

400 per cent. There has also been an enormous increase in the value of its fisheries. In 1836 these were valued at \$895,000, and in 1885 they were estimated at \$9,000,000,—an increase of 1,000 per cent. The bank note circulation in the province was under \$400,000 in 1836, while last year it exceeded \$5,000,000. With its progress otherwise the cause of education has not been neglected in the province. A return of 1832 shows that then it had 420 schools, attended by 11,771 scholars, or 9 per cent. of the population, while the statistics of last year show that then there were 105,400 pupils attending school, comprising nearly 25 per cent. of the population. These figures best testify regarding the present flourishing condition of Nova Scotia, and augur well for its future prosperity.—*Scientific American*.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—We regret to learn of the death of Col. J. M. Gray, C. M. G., of Charlottetown, which sad event took place on Tuesday. The deceased was a native of that place, and was highly esteemed. In 1863, he was Premier of P. E. Island, but two years later, out of differences arising about Confederation, of which he was an ardent supporter, he resigned his seat in the Conservative Government, and was succeeded by the late Hon. J. C. Pope. Some years ago, Her Majesty, in recognition of his eminent services to the Crown, conferred upon him the decoration of a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. He was a devout member of St. James' Kirk, which will greatly miss his services. Colonel Gray leaves a large family. His third daughter is married to Mr. H. S. Poole, Manager of the Acadia Coal Coy., Stellarton.

ORWELL, P. E. I.—Rev. D. B. McLeod was inducted into the pastorate of Orwell Head Church, P. E. Island, July 28th. The congregation seemed deeply interested in the proceedings. The congregation, though not large, is compact. The people are mostly industrious and prosperous farmers. The land is well cultivated, the farms are free of debt, and few agricultural districts on the Island are making more rapid progress than Orwell.

THE prospectus of the St. Paul's Institute, a charitable educational and missionary institution about to be established in Tarsus, the birth-place of the Apostle Paul, has been issued. Tarsus is situated in the Province of Cilicia, in Asia Minor, at present one of the Provinces of the Turkish Empire, and has a population of about 20,000. It will be undenominational, yet thoroughly religious and evangelical.

REMINISCENCES OF A LONG LIFE.

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THE LATE REV. DONALD ALLAN FRASER was a very talented man and a thorough gentleman; but although a good preacher, yet nothing like Fletcher. We were all much disappointed at first at Mr. Fraser's preaching; for we really thought every Minister of the Church of Scotland was like Fletcher, or should be so. Mr. Fraser, nevertheless, was a most excellent person. No Minister since his day has gained the affections of his people like him; nor is it likely that any will. He and his amiable wife pitched their tent in the wilderness, dwelling for many years in a rough log shanty and made it the cheerful and welcome resting-place of all comers. Oh! how many happy hours I have spent with the joyous inmates of that log house.

The interests of a growing family and the smallness of the stipends induced Mr. and Mrs. Fraser to leave Pictou, and go, first to Lunenburg, and then to St. John's, Newfoundland,—at which latter place Mr. Fraser died.

I said that he was a talented man. Some years after his being settled in this County, his talents were called into requisition in a way not palatable to his taste, nor congenial to his feelings. The bitterness of party strife was at its height when he arrived here, and the clergymen that were here before looked on him as an intruder on a domain that was exclusively their own. The late Rev. Dr. McCulloch was the bitterest, and by far the cleverest of these.

The Doctor was considered to be the ablest controversial writer in the Colony. He had published, along with various other papers, two large books on Popery, and he was also at the head of Pictou Academy,—an Institution which stood high in reputation then, and continued to do so as long as the Doctor was Principal of it.

In an unfortunate hour for the Doctor's own reputation, without the smallest provocation he made a wanton and very intemperate attack on Mr. Fraser's character in a long article published in the *Acadian Recorder* newspaper. Mr. Fraser could not get over replying, but he evidently shrunk from the encounter. He prepared a paper in reply, but submitted its contents to Squire Fraser and myself before it was sent to the publisher. We condemned the article *in toto*, and made him burn it before our eyes, for it was far too soft. We gave him