

## NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of the Sister Province was opened by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on Thursday last, with the following SPEECH:—

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;  
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

It is my painful duty to announce to you the demise of Adelaide, the Queen Dowager. The loss of this highly respected and estimable Princess has called forth an expression of deep and universal regret on the part of the British Nation, in which, I am convinced that you, and the people of this Colony, will participate.

While inviting you again to the discharge of your very important functions, I am bound to acknowledge the gratitude we owe to the Giver of all good, for the blessings by which the past year has been distinguished.

Peace and tranquillity have reigned within the borders of Nova Scotia. The great scourge of the earth has passed us by, and several trying years of partial failure have been succeeded by a comparatively secure and productive Harvest.

Deeply convinced as I am, that the loyal sentiments of the People of this Colony are unchanged, I do not feel myself called upon to make any reference to the discussions which are taking place in surrounding Colonies.

The Fisheries, though less prosperous than in 1848, have yet supplied our domestic consumption, and yielded, at the high prices which our great staples command abroad, a valuable export.

In resuming our labours for the public good, let us diligently endeavour to deserve by thankfulness, industry and forethought, a blessing upon our efforts, and the continued favours of a beneficent Providence.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

The Accounts for the past, and the Estimates for the current year, will be laid before you without delay, and you will be gratified to learn that the Supplies, so liberally granted, have been adequate to meet the expenses of the financial year, and that the Revenue is on the increase.—Though the payment of the Arrears under the Civil List Bill, and the construction of the Electric Telegraph, have required heavy advances, the Loan authorized by the Act of last Session has been largely reduced, and will, I confidently anticipate, be shortly liquidated.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

The Imperial Parliament having passed an Act, authorizing the several Governments of North America to regulate their Internal Posts, a measure will be promptly submitted to you in accordance with that enactment, and I am happy to be able to assure you that no obstacle now exists to the entire control being assumed by the Provincial Government over this branch of the Public Service, and to the establishment of a low and uniform rate of postage throughout British North America.

The School Act expires at the close of the present Session, and a measure aimed at a further extension of the blessings of Education, will be submitted to you, which, I trust, will be found to embody the improvements suggested by recent experience.

The absence of any provision for Lunatics has been painfully forced upon my attention during the recess, and now I refer to the subject chiefly for the purpose of submitting whether some arrangement might not be made, either for the erection and endowment of an Asylum for the insane, or for the maintenance, in suitable Institutions founded in the neighbouring Provinces, of those unfortunates who, without the light of reason, are unable to support themselves.

The Report of the Commissioners appointed to revise and consolidate the Laws of the Province will be immediately laid before you, and the greater part of the work having been done, I am gratified by the assurance that your united labours, in the present and the ensuing Session, will enable you to perfect this long desired and most valuable improvement.

The tenure of Land in the Island of Cape Breton, appearing to demand legislation, that titles may be confirmed and litigation averted, measures will be laid before you, which, I trust, matured by your wisdom, will accomplish these desirable results.

The subject of the reciprocal interchange of staple productions between the British Provinces on this Continent and the United States of America, brought to my notice last Session, has largely engaged the attention of my Government, and I hope to have, in the delicate and peculiar aspect which the question has assumed, the advantage of your calm and united deliberations.

## NOTICE.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing between the Subscribers, under the style and firm of Wm. J. Bedell & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the above firm are requested to make payment to the Subscriber, W. J. Bedell, who will also liquidate the liabilities of said firm.

W. J. BEDELL,  
GEO. A. MUNRO.

Fredericton, 31st Dec. 1849.

## FREDERICTON DISPENSARY.

*"Blessed be he that provideth for the sick and needy, the Lord shall deliver him in time of trouble."—Psalm xli.*

Much suffering is known to exist among the Poor in this City from the want of Medical treatment and advice. The attendance of a Physician at a professional charge, and the simplest remedies, are often beyond the reach of many who yet shrink from applying for aid provided by the law for objects of Parish charge. Such parties have the strongest claim upon the sympathy of their fellow citizens.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, and some others, have proposed relief for such cases, by establishing a Dispensary in Fredericton. Dr. Toldervy had most kindly offered his services, and has made an arrangement with a Druggist to supply the Medicines required at a reduced rate.

## COMMITTEE:

Bishop DOLLARD, B. WOLHAUPTER, Esquire,  
The Rev. J. M. BROOKE, J. SIMPSON, Esquire.  
The Rev. W. Q. KETCHUM,  
J. TOLDERVY, M. D., Medical Officer.  
Rev. W. Q. KETCHUM, Secretary and Treasurer.

Contributions to this object, and the names of contributors, will be gladly received by the Secretary and Treasurer, and by any Member of the Committee.

Tickets will be supplied for the several amounts.

N. B.—The name of the Patient, and the person recommending, to be inserted on the Ticket.

## RULES.

I. Every person subscribing five shillings shall have the power of recommending two cases, not being cases of women in childbirth.

II. Every person subscribing ten shillings and upwards, shall have the power of recommending one such case for every two shillings subscription.

III. The person bringing a Subscriber's Ticket to the Medical Officer, does so on the understanding that he or she conforms to the Rules of the Society and the directions of the Medical Officer.

IV. The Medical Officer shall have the power of declining to attend persons whom he knows not to be objects of charity in such a sense as to entitle them to gratuitous Medical aid, or who are receiving Parochial relief in Medical attendance or otherwise.

V. All Tickets so rejected, shall be returned, endorsed by the Medical Officer, to the Subscriber, who shall be entitled to have them renewed on application to the Secretary.

VI. The Tickets of persons prescribed for or attended by the Medical Officer, shall be pasted in a book provided by the Dispensary, with a memorandum of the attendance and the nature of the complaint and treatment from time to time, as well as of wine and other extras ordered for the patients.

VII. The funds of the Dispensary shall be applied as follows:—

1st. To pay for Medicines furnished on the prescription of the Medical Officer:

2nd. To pay for bandages, splints, leeches, and medical appliances, thought necessary by the Medical Officer:

3rd. To pay to the Medical Officer a certain sum, to be determined by the Committee, for any case demanding extra care and visits to the patient's own house; in which may be included, at the discretion of the Committee, cases of midwifery:

4th. To defray any charges incident on the medical relief;

5th. To provide wine and medical comforts absolutely necessary, to be given by the Medical Officer and him only:

6th. If there be any surplus at the end of the year, a distribution of Clothing shall take place under the direction of the Committee.

VIII. The Committee shall meet monthly, commencing on the second Monday in January next, at 12 o'clock, (or at any such time as the Medical Officer or any two of the Committee may think necessary,) inspect the Books of the Medical Officer, the Druggist's Accounts, and shall summon an annual meeting of the Subscribers, before whom the Accounts shall be laid at such meeting.

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1849.

Received from Mr. Simpson, being a balance in his hands from Ladies Benevolent Society,	£2	1	3
Sir Edmund Head,	5	0	0
The Bishop of Fredericton,	1	0	0
Bishop Dollard,	5	0	0
The Ven. The Archdeacon,	1	0	0
Rev. J. M. Brooke,	0	10	0