

## SPIRIT OF THE PROVINCIAL JOURNALS.

**HALIFAX FREE PRESS.**—The House of Assembly has been chiefly engaged during the past week, in discussing the Pictou Academy question. In another column will be found an abstract of the Bill which has passed the Assembly for regulating that Institution; and although it does not go so far as the interests of the community generally requires, with reference to the education which is to be taught; still the opening the trust; and the introduction of the Catholic Prelate, a gentleman of an amiable and liberal disposition, will probably have a tendency to reconcile all parties. The bill itself is unexceptionable were it intended for any other part of the Province; and as the lower branches must be taught—for public opinion will no longer permit the Trustees to exclude them; we cannot but indulge the hope that harmony may again pervade that fine portion of the Province, and that those reverend gentlemen who have hitherto been opposed to each other in the career of usefulness, will now unite in pursuits that are more congenial to cultivated and well regulated minds.

## ABSTRACT OF THE PICTOU ACADEMY BILL.

1. Repeals Tests declared by former Acts, and declares that hereafter no religious tests, declaration, or subscription shall be required from any Trustee or Teacher, as a qualification for Office.
2. Enables Trustees to hold Lands in any part of the Province, not exceeding £2000 in yearly value, and to dispose of same.
3. On or before 1st July next trustees to select seven of their number to remain acting trustees, Dr. McCulloch to be one; other trustees to remain honorary trustees, having no vote.
4. If trustees neglect to select seven as remaining trustees, and to certify their names to the Governor, before 1st July next, Governor to nominate the seven out of the present trustees, Dr. McCulloch being one.
5. The Right Rev. Bishop of Tanen, and such other persons as the Governor shall appoint, to be trustees, instead of those going out of office.
6. Trustees to appoint a Chairman, who is to have a casting vote. Question before trustees to be determined by a majority.
7. Divides Academy into upper and lower divisions.
8. Upper Division to teach same branches of learning as at present.
9. Lower Division to teach Elementary branches as in Grammar schools.
10. When the funds of the Institution arising under the act, by tuition fees, private subscriptions or otherwise provides a salary equal to £100; a master for lower divisions to be employed, and additional teachers as funds are provided.
11. Trustees may obtain any suitable house or apartments in any part of Pictou, separate from Academy, for the use of Lower Division.
12. No theological or any class of students in divinity, to be taught within the Academy. Not to prevent any professor or teacher from teaching such class in any other part of the town or district of Pictou; and three-fourths of trustees may permit such class to be taught in the Academy.
13. The Governor when he deems it expedient, may appoint a visitor or visitors not resident in Pictou and unconnected with academy, to inspect and report thereon.
14. Vacancy in trust to be occasioned by death, resignation, removal from office, or a continued absence from the Province of more than one year.
15. To supply any vacancy two-thirds at least of the trustees to appoint new trustees, and certify to the Governor; if approved of by Governor, in three months trustees to appoint and certify again, and if the new appointment be disallowed, in three months Governor to appoint.
16. £400 a-year granted until 1842, payable quarterly from 1st January 1832.—£250 to be applied as the Salary of Dr. McCulloch as Principal, while he continues in office, and remainder for the benefit of the Academy, as trustees shall direct.

On Sunday last during divine service, the alarm of fire was given, which was found to proceed from the Halifax Library, in the Province Building. Fortunately the discovery took place sufficiently early to prevent it from extending to other parts of the building. Several of the books were injured by the flames; and it was found necessary to remove all of them to another room. Yesterday the subject was taken up in the Assembly, and a committee of seven members were appointed to enquire into the cause of the occurrence. It is proposed in future to light the building and to have a watch appointed. Precautions that ought long since to be adopted, for the security of the Provincial records therein deposited.

**NOVASCOTIAN.**—Some of the half-starved wretches who have been employed about the Canal, but who have not been paid their wages, set fire to the gates of

one of the locks, and sent letters to the Directors, threatening if they were not paid, to burn the mill to the ground. The Governor has issued his proclamation—offering a reward of £50 for the apprehension of the parties. £100 were yesterday voted by the Assembly to provide for these unfortunate beings, who are it is said, in a state of actual starvation.

**ST. JOHN OBSERVER.**—There are now in our harbour ten barques (including the Prudence, launched last week, and the Devereux, recently ashore) and twelve brigs, in all twenty-two square-rigged vessels. This is a greater number of vessels than has been seen in our port on the 13th March, for many years, if ever. Two of the brigs are Americans.

The brig Margaret, intended to proceed from this port on a Whaling Voyage to the East Cape of Good Hope, arrived here yesterday morning from New London, whither she had been to procure some of the materials necessary for the voyage. She will probably sail about the 25th inst. Every sincere well wisher to the commercial prosperity of this port, must witness with pleasure this first attempt at a branch of trade hitherto untried in our Province. We trust such abundant success may attend the voyage as will induce the enterprising owner to persevere in his exertions, and continue the trade. The projected voyage will afford to some of our young men, who may have a desire to visit distant parts of the Globe, and engage in the Herculean task of capturing the great 'leviathan' of the deep, an opportunity of gratifying their ambition. This enterprise is undertaken by Mr Charles Stewart, son of the British Consul at New London, who has resided in this city during the last year, and secured the good wishes and esteem of the community.

