

T H E B I Z E S .

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN 4, 1837.

MEMBERS' PLEDGES.—A REFORMED COUNCIL.
—Some of the Members lately returned, have pledged themselves not to do any business with the Council, until they throw the doors of the Council Chamber open to the public. This is as it ought to be, and we sincerely hope that the new house will act unanimously in obtaining this necessary reform.

It is a lasting disgrace to Nova Scotia, that its Representatives have suffered this gross violation, of the constitutional rights of a British people to exist so long. Our Council will look in vain to any other country possessing a Representative Government, for a precedent for this infraction of the people's rights.

But the question which at the present time, takes precedence of all others on this subject, is that which involves the Constitution of Colonial Councils. This subject has been recently agitated in the Canadas, where the practical workings of irresponsible Councils have been more conspicuous than in the Lower Provinces; not that their dangers in these Provinces have tended more to the public weal, but because there, a spirit of enquiry and resistance, has elicited facts which in a more quiescent state of politics, would have remained concealed from the People's view. Nothing indeed, can be worse than the present mode of Council making. The King, or his Colonial Minister, or representative in the Colony, appoints them from among the hangers-on about Government, without regard to their local knowledge of the country and people, over whose destinies they are to preside. Their appointment, or continuance in office, being in no way dependent on the will of the people, it is not to be wondered at, that their decisions on the Bills sent up from the popular Branch, are so often at variance with the best interests of the people. It is in vain that the defenders of the present system, maintain, that our Colonial Councils are equivalent to the House of Lords in England; to any careful observer it must be evident, that there is nothing in the former, analogous to the latter, save in the unimportant fact that both are branches of Government placed between the King and Commons. The Lords are hereditary, which our Councils are not, nor ever can be. The Lords are in some measure responsible for their acts, for, being the great proprietors of the soil, any measure of theirs which would injure the people, who are their farmers, must immediately react upon themselves, or ultimately upon their posterity—while every motive, which either ambition or avarice can invent, are enlisted in favor of our Councils making the most of their situation, which is held for ought the people can do, during the life of the incumbents. It is this subject, thus viewed, which has produced the present alarming crisis in Lower Canada, from the troubles of which the Upper Province is by no means exempted. Both have demanded an Elective Council, and Lower Canada has gone so far as to say, that until this point be conceded, her Representatives will never more obey the summons of the Governor, to meet in Provincial Parliament.

This resolve will be a tickler for my Lord Glenelg, and will certainly produce a settlement of the question in some way or other; and, as this decision, must deeply affect this and every other Government having irresponsible Councils, it becomes our Representatives to weigh well the matter in their own minds, how they ought to act in the emergency, as there is no doubt that the sway of Britain over these Colonies, and Councils, as at present constituted, cannot long exist together.

Last week we noticed that the Tory Parliament of Upper Canada had voted £300 of the people's money to pay a Reporter to the House. This week we read that they have voted £1,200 as a salary to the Attorney General; and, in imitation of Nova Scotia were

passing a law to confirm the seats of Members until the end of their Parliaments (four years), in the event of a demise of the Crown.

It is thus that one bad Government copies from another, all Acts that tend to abridge the liberties of the people. A few years ago, Nova Scotia led the van in raising Members' pay; others have imitated her example since; her neighbors have appropriated to their own use another specimen of her wisdom, and in return, it is not unlikely but we may hear of some of our M P's quoting the salaries of the Attorney General, and Reporter of Upper Canada in support of some other imposition equally iniquitous.

The third Quarterly Meeting of the Pictou Temperance Society was held on Tuesday. The attendance was numerous and respectable, and the Members and others present, were much gratified with an Address delivered before them by Mr D. S. Morrison, who received the cordial thanks of the Meeting.

The Secretary having read a Circular from Mr Ward, secretary of the Halifax Temperance Society, pointing out the utility of promoting a more extended circulation of the *Temperance Recorder and Tracts*, by a small contribution from members of societies throughout the Province. Some discussion ensued, but as no resolution was come to, we are desired to state, that the Committee had previously resolved, that a contribution should be made for the object, among those who felt disposed to further it. A subscription paper now lies with the Secretary, Mr A. D. Gordon, who will receive and forward such gratuities as may offer.

Five new Members were added to the list.

