

of the resources and needs of the province, and its prophetic insight into the future. That the paper was ably conducted can be well understood when it is known that its founder and editor is remembered to-day as one of Nova Scotia's most gifted sons, whose writings and addresses created a profound interest at the time of their publication. Even to-day these will repay careful perusal.

There was one peculiarity in connection with the birth of the NOVA SCOTIAN which distinguished it from the birth of its contemporary periodicals and their predecessors. At that time and for some time previous the province was deluged with pseudo periodicals which failed to survive their first editions, whereas, the NOVA SCOTIAN has survived to its 84th year, and never was it as vigorous, healthy and prosperous as it is to-day, never has the outlook been so bright for a long future of usefulness.

Able as was the first editor of the NOVA SCOTIAN—and the memory of Young is still cherished as one of the great men which the Province has produced—it was the second editor who was to have the greatest influence, not only upon the paper itself, but upon the Province and the Empire. Sometime in 1826 Mr. Young's paper was purchased by Joseph Howe, and its publication continued by him in co-partnership with James Spike for the next two or three years. Then Mr. Spike retired and Mr. Howe continued the paper on his own account until 1842 when his political duties compelled him to relinquish the newspaper to other hands.

Although retiring for a time to take his place as leader of the House of Assembly he left the door open for his return, his announcement to the readers regarding the retirement contained