

NOVA SCOTIA (87) ALMANACK.

land, 1 Methodist, 1 Congregational, 1 Catholic, and 1 Baptist to be built next spring. 24 schools, with 538 scholars.—*County of Lunenburg.* Contains 3 townships, Chester, Lunenburg, and New Dublin. Places of worship, 5 church of England, 1 Presbyterian, 1 Catholic, 1 Lutheran, 2 Baptist, 2 Methodist, and 2 Free Meeting Houses. Schools, 40, partly supported by provincial fund, with 1129 scholars.

WESTERN DIVISION.—*County of Annapolis.* It is divided into 2 districts, the Upper and Lower; the former contains 3 townships, Wilmot, Granville and Annapolis, the latter 3; Clements, Digby and Clare. Places of worship, church of England 12, Baptist 12, Methodist, 11.—*County of Shelburne.* Contains 4 townships, Yarmouth, Argyle, Barrington, and Shelburne; and is divided into 2 districts; viz. the district of Shelburne, and that of Yarmouth and Argyle. Places of worship in Shelburne district, 1 Church of England, 2 Presbyterian, 6 Methodist, (including 1 building) 4 Baptist, and 2 free chapels, Sabbath schools, 3 Methodist, containing 95 scholars. District of Yarmouth and Argyle, 1 church of England, 2 Baptists, 1 Methodist and 1 Presbyterian. Common schools, 10 men's, and 11 women's.

County of Cape-Breton.—This county is divided into 3 Districts, called, the First or North Eastern, of which Sydney is the capital; Second, or Southern, capital, Arichat; Third, or North Western, capital, Port Hood.—The county contains 5 townships, viz. Sydney, Arichat, Margarie, Port Hood, and Canso. Places of worship, North Eastern District, at Sydney, the Episcopal church of St. George's, the Roman Catholic chapel, both stone buildings, the latter a spacious and handsome structure; and a Dissenting meeting house, built of wood, in which a Methodist missionary at present officiates, but in which Baptist ministers occasionally preach. There is a church at the North West Arm of this river, in which a minister of the church of England officiates, and a Dissenting meeting house; also a Roman Catholic chapel at the Mines, one at the French Village, and one severally at Low Point, the East Bay, the great Narrows, and in some other parts of this District, as well as several Dissenting places of worship, some already built, and others in contemplation of being built. Common schools. Education seems to be greatly neglected by the Legislature in this quarter; it can hardly be said there is even a common school kept in Sydney by a male teacher; certainly none that can be considered permanently such. In the *Southern District* there are one Academy and four common schools. *North Western District.*—Places of worship, one Catholic church each, at the following places: Cheticamp, Margarie, Broad Cove, Mabou, Port Hood and Judique. Protestant one each at Margarie, Baddeck, Broad Cove, Mabou, Port Hood, Gut Canso, River Inhabitants and River Dennis. No. of schools in the District, 22, scholars, 670.

The Indians built a neat chapel at Bras d'Or Lake, about 15 years ago, in which the Rev. Patrick McKeagney occasionally officiates.

THE CHOLERA.—This dreadful disease, made its appearance in Halifax, on the 5th day of August, 1834.—The number of deaths reported by the Board of Health, from that date to September 30—when reports ceased to be issued in consequence of the abatement of the disease—is 400. But as it appears impossible to ascertain the number correctly, we may not be charged with exaggeration in asserting that one-eighth more may be added to the number reported, which would swell it to about 450. The number of cases reported exceeded 1200.

SYDNEY MINES.—There are at present about 300 men daily employed at the Mines and Rail Road, and about 200 are employed during the winter months. There were 14,966 chaldrons coal shipped in 1831; 19,957, in 1832; and 15,302 in 1833; total 50,225: averaging 16,742 chals yearly, for 3 years.

They do not raise more coal than is sufficient to keep a stock for one summer's shipping; but have capabilities of raising and shipping 40,000 chaldrons annually, which could be increased if required.—The present mines-winding-engine is 24 horse power, depth of shaft 60 yards; another 20 horse power winding-engine is being erected; and a 70 horse power pumping engine will be put up next summer; depth of shaft 112 yards.

There is a large Foundry for either iron or brass, with a 20 horse power engine, and a blowing apparatus equal to 15 horse power; it also drives a circular saw, turns a lathe, and pumps; is intended to drive one gang of 8 saws and another of 2 saws; can also be connected to a boring apparatus, capable of boring cylinders, &c. up to 3 feet 6 inches diameter.