A few months since, we noticed the appearance of a very respectable monthly paper published at Wick, in Caithness, Scotland, under the singular title of the *John O'Great Journal*, conducted on liberal principles and with no small ability. We have now the pleasure of announcing an opposition paper, published weekly in the same Town, in the quarto form, called the *Northern Star*. Its principles appear to be moderate Tory, and in workmanship it is not inferior to any Provincial paper of the day. We have been kindly favored by a gentleman with a perusal of two numbers of the *Star*, from which we have made some extracts into the last and the present Numbers of the BIZ.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.—At its last meeting an interesting Essay on "Instinct," was read by Mr Morrison, which elicited a very lively discussion from the assembled audience.

We have much pleasure in announcing the Rev. Thos. Trotter lecturer this evening on 'Meteorology.'

THE Provincial Parliament of Nova Scotia is summoned to meet for the despatch of business, on the 31st instant.

A LARGE HOG.—Mr Peter Mason, of second Peninsula, Lunenburg, killed about a fortnight since, a hog only 15 months old, which weighed 303 pounds. —Times.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"A Petitioner" will excuse us for not inserting his communication; he can have recourse in another quarter, at once more speedy and effectual than through our columns. We beg to inform "O. P." that a refutation of the writer in the *Norascotian* on the Pictou Literary Society, would come more properly from the Secretary.

MARKET,

On Thursday last, at the East River, by the Rev. Mr Roy, Mr Duncan McKay, to Mrs Ann Cutton, both of that place.

DIED,

At Toney River, on Sunday last, Mr Duncan Urquhart, aged 80 years, a native of Sutherlandshire, Scotland.

On Saturday last, Daniel, son of Mr William Ross, aged 16 months.

COUNTY TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

WHERE will be held at New Glasgow, on Wednesday the 15th instant, at 12 o'clock, a Convention of Delegates and others, interested in the cause of Temperance, of which Societies and other friends of the Cause throughout the County will please take notice.

January 4, 1837.

TO LET:

The SHOP lately occupied by Mr. James Kitchen. Apply to J. D. B. FRASER.

January 4, 1837. if

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS.

THE subscriber in expectation of a large supply of Goods in the ensuing spring, will sell his present stock at greatly reduced prices.

R. DAWSON.
Pictou, January 4, 1837. if

IMPORTED,

In the Brig *Squirrel*, from New York, and for Sale by the Subscriber:

ROWLAND'S PHILADELPHIA BEST MILL-SAW PLATES, 5 & 6 ft
Do. Do. Circular Saws, of a new and superior construction.

ALSO:

Blacksmiths' BELLOWS, ANVILS & VICES
Carron STOVES, 2½ and 3 ft. lengths.

IRON, well assorted.
Stove Salt in bags; Pots and Ovens, useful sizes; Large Pots, 20 to 35 gallons each.

GEO. SMITH.
December 29, 1836. c-m

ACADIAN TELEGRAPH.

THE Subscriber, thanks those persons who have already patronised his attempt at establishing a weekly paper, in which Reports of Public Proceedings should form a regular and prominent feature. His temporary discontinuance has caused additional support, and expressions of good wishes, for which he feels very grateful. He will re-commence issuing the Telegraph on the first week in January, and hopes, that, a further addition of names made to his list, up to that period, will enable him to renew his labours with increased confidence.

He has been much gratified at the opinion respecting the numbers of the Telegraph which have appeared; and will make such improvements as circumstances will warrant, and experience suggest.

JOHN S. THOMPSON.

Halifax, November, 1836.
A Subscription List for the reception of Subscribers' names, lies at the Bee Office.

FIRM FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber intending to quit the Province in the Spring of the year, offers for sale his FARM, STOCK, FURNITURE, &c.

as it now stands, situated on the West River of Pictou, seven miles from town, on the road leading to Halifax, and intersected by the roads leading from Rogers Hill, Loch Broom, Alton Mines, Green Hill, &c. all of which meet on the property; the new bridge on the river crosses at the door, forming one of the most desirable situations for business to be found in the county, with every prospect of its soon becoming a thriving village. Three sides of the property front the roads, which will cause it to be highly valuable hereafter, should the possessor wish to dispose of any part of it in Lots. The land is of first quality, well watered, and long dry; it abounds in freestone of good quality for building, and a sufficiency of wood for fencing, &c. Possession will be given in May.

For further particulars apply to Mr N Beck, in Pictou, or to ALEXANDER FORSYTH, West River, 20th December, 1836. if

WANTS.—Cash will be given by Ross and Primrose for OATS, during the winter. November 30.