

Assessment law there is no doubt that the burdens of Common School Education bear very unfairly on the people.

If the statements, given by Mr. Welton in his communication of last week, may be taken as a specimen of what prevails in other counties, the state of things is not so bad after all as many might suppose from the statements put forth by interested parties.

The Presbyterian Witness is engaged in a series of articles on this subject. No. 1 starts with preaching a crusade against the appointments under the law from the Council of Public Instruction down through those of Superintendent, Inspectors, School Boards, Surveyors and Examiners; all are bad; and notwithstanding these wholesale complaints against the personnel of the Act, the writer of the said articles affirms respecting the law that "its main features, we still regard as right in principle, and highly beneficial in tendency" &c.

We presume that the secret of this organized opposition to the School law and its appointments, is to be found in the plan sketched some time before the law was enacted by the Legislature, in connection with the resuscitation of Dalhousie College.

This anomalous and absurd state of things can only be obviated by the appointment of a Council of Public Instruction, of which Council the Superintendent of Education ought to be a constituent member and act in the capacity of Secretary.

This very modest proposal was not adopted in the Act, and the plan seems to have been frustrated by subsequent arrangements.

The report of which the above is an extract it will be remembered appeared nearly simultaneously with the Dalhousie College Bill, and was probably intended to make a clean sweep in favor of that institution.

It is not difficult for our contemporary to indulge in detraction. It is well that his opinion does not damage the parties so judged. He affirms that "one half if not three fourths of the country Schools are defunct—dead—killed by this cruel and thoughtless empiricism of a pretentious politician and pretentious Superintendent."

would probably be changed if another person were the Superintendent. He ventures to affirm that "Unfortunately many of the Inspectors are not fit even to teach a third class school!"

One of the practical points of his article No. 3, is somewhat less objectionable, and in perfect agreement with what we expressed in November last, that a County Assessment for School purposes would be far better than the present Sectional plan.

The able communication of "Laos" on "Free Schools for Nova Scotia" would have appeared in our present issue, but, as our space was appropriated before its arrival, we have been obliged to defer it till next week.

We have received a copy of the Memoir of the Missionaries, Rev. S. F. Johnston and the Rev. J. W. Matheson, &c., by Rev. G. Patterson. A review of this work may be expected in our next.

Notices, &c.

The next meeting of the Annapolis County Conference of Baptist Ministers will take place, D. V., at Bridgetown, on Tuesday the 7th day of Feb. next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

A Donations Visit will be made for Rev. D. McKean, on Tuesday 14th of Feb., all friendly to the cause are invited to meet at 5 o'clock, P. M., at the Baptist Meeting-house.

Little Forks, Jan. 26th, 1865.

The friends of the Rev. Geo. Armstrong propose making him a friendly visit on Wednesday the 8th of February.

We regret to learn that our aged friend Rev. W. Chipman, has been laid up by lameness for the past five weeks.

Rev. B. Vaughan, also of Kempt, Hants County, we are sorry to hear has been sick for several months. He has been able to preach but once for the past four months.

Letters Received.

- Rev. J. F. Kempton, 16th. W. Gremley, 21st. \$2. D. H. Jenks, 21st. \$9.50. Asaph Marshall, Esq., 25th. \$6.50. per W. L. Marshall. Rev. George Armstrong, 23rd. W. T. Waterman, 21st. 1 sub. W. Aymn, Esq., 21st. \$12. Rev. J. C. Morse, 21st. J. W. Bars, Esq., 25th. \$2. I. McNayer, Esq., 15th. \$6. Mrs. R. McCullach, 24th. \$4. G. W. Freeman, 21st. \$20. 1 sub. M. Kinman, 24th. \$10.—Can be obtained from Abolition Office for \$10 per 100, and \$2 for each additional 100. James Desbri- say, Esq., 24th. \$4. S. J. Healey, A. G. Musgrave, 23rd. \$16.64. H. E. Payson, Esq.—Reply sent by return mail. Jos. D. Masters, 25th. 2 subs. \$8.—All right. Rev. P. E. Murray, 27th. \$5. J. Lantz, 25th. S. Wheelock, 27th. \$12. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 27th. \$4. Rev. D. W. G. Dimock, 28th. 1 sub. C. H. Whitman.—Copy of Ritual sent. H. Mills, 27th. P. Wickwire, 27th. \$4. W. B. Harris, Esq., 27th. \$20. Rev. S. McLeod, 17th. \$4. A. J. Leebetter, 17th. \$4.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

The City Council have before them a proposal for opening a new street in the northern part of the city from Cunard to North Streets.

