

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.— We have received a rather luminous and interesting work, published by Her Majesty's Printer, entitled an "Abstract of the Returns of the Inspectors of Grammar and Parochial Schools in New Brunswick, for 1844-5."

The following is a brief synopsis of the work, by the Editor of the New Brunswicker:—

"The Returns comprise 10 Grammar schools; 492 Parish schools, including the Roman Catholic special grant schools, and the Madras schools so far as they partake of the Government allowance to the Parish schools; the Wesleyan Academy established at Sackville, and the Infant school at Fredericton. Each Return specifies the local position of the school house—the teacher's name, age, sex, and qualification, and the emoluments, exclusive of the Government allowance, with the average number of scholars attending, summer and winter.

"In almost all the Parish schools, spelling, reading, writing, and Arithmetic are professedly taught; Grammar in 259, Geography in 125, Book-keeping in 86, Mensuration or some other branch of Mathematics in 68, History in 16, Greek in two, Latin in 9, and Needlework in 49. In many of the schools not more than two pupils were learning to write or cipher, and in the several branches beyond common Arithmetic, the scholars would not average more than 2 to each school, except Grammar, in which the average is about 4.

"The Inspectors' General Report contains some hints which are deserving of serious attention. The incompetency of the Teachers of many of the schools is very glaring;—some of them read and write with difficulty, while others have no knowledge of Arithmetic. One of them, a Teacher of 14 years standing, on being asked what would 2 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. come to at 17s. 6d. per cwt., answered £49 1s 9d!

"In very many instances the Teachers' incomes are very small, which will always operate against the introduction of much intelligence into the profession, while the apathy of the people in the country tends to increase the evil.—notwithstanding the large sum of £12,000 is annually granted by the Legislature for the support of Parish schools, 60 Teachers receive, exclusive of the government allowance, less than £20; 137 receive less than £25; 82 receive less than £30; 86 less £35, and so on.

"Of the religious profession of the Teachers of Parish schools, there are 151 Episcopalians, 123 Roman Catholic, 92 Presbyterian, 77 Baptist, 45 Methodist, 2 Mormons, 1 Congregationalist, and 1 Quaker.

"From the details of this Report, it is evident that a majority of the Parish schools by no means present so healthy an appearance as could be desired, and in order to increase the number of competent Teachers, Model or Training schools should be established for training instructors in the art of teaching, and which would qualify persons for the important task of educating the youth of our country, with credit to themselves and advantage to the Province."

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Legislature of this Province is summoned to meet for the Despatch of Business, on the 10th January next.

A meeting of the party who style themselves "Liberals," was held at the Mason Hall, in Halifax, on the evening of yesterday week, when the following Resolutions were passed:—

1st. Resolved, That this meeting cordially approve of the spirited and judicious measures proposed by the Leaders of the Constitutional Opposition, in the arduous and trying struggles for the liberties and best interests of this country, in which they have been engaged during the past two years.

2nd. Resolved, That the Liberals of Halifax be marked with pride and exultation, in the noble manifestations of public spirit and intelligence, which have distinguished the Counties of Kings, Hants, Annapolis, Cumberland, Colchester, Digby, Shelburne, Queen's, and Lunenburg; and, while they believe that the other counties, animated by kindred sentiments, are prepared for equally decisive action, they deem their duty to show, by cordial union and sympathetic co-operation, that they are not inferior to the value of the principles of stake, and to the responsibility which they should now assume, as residents of the Metropolitan County.

3rd. Resolved, That whatever doubts might have been entertained, at the close of 1843, as to the intentions of the present Administration, the frivolous and unfounded charges preferred against the ex-Councillors—the attempt to draw from them unconstitutional admissions, in the negotiations of February; to the Council of 12, and divide the Liberals by the propositions made in July, 1844;—and long since satisfied those who compose the Government, that the destruction of Responsible Government, and the restoration of the old system, were deliberately designed.

4th. Resolved, That the manner in which

Sir Rupert D. George defeated a bill, affecting his own emoluments, after it had been deliberately sanctioned by the three Branches of the Legislature, deserves to be by this meeting publicly condemned: while the concealment of his letter, and the attempt made to stifle discussion, by closing the doors of the Assembly, are acts deserving of general reprobation.

5th. Resolved, That the insult offered to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, after his long and distinguished services in the cause of Agriculture, and his unanimous election to the Presidency of the Central Board, was a purile and contemptible manifestation of party spirit.

6th. Resolved, That the dismissal from the magistracy, on the alleged ground of bankruptcy, of James H. Fitzandolph, while bankrupt of Tory politics still hold the Commission of the Peace in this and most of the other Counties, evinces shameful partiality, and an utter disregard of consistency and honor, on the part of the present Administration.

7th. Resolved, That the recent appointment of S. P. Fairbanks, Esq., to the office of Treasurer, without placing him in the Executive Council, or making, in his case, the retention of place and emolument dependant upon the confidence of his county, or of the country, is a direct violation of the Constitution conferred upon this Province, in 1840.

