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A BLUE BOOK SEA MYSTERY

A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND.

Set Ashore on the Bay of Fundy Coast Forty Years Ago—Both Legs Were Cut Off—Speaks No Intelligible Language—The Government Has Kept Him, But His History Is All Shrouded in Mystery.

Halifax, Nov. 11.—The blue books published by the government of the province of Nova Scotia are, as a rule, pretty dry reading, and that called the Financial Returns is one of the dullest of the lot. But there is one book in the library of the British Legation which looks like the most interesting mystery in the world, still remaining a mystery. The Financial Returns give all expenditure from the office of the provincial treasurer—that is, all expenditures made by the province of Nova Scotia. One line reads:

Jerome, \$100.00

Now, if any member of the present legislature know what it means,

they only know that it has been there for many years, and therefore someone is receiving \$100 every year. But who and what "Jerome" is, no body can know.

The man was there in the old days before Confederation. In those

days there was any division of Canada and Nova Scotia was a separate colony.

One day, forty years ago, the people living about the frontier strip of land between Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy, known as High Novia, observed a "stranger" from the United States who was evidently a soldier. He was wearing a uniform, and seemed to be engaged in some kind of hunting or trapping.

When darkness came he was still there, and his master was a man of such a stoical temperament that he did not even know where he was.

The man was extremely fatigued after his long journey, and had not eaten for three days. This was

the first time he had been so far away from home and friends.

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