

consider as the extremity of the north pole, and hence the saying, "cold as Nova Scotia," "barren as Nova Scotia;" and when some poor houseless vagabond is seen to pass, that "he looks as though he were *bound to Nova Scotia*;" or of some hardened villian who is a nuisance to the community, that "he ought to be banished to Nova Scotia."

"Even in this enlightened age, when the facilities of travelling and voyaging have brought us nearer and made us familiar with almost every people under heaven, the ignorant prejudice respecting this province still remains; and the bare mention of it in most companies, will set their teeth to chattering.

"Whether the word Nova, (new,) being translated *north*, which we are confident it very generally is, is the cause of the chilling associations connected with it, we are unable to say. Perhaps the stern despotism which has been always exercised there, since the English sat foot upon the soil, has had its share in producing them.

"The memory of the thousands of our brave countrymen who have perished in the dungeons and prisonships at Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, during the war of the Revolution, is yet rife in the mind of every American; and there is nothing in prison discipline remembered with so much abhorrence; unless it is the accaldama of Dartmoor, or the black-hole of Calcutta.

"The enactment of the cruelties practised in Nova Scotia, however, towards the French or our own helpless citizens, has not made the place bleak or sterile. The grandest scenes in nature have sometimes been the theatre of the most horrible tragedies; and though, by association, they may in a measure lose their charms, yet the face of the country is not changed; and this province is, for the most part, eminently beautiful in its scenery."