8th. Resolved, That the unwearied efforts made by Joseph Howe, Esq., to arouse his countrymen to the importance of the present crisis, and to communicate to distant and scattered Constituencies, sound information, demand from us the expression of our steady confidence and approbation; while the unconstitutional proscription of that gentleman, by the advice of the inveterate enemies of good government, and rational Colonial advancement, but gives him a higher title to our cordial and united support.

9th. Resolved, That the systematic employment by the Government, of a Press, lost to all sense of shame, to blacken and defame the most estimable and patriotic men in this Country, while its supporters seek, by a series of vexatious and expensive prosecutions, to muzzle and destroy the Liberal Press, demands from this meeting not only the expression of contempt and indignation, but the employment of active means to protect those who fearlessly express the opinions and defend the interests of the Country.

10th. Resolved, That in order that there may be among the Liberals of Nova Scotia, combined and systematic action on all questions affecting their honor, or the public interests, this meeting appoint a Committee to carry out the objects they have in view, by effective and other Constitutional means.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.—We have been puzzled not a little, to make up our sheet to-day. The mail due on Thursday morning did not arrive until late at night, and our share of it (from causes we are not made acquainted with) was very small, consisting of two Halifax papers, the Bermudian, and a copy of the Charlottetown Gazette. The Fredericton mail had not arrived when we went to press.

With this scanty stock of new materials, we were compelled to fall back on "old wares," with which we have done the best we could; and we trust our readers will discover among our selections, something instructive, interesting, and new.

AGRICULTURAL.—We would recommend to the notice of our farmers, an article commenced in our Agricultural Journal. As it will be continued in several numbers, it would be advisable for all those who do not file the paper, to lay them aside, and peruse the Essay at leisure. The information thus conveyed, is well worthy of being treasured in the memory; and many of the hints and suggestions of the author should be adopted by all those who desire to farm their land to advantage.

BERMUDA.—The Bermudian of the 1st November, contains the following paragraph on the weather:—

"These isles were visited by a gale on Monday last. Several trees were uprooted in different parts of the country. On the northern coast of the Islands, vegetation in the gardens has seriously suffered by the tempestuous blast. Nevertheless, the Goddess of Summer still hovers over the land, and warbles in the soft breeze her winsome "Tly not yet."

THE SEASON.—Saturday last was a very cold day, and on the following morning the river was frozen across. In the afternoon it broke up with the flood tide. On Monday, the wind blew a gale from the Eastward, and it rained very heavily. Two Schooners from Prince Edward Is-

land came up to Messrs. Cunards wharf, in Chatham. Tuesday and Wednesday were very cold days, and the ice accumulated very fast in the river. Thursday it was frozen across, and several persons passed to the opposite side. In the afternoon it commenced snowing, which continued throughout the greater part of the night. Yesterday was a very disagreeable day: in the morning it rained, with the wind from the eastward; in the afternoon it came round, and blew violently from the north-west. The streets are in a most wretched condition, being flooded with water.

It was with difficulty the Couriers with the mails for Fredericton and the Northward, succeeded in crossing the river on the afternoon of Tuesday. An attempt was made on the preceding evening, by Mr. Dixon's ferryman, to convey them across. He, at one time, was within a few yards of the landing at Douglastown, but a field of ice rushing down at the time, forced him from that shore. After being out six or seven hours, and frequently in great peril, he effected a landing on this side, nearly opposite St. Paul's Church.

Marriages.

At Douglastown, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. John McCurdy, Mr. George McLean, of the Parish of Glenelg, to Miss Ellen Stothart, of the Parish of Newcastle.

At Chatham, on the 26th ult., by the Rev. John Shanahan, Mr. Robert Kent, to Catharine J., third daughter of Mr James White, all of Chatham.

On the same day, by the same, at St. Michael's Church, Chatham, Mr. Denis Murphy, to Miss Ellen Whalin, both of Chatham.

On the same day, by the same, at the same place, Mr. Daniel Maher, to Miss Ally Clowry, all of Chatham.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

Two schooners arrived from Prince Edward Island on Monday evening last; and the barque Carlton returned, having unfortunately received considerable injury from the floating ice. These vessels, there is every appearance, will have to winter here. All the other vessels, we understand, have proceeded to sea.

HALIFAX, Nov. 27, arrived, schr Victoria, Miramichi; Waterloo, do.; New Messenger, do.; Stranger, do.

ST. JOHN, Nov. 25—Spoken, by the ship Marchioness of Queensberry, on the 28th October, in latitude 47 47 N., longitude 34 40 W., schr Raven, from Miramichi, for Limerick.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE, RESTIGOUCHE, N. B.

Entered, November 14—schr Belinda, Caldwell, Quebec, 17 days; general cargo—sundries.

15th—schr Perseverance, Curry, Halifax, 10 days; general cargo—A. Ritchie & Co.

