

We can, however, give Mr McPhail's leading ideas in very few words: He thinks the present School Act very deficient; and so do we. He thinks a competent person should be appointed to examine the subject of Education thoroughly, and report thereon to the Assembly; we think a Committee would be better. He thinks assessment should be substituted for subscription for Common Schools; so do we. He thinks, moreover, that the Scotch system, generally, would work better than ours, as by providing a more permanent and competent salary, and more comfortable lodgings, their qualifications would be improved, and thus the present half-educated generation of teachers would soon give place to a better educated and more respectable class.

Not being "wedded to any party," as "A Friend to Truth" very justly remarks, we cannot deny our columns to one party, when we published the papers of the other. Our Correspondent shall have good evidence of this disposition on our part, when he gives us his sentiments in the same temperate language, and with as much regard to truth as "An Opponent" has done. But his present Communication is too vituperative, and deals too much in invidious designations for insertion.

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK have negatived two Bills providing a bounty on grain and fish; and have also rejected a motion of Mr End, for leave to bring in a Bill for providing pay for the Legislative Council.

ACCIDENTS FROM CLOTHES CATCHING FIRE.—On the 16th Dec. last, at North River, Onslow, a child, eight years of age, having on a cotton frock, caught fire, and before it could be extinguished, was so much burned that it expired in great agony 17 days after the accident.

On Sunday evening, 18th instant, Janet, daughter of Mr George Joudrie, of River John, aged 18 years, unfortunately got her clothes on fire, and was so severely burned, that her life is despaired of.

PICTOU COUNTY ELECTION.—By the following memorandum, which has been handed in by a friend, it will be seen that Mr McKenzie's majority at Egerton, was exactly the same as Mr Dickson's at Maxwellton,—leaving the majority of the latter the same there as at Pictou.

| | Dickson. | McKenzie. | Majority. |
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| At Pictou, | 577 | 531 | 46 for D. |
| " Egerton, | 281 | 376 | 95 for M. |
| " Maxwellton, | 177 | 82 | 95 for D. |
| Final close, | 1035 | 939 | 46 for D. |

A scrutiny has been demanded, and is now in progress. This operation will no doubt reveal some unpleasant truths, connected with the Freeholders' oath. This oath, we think, should be abolished, as its too frequent administration destroys its solemnity; and we fear it is taken by many who are ignorant of its nature.

The Nancy Givan arrived at Liverpool in 22 days from Pictou.

A gentleman in Tatamagouche writes his friend in this Town, as follows:—"I have just gone to the Post Office to say that we heard thunder this morning (Saturday) since I wrote you. It was heard here in a S E direction; and by several persons on the New Anna, Tatamagouche, and River John roads, four or five miles distant from this."

THE CUMBERLAND SCRUTINY is again being prosecuted before the Committee who have, we understand, decided to receive the testimony prepared last session.—Recorder.

COUNTY OF LUNenburg.—Messrs Creighton, Bolman, and Zwicker, are, it is said, canvassing for the seat of the hon. Wm. Dewolf.—Jb.

WINDSOR.—Mr McHesley has been returned for the Township of Windsor, in the room of honble. L. M. Wilkins. The Poll closed on the 16th instant, as follows: McHesley 68; Dewolf, 64.

THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY will re-open this evening. Mr Sproull, senr., lectures—On Geology.

DIED,

On Saturday last, John, third son of Mr Nicholas Beck, in the 10th year of his age.

On Sunday last, after a lingering illness, Hugh, only son of Mr George McKay, senr., in the 11th year of his age.

Same day, after a protracted illness, Sarah, daughter of Mr Andrew Fisher, aged 2 years and 2 months.

To the Obituary notice, in our last paper, of Mr. John Matheson, Rogers' Hill, a friend of the deceased adds the following: "He was a native of Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and a passenger in the ship Hector. His obliging disposition and correct deportment secured to him the universal esteem and respect of a large circle of acquaintance. As far as the eye of humanity could discover, he died rich in faith and an heir of the Kingdom."

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CHARLES YOUNG.

Halifax, N. S. Feb. 14, 1838.

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THE HALIFAX PEARL is published every Saturday morning on superior paper and type, at the very low price of 15s per annum, if paid in advance. Each number contains eight large quarto pages. The first number of the new series of this work, beautifully printed on an enlarged sheet, has just been issued, and may be seen at the different book-stores in town.

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Postmasters and other Agents obtaining subscribers and forwarding the money in advance, will be entitled to receive one copy for every six names.

Agent for Pictou, A. P. Ross, Esquire. PEARL OFFICE, Halifax, January 12.

FALL, 1837.

R. DAWSON,

Has received per ship Westmoreland,

A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF IRONMONGERY, HARDWARE, AND CUTLERY,

CONSISTING of—English and Sweden Iron; Crawley, German, blister and cast Steel; Borax; spikes, nails, brads and tacks;

PLOUGH MOUNTINGS, complete;

pots, ovens, goblots, and sauce pans; copper and iron- coal scoops; copper, B. M., and metal tea-kettles; gridles;

SADDLERS' ASSORTED FURNISHINGS; coach lacings; cabinet and house brass furnishings; locks and hinges, (various), fauner mountings, bed screws; garden hoes and rakes; Philad. plate mill saws, frame and other saws; razors; mathematical instruments; pocket compasses, butcher, shoe, table, jack, pen, and desk knives; iron and B. M. spoons; coffin furniture; plough traces; door knockers;

MATHIESON'S JOINERS' TOOLS,

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Coopers' tools; lines and twines; Blacksmiths' and other files; coffee mills; spades and shovels; brushes, candlesticks; CRIMPING MACHINES; brass sofa and table castors,

COUNTER BEAMS & WEIGHTS

sad and box irons; cart and wagon bushes; chisels and gouges; Tailors' and other scissors; combs;

FENDERS AND FIRE IRONS;

Franklin, Cooking, and Shop Stoves; Blacksmiths' bellows, anvils, and vices; cue irons; bullet moulds; patent shot, powder; window glass; putty.

PAINT AND OIL;

scythes, sickles; weavers' reeds; fiddle strings, mirrors, (various); Tinsmiths' iron and wire; &c. &c.

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A few Chinese and other rich SHAWLS; Palm leaf HATS, by the dozen; stuff and silk Hats; &c. &c.

ALSO:

Hyson, Congo, and Bohea TEAS;

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Water street, Pictou, June 16.

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THE subscriber offers a few bushels Early Hop-ton Oats, at 5s. per bushel—weighing 42 lbs. They were sown last year on the 5th of May, and reaped on the 6th September, being the earliest cut in this County.

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January 31.

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February 14. u-w

70 BBLs. of prime fall Mackerel, for sale by A. P. ROSS. January 1, 1838.