

POETRY.

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THE BARD TO WINTER.

Wild rider of the tempest on his bow,
Whose hoarse voice is given—Sire of storm!

THE MIDNIGHT WIND.

Mournfully! Oh, mournfully!
This midnight wind doth sigh,

VARIETY.

MARCH OF POLYTES.—While a lady
was passing Bedford-square the other day,

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, February 13.

ALBENS.—The Bill for naturalizing William

Quint and Anos Blumner, was this day

Mr. SIMONDS did not approve of the bill,

because it would be merely partial and

in its operation. He would rather be

passing a general bill for the naturalization

of all Aliens, who might be desirous of the

privileges of British subjects, and who had

become settlers in the Province. He

had some fears, however, that this bill

would interfere with the provisions

of the English Parliamentary Act, which

was passed for the purpose of naturalizing

in a general manner all persons who

were therefore not prepared to give a

definite opinion on the subject, till he had

an opportunity of examining that act.

Mr. END thought this bill unnecessary,

because he was not aware of any means

by which Aliens could become British

subjects, unless according to the provisions

of the British statute, alluded to by

Mr. Simonds; which was particularly

entitled, "An Act for the naturalization

of Foreign Protestants." That act, however,

contained some restrictions which were

peculiarly grievous to various denominations

of Protestants; because it merely included

Protestants, and required the Sacrament to

be taken in a Reformed Church, by all

candidates for naturalization. That

provision operated as a great

grievance on many people, because it

imposed a burden on their consciences, which

many of them were unable to bear. In

the Colonies, also, that clause of the

act had operated with peculiar

oppression; because, although it

merely required the Sacramental test to

be taken in some Reformed Church; yet, in the

Colonies, it was always construed to

The House resolved itself into a Committee

of WAYS AND MEANS.

Mr. VAIL in the chair.

Mr. Partelow opened the budget, by

observing, that he was not aware of

any important committee that had

been raised to-day, as there was plenty

of business before the House; and he

had the satisfaction to find that the

committee was one of the most

important that could be raised in the

House; and he was sorry to observe,

that there appeared a great disposition

among hon. members to increase

those taxes. He would now, however,

address to the House, briefly, although

not so well prepared as he wished, the

principal subjects for discussion in the

present session. With respect to Rum,

he was willing to raise the duty as high

as the committee might think fit; because,

from the influence of the Temperance

Societies, but little was now drunk,

and a high duty would cause only a

small quantity of it to be imported.

It was also for a general, not a

particular duty on Wine, which would

be a great advantage to the Colonies.

As to foreign oxen: in consequence

of all that he had heard from the

County of Charlotte, he should be

lessening the duty; perhaps as low as

30s.; which would produce a greater

revenue, by really relieving some

of the good people of Charlotte from

the importation of it, in consequence

of the indignity of increasing the

revenue, by imposing an *ad valorem*

duty of 2 per cent on British

manufactures. Mr. Speaker was

rather surprised to hear the hon.

member for St. John assert, that

there was no necessity for increasing

the revenue; when it was evident,

that ever since 1827 the Province had

been in an embarrassed state. In

1829 that embarrassment was so

great, that the house were compelled

to cut off several articles of the

budget, excepting a very small sum,

for absolutely necessary repairs. The

next year, in consequence of that

relief to the expenditure, the revenue

was rather better; but the province

had ever since been in a state of

great embarrassment. The credit of

the province had been injured; many

warrants had been issued for public

works, and the amount was now

more than £100,000. The hon. member

for St. John, however, stated, that

the amount of the public debt was

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