

In November, the Hon. John Rose, Finance Minister of Canada, laid before the Governor General, a series of Reports and Papers, bearing upon the question of Nova Scotia Finance. These papers are too voluminous and detailed (covering forty folio pages) to be re-printed here. They will be furnished to the Public Departments, when copies come on from Canada. I subjoin the table of contents, that you may see what care and labor have been bestowed on this enquiry.

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HALIFAX, *December 4, 1868.*

SIR,—

I have had the honour to receive the Printed Papers forwarded to me by the last mail, and I have read with deep interest the elaborate reports prepared by yourself and Mr. Langton. They appear to me to be conceived and expressed in a candid and judicial spirit.

You are aware of the line taken here by the members of the Local Government. As they are trammelled by their action prior to the receipt by me of Sir John A. Macdonald's letter of the 6th Oct. and by their subse-

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