick. variable in its composition, having been produced by a variety of causes, and from many different kinds of rocks; therefore it is more necessary that it should be cultivated with an the decomposition of metallic and other mineral its former and present conditions. To this in-

Peat is abundant in this Province, and most and the predominance of either of the earths times happens that the low situations where it withholds from vegetables that kind of nourishment they require for their perfect growth. It containing much iron, and where the salts of few weeks or otherwise. To travellers from George Morrel, Alexander Mitchel, James has been ascertained that the most productive that metal render it unfit for that purpose. soil in all countries, and under the different Such peat may be known by its ochrey appearance, and the presence of "bog" and "shot'

Sir Humphrey Davy seems to have been the state, and containing a greater or less quantity first who endeavoured to discover, by the aid of furnished from the Hotel. chemistry the manner in which manures act mineral condition. It would be impossible to upon the soil, and the influence they hold over point out the exact proportions of these sub-stances which should be present, under all cir-rendered an important advantage to agriculcumstances, for general productiveness. These ture, there is a wide field unexplored in the deproportions must be regulated by climate, tem- partment of physical science. Oxgen, hydrogen perature, and more especially by the peculiar and carbon are the principal simple elements nature of the plant it is called upon to nourish. But this general fact is so far applicable every Nitrogen, potash, lime, sulphur, and magnesia speculations which have since proved extremely where, that when the soil is found to be com- are sometimes procured from the sap and solid and those who are indebted to said Estate will profitable, and of great national importance. posed almost altogether of one or two of those parts of plants. The peculiar process by which make immediate payment to Numerous are the instances where vast sums of earths, to the exclusion of almost every other these kinds of matter are drawn from the earth sons for believing that heat, light, and electricity are the principal but silent agents by which blushing rose, and is covered with a green man-It is to her great mineral deposits Great situation, and the laws affecting the distribution tle, affording life and nourishment to innumerable creatures upon its surface. All the elements of vegetables have been found in the soil beneath them. It is by adding manure that a more abundant supply of those elements is afforded, and consequently a more luxuriant growth is the result of their application.

The different kinds of manure, many of which are abundant in the Province, might be applied with the greatest possible advantage to excrementitious matter of stables forms almost the one kind used in the country."

Some of the foregoing substances will be noticed in this Report, but as it cannot embrace a particular description of the varieties, application, and uses of manures in general, it snti purchasers. is intended to give such an account adapted to the Province as early as possible, and one that experimental examinations.

The subject of agriculture has already enthe different branches of the Legislature; and Almost all the upland soils have been derived the counties of Northumberland and Charlotte,

An enquiry will naturally arise, what advaninent and island, according to the demands they for any object in New Brunswick, until the

*The different kinds of manure may be classed as

Limestone, Marl, Marly clay, Alluvium of the sea, (marsh mud,) (Alluvium of rivers, (mould.)

Sea-weeds, VEGETABLE-Peat, Ashes, Soot,

Excrementitious matter.

that the Colony would suffer a great loss were In all the different arts a knowledge of the the Americans allowed to extend their eastern materials operated upon is considered indis- boundary upon her soil. But, notwithstanding and because no crop followed, both were con- of the rock, it will evidently be extensively

*Since the above was in the press we have been in-

(To be continued.)

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WM. M'BEATH, Treasurer & Secretary. Fredericton, 4th February, 1840.

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