

THE DOCTOR—What steps do you intend to take?

THE MAJOR—Advise Mr. Maclear to memorialize the Departmental head quarters, and ascertain whether his praiseworthy exertions to diffuse cheap knowledge and enlighten the darkness that seems to prevail at home, respecting Canada, are, to go unrewarded, or are rather to entail pecuniary loss on him.

THE DOCTOR—I think the Emigration articles alone entitle him to have the point conceded, and now that he is about to issue his history, he has a double claim.

THE MAJOR—I think what he asks is little enough. Mr. Christie received some patronage for his history of Lower Canada; Smith's Canada had also a few crumbs thrown to it; while the *Anglo*, which has done little else but attempt to Canadianize the rest of the world is suffered to go not only unrewarded, but is positively to be punished for an attempt to increase its media of receiving information.

THE DOCTOR—Will not the Press come forward in support of our claims?

THE MAJOR—I reckon with much confidence in their co-operation in the matter, and have very little doubt but that, when the matter is fairly stated, we shall receive what we ask. In the meantime, we will ask our exchanges only to transmit us that copy of their journals which may contain a notice, whether favorable or otherwise, of the Magazine. Our pockets are light, and we cannot afford to pay for the great number of papers which we at present receive."

In a young country like Canada, where indigenous literature may be said to be struggling for a bare existence, it is, unquestionably, the duty of Government to foster the tender plant, by every possible appliance."

But little of general interest has occurred to mark the progress of the past month in these Provinces. The winter season has been more slow in its approach than usual, and up to the middle of December the lakes were still free, and the earth as void of frost as in October. Since then the weather has attained the severity usual to this season of winter.

The Supreme Court in Nova Scotia, has had its usual term during the past month, at which several interesting cases were decided. The most prominent of these was Geikie vs. Elliot, in which the plaintiff recovered £350 damages, for defamation of character.

The Hon. J. B. Uniacke and Hon. J. W. Johnston have been appointed to the rank of Queen's Counsel in Nova Scotia.

The schr. *Brilliant*, sailed for Melbourne, Port Philip, from Yarmouth, early in December, with twenty-six passengers bound for Australia.

His Excellency Kerr B. Hamilton, Governor of Newfoundland, arrived at Halifax per steamer *Canada*, on the 24th.

The General Election for the Island of Newfoundland has resulted in the return of nine Roman Catholic and six Protestant members.

Dr. McGregor, late a resident and medical practitioner in Charlottetown, P. E. I., has been barbarously murdered in the city of Senora, in California.

Letters have been received in New Brunswick, from Mr. Jackson, Railway Contractor. Matters connected with Provincial Railways, are stated to be progressing favourably in England.

New Brunswick is reported to be in a more prosperous condition than for many years. The season has been unusually productive; business increasing, and employment abundant and remunerative.

By the Cunard steamers *Niagara* and *Canada*, we have European news to the 11th ult.

Since the enthusiasm produced in England by the Duke's funeral, the public mind has been restored to its usual quiet.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has introduced the important subject of the Budget to Parliament. Various reductions and modifications of the revenue have been proposed.

Parliament was to adjourn on the 10th for a recess of nine weeks.

A meeting of the Ladies of England was convened on the 8th, by the