19th—schr Agenora, McKay, P. E. Island, 6 days; oats & vegetables—A. Ritchie & Co.

21st—schr Mystery, Hickey, Labrador Fishery; fish & oil—L. M. Lowden; Swift, Le Blanc, New Carlisle, 2 days; fish—Wm. Hamilton.

Cleared, November 13—schr Primrose, Glawson, Newfoundland; lumber—W. S. Smith.

19th—barque Glasgow, Somerville, Port Glasgow; timber and deals—Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

20th—schr Belinda, Caldwell, New Carlisle, ballast; schr Henry Carman, McKay, P. E. Island, do.; barque Naomi, Hall, Liverpool, timber & deals—H. & J. Montgomery.

22nd—schr Perseverance, Curry, Halifax; salmon & shingles—A. Ritchie & Co.

26th—schr Swift, LeBlanc, New Carlisle; salt & molasses—A. Ritchie & Co.; barque Lady Falkland, Smith, Cork; timber & deals—H. & J. Montgomery.

DEADLY BUTCHERY OF SLAVES! The practice of cruelty of the most diabolical kind on board the Portuguese slave ships, are al-

most past belief. The poor wretches are crowded together between-decks with little air and less food, and are in a state perfectly loathsome. The consequence is, that thousands die on the passage, and are thrown "uncollected, unhallowed" into the sea, like so many dead dogs; and those who survive and are landed at the Havannah, are covered with sores, squalid, and feeble. In such cases, "Holloway's Ointment" and "Holloway's Pills," (a most powerful tonic and alterative auxiliary to the Ointment,) are calculated to restore the system however emaciated, as may be proved by parallel cases of external disorders in this country. Cancer, Scrofula, Gout, Rheumatism, Paralysis, Piles, Glandular Complaints, Wounds of all kinds, &c yield in the most extraordinary manner to these admirable preparations, which we have no hesitation in describing as true specifics.

LOST.

On Wednesday week last, between the store of H. C. D. Carman, and Rainnie's Ferry, in Chatham, a WHITE PEA COAT. Whoever has found the same, and will leave it at the Gleaner Office, will be rewarded for their trouble.

Chatham, December 5, 1845.

By His Honor the Master of the Rolls.

WEDNESDAY, the twenty sixth day of November, 1845.

"On reading the Petition of SAMUEL H. NAPIER, of Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland, and Province of New Brunswick, Merchant, setting forth a statement of his affairs as therein particularly detailed, and declaring that he is in insolvent circumstances, and praying that an Order may be made for the calling of a Meeting of his Creditors, pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly, entitled "an Act to afford relief to persons unfortunate in business, in certain cases;" It is hereby ordered, that the Clerk of the Peace for the county of Northumberland, do call a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the Petitioner, to be held at the Court House, in Newcastle, on WEDNESDAY, the FOURTEENTH day of JANUARY next, at Eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of enabling the Petitioner to offer a composition to, or make terms with, his creditors, and to render an exposition of his affairs.

In pursuance of the order of His Honor the Master of the Rolls, wherof the foregoing is a true copy; Notice is hereby given, that a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the said Samuel H. Napier, will be held at the Court House, in Newcastle, in the said County of Northumberland, at the time and for the purposes mentioned in the said Order. Dated the Fourth day of December, A. D. 1845.

THOMAS H. PETERS, Clerk of the Peace for Northumberland County.

RECEIVED,

Per Schr Elizabeth, from Prince Edward Island, 500 Bushels OATS, few boxes Vermicelli & Maccaroni. H. C. D. CARMAN, Chatham, Oct. 7, 1845.

Notice:

ALL PERSONS having any demands against the Estate of ALEXANDER STEWART, senior, late of the Parish of Newcastle, Farmer, deceased, are requested to present the same within Three Months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to GEORGE STEWART, Executor, Newcastle, October 27, 1845.

Croton Fire Insurance Company!

OF NEW YORK. The Subscriber is authorized on behalf of the above Company, to insure Dwelling Houses, Out Houses, Stores, Household Furniture, and Merchandize, against loss of Fire, at moderate rates of Premium. WM. CARMAN, Junior, Chatham, November 11, 1845.

NEW BRUNSWICK. Surrogate Court, County of Northumberland, Province of New Brunswick. (L. S.) To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable, within the said County, Greeting:

Whereas, ROBISON CRACKER, Executor of the last Will and Testament, of Thomas Morrow, late of the Parish of Northesk, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, deceased, hath filed an account of this Administration on the Estate of the said deceased, and hath prayed that the same may be passed and allowed.

You are therefore required to cite the Creditor, and next of kin, of the said deceased, and all others interested in the said Estate, to appear before me, at a Court of Probate, to be held at my Office, in the Parish of Chatham, within the said County, on TUESDAY, the twentieth day of December next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowing of the said account of Administration of the said Estate.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court, this sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

THOMAS H. PETERS, Surrogate. GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.