Almost an accident occurred on the North west Arm, nearly opposite to Oaklands, one day last week, by a young lady skating too near the edge of the ice, when she was precipitated into the water.

Sydney Coals are selling in Halifax for \$6.50 per chaldron.

TEMPERANCE LECTURERS.—The Rev. Mr. McArthur will lecture at South Rowdon this day Feb. 1, at Hillsdale on the 2nd, at Newport Corner on the 3rd, and at Brooklyn on Monday the 6th.

Mr. R. M. Barratt is advertised to lecture as follows: Goldenville, Wednesday, Feb. 1. Glentag, Thursday, " 2. Guysborough, Monday, " 6. Manchester, Tuesday, " 7. Guysboro' Intervale, Wednesday, " 8. Crow Harbour, Thursday, " 9. Collections will be taken up at each meeting in aid of the G. D. Agency Fund.

The New Dartmouth Ferry Steamer was launched last week.

In the Court of Vice Admiralty, on Saturday, His Honor the Chief Justice gave his decision in the case of the steamer City of Petersburg. The ground of the case was a suit brought by a number of seamen against the master of the vessel, for the recovery of a considerable sum of money which they alleged was due them as a balance of wages.

Our City Banks are informed object to give gold for Yarmouth Notes—there being no depot in Halifax for their redemption.

THE CHALMERS CHURCH SOCIAL SOIREE took place on Friday evening last in Temperance Hall. Vocal and instrumental music enlivened the evening. Speeches were made by the Revs. Messrs Maxwell, Dr. Pryor, Lathern, Cumming and Murray.

SHIPWRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE.—The Liverpool Transcript of Thursday last gives an account of a melancholy disaster in the loss of the Heroic, Dunlap, master, which for some time past had run as a packet between Liverpool and Boston. It appears that she left Boston on Monday the 16th for Liverpool, on Wednesday she struck a ledge off Tusket Islands, and became disabled, filled with water and drifted towards Pubnico, no signal could be made to attract attention from the shore.

An American ship, bound to Cow Bay, was lost on McNutt's Island on the same night (Tuesday), and melancholy to relate four of the crew were drowned.

The French packet from St. Pierre, with a mail, arrived at this port on Sunday morning. The Captain reports that the schr. Lalour with a cargo of coal, put into St. Pierre, having lost all her sails in severe gales which she experienced around the coast. Capt. Gautier also reports the loss of the schr. Rob Roy, which left this port some time since for Sydney. The latter vessel was owned, we believe, by Lewis P. Fairbanks, and was one of the oldest craft sailing out of Halifax. The crew are to come up in the Lalour.—Recorder.

Canada.

The Montreal Witness gives a list of new buildings erected in that city last year, reaching a total of 1,019.

OTTAWA.—The following table of distances gives some idea of the centrality of Ottawa in view of Confederation.

OTTAWA IS DISTANT FROM—

Table listing distances from Ottawa to various locations: Montreal, C. E., 100 miles; Three Rivers, C. E., 175; Quebec, 210; Saguenay, 322; Chicoutimi Port, 322; Fredericton, N. B., 455; St. John, N. B., 480; Pictou Mines, N. S., 665; Halifax, N. S., 612; St. Johns, N. F., 1150; Kingston, C. W., 95; Port Hope, 172; Toronto, 184; London, 234; Windsor, 430; Sault Ste. Marie, 475; Lake Superior Mines, 560; Port Gary, 1140; Red River, 1140.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HALIFAX, 16th Jan. 1865.

THE House of Assembly having transferred the initiation of Money Votes to the Executive Government, Notice is hereby given to all persons intending to apply for Grants of Money from the Legislature at its next Session, to forward their Applications or Petitions to the Office of the Financial Secretary, on or before MONDAY, the 15th February, 1865.

JAS. McDONALD, Financial Secretary. Jan. 18. 3 wks.

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