**ST. JOHN COURIER.**—Extract of a letter from Fredericton, dated 7th inst.—“Yesterday an Address was passed to His Majesty upon the subject of the Casual Revenue, praying the same may be placed under the control of the Legislature, they taking upon themselves the burden of the Civil List. The following is the scale of salaries proposed in the address:

Lieutenant Governor	£3,500
Chief Justice	1,000
Three Puisne Judges, £900 each,	2,700
Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands, exclusive of clerks	900
Provincial Secretary	750
Attorney General	750

The Bill to incorporate a new Bank in this City, under the title of the 'Commercial Bank of New-Brunswick,' passed by the House of Assembly, has been, it is stated, unanimously rejected by His Majesty's Council.

**ST. ANDREWS HERALD.**—We were called upon on Tuesday last, by Captain James Morton Spearman, Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the port of St. Andrews, &c. &c. accompanied by a number of witnesses, to give up the author of 'Truth,' (a communication which appeared in the Herald of the 28th ult.) and who politely informed us that he intended to prosecute. We intimated to the gallant Captain that if he wished satisfaction (meaning the same kind he demanded from Col. Wyer,) the author's name would be divulged. But no, he wished to prosecute, and having pledged ourselves that we would not expose the author to an action, Captain James Morton Spearman, with his witnesses, made his exit. On Wednesday we were served with a Writ, containing 'a plea of trespass,' and thus James Morton Spearman, Collector of His Majesty's Customs, and half-pay Captain in the Army, is desirous of obtaining a salvo for his injured feelings in the shape of pounds, shillings, and pence!!!

## FREDERICTON ROYAL GAZETTE.

By His Excellency Major-General Sir Archibald Campbell, Baronet, G. C. B. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c.

## AN ORDINANCE.

Whereas it is fit to appoint a Circuit Court to be holden in the County of Gloucester, I do therefore by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, ordain and appoint that a Circuit Court shall be holden in and for the County of Gloucester on the Monday next before the First Tuesday in September, in each and every year: And whereas it is expedient to alter the times now appointed for holding the Circuit Courts in the Counties of Kent and Northumberland, respectively; I do therefore, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, ordain and appoint that the Circuit Court for the said County of Kent shall be holden on the last Tuesday of August, instead of the Thursday after the Third Tuesday in August, in each and every year; and that the Circuit Court for the said County of Northumberland, shall be holden on the second Tuesday of September, instead of the third Tuesday of September, in each and every Year; the said several Courts hereby appointed to continue for so long time as may, in the opinion of the Judges hold-

ing such Courts respectively, be necessary for the despatch of business depending: And of this regulation His Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court, and all other persons whom it may concern, will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand at seal at Fredericton, the ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and in the second year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.

## ARRANGEMENT OF THE CIRCUITS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Saint John—3d Tuesday in June, Mr Justice Bliss. Charlotte—1st Tuesday in August, Mr Justice Botsford. Kent—Last do. in do. do. Westmorland—1st do. in September, Mr Justice Bliss. Gloucester—Monday next before the 1st Tuesday in September, Mr Justice Chipman. Northumberland—2d Tuesday in September, do.

**CIVIL APPOINTMENT.**—The Honorable Ward Chipman and Robert Parker and William B. Kinnear, Esq. Commissioners to investigate and report upon the forms and modes of proceeding of the Courts of Common and Civil Law, and other Judicial Institutions of the Province, and the Fees to be taken in those Courts.

## EUROPE.

Parliament re-assembled on Tuesday the 17th Jan. and on the Friday following, Lord John Russell's motion in the House of Commons, for going into Committee on the Reform Bill, was carried by a majority of only 53.—The Irish and Scotch Reform Bills were introduced on the 19th.

The Duke of Wellington had entirely recovered from his late illness, and on entering the House of Lords, immediately after the Lord Chancellor had taken his seat on the woolsack, was warmly congratulated by several of their lordships.

It is confidently rumoured, that a noble duke, allied by marriage to an ex-minister, at the head of no less than forty other Reform Peers, intimated to Lord Grey, that, in the event of a creation of peers to pass the bill, they shall withdraw their support from it.

Several parishes in Hampshire are so overburdened with poor, that in the neighbourhood of Winchester and Alresford, both men and women are to be seen in gangs, on the turnpike and cross roads, breaking stones the former being at a shilling per day, and the women nine-pence. In the by-villages, the price is considerably less, the men being allowed only nine-pence, and the women sixpence.

Outrages have been committed in the county of Limerick. Several officers it is said had been nearly murdered.

**POPULATION.**—According to the returns, the population of England and Wales and Scotland was, in 1831, 16,637,399. The total population of Ireland was, in the same year, 7,734,000; making the aggregate population of the United Kingdom 24,271,391. The increase of population in Ireland, since 1831, has been at the rate of about 13 1-2 per cent.

It is said, that the recent publication of the revenue accounts, and particularly that issued by the Commissioners for the Redemption of the National Debt, were intended as a sort of foundation on which ministers will propose to parliament the propriety of a tax on property. This affair has been a good deal talked of, we understand, among the members who arrived in London at the end of last week. Some say, that the scheme proposes a graduated income tax, the highest per centage being 10 or 12 1-2 per cent. It is added, that the proposal of this tax will be contemporary with the repeal of part of the assessed taxes, and some others which press heavily on internal industry.

The Cholera was gradually spreading; and fever was prevailing to an alarming extent at Glasgow, and numerous deaths were occurring in consequence.

The whole number of cases of Cholera that had occurred in England since the commencement of the disease down to the 13th January, was 2030, deaths 296.

**FROM LISBON.**—The ship Plato, at Philadelphia, sailed from Lisbon on the 15th ult. The Editors of the Philadelphia Gazette learn from Captain Wise, that Don Miguel has collected about 95,000 troops to repel the invasion of Don Pedro. About fifty padres