

## PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

Figures make, as a rule, unattractive reading, but in order that our readers may be thoroughly posted in the provincial finances, we publish in full the following returns, which were presented to the House of Assembly by the Provincial Secretary.

| REVENUE.                        |           |                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Agriculture.....                | \$ 174    | Debenture interest.....         | 80 702    |
| Crown Lands.....                | 15 916    | Education.....                  | 212,000   |
| D. of C. subsidy and interest   | 432,823   | Education expenses.....         | 10 634    |
| Fees, Mines Dept.....           | 328       | Electoral list, sheriff's court |           |
| Fees, Prov. Sec. Office.....    | 1,266     | of appeal.....                  | 32        |
| Gazette Office.....             | 1,872     | Hospital for insane.....        | 12,000    |
| Gov. house field—rent.....      | 12        | “ “ Bonds ma-                   |           |
| Interest.....                   | 5,678     | turing.....                     | 4 000     |
| Interest, accrued on debentures | 1,229     | Interest, current account...    | 13,222    |
| Mines, royalties, etc.....      | 168,644   | Jamaica Exhibition.....         | 15        |
| Marriage licenses.....          | 6,441     | Local works.....                | 25,000    |
| Mun. of Halifax, loan.....      | 1,000     | Legislative expenses.....       | 47 343    |
| Private bills.....              | 2,590     | Legislative library.....        | 2 321     |
| Premium on debentures.....      | 8,210     | Miners Relief Societies.....    | 1,340     |
| Revised statutes.....           | 63        | Mines.....                      | 14,000    |
| Special roads, contr. by        |           | Miscellaneous.....              | 16,416    |
| miners, etc.....                | 499       | Medical College.....            | 800       |
| Searches, Crown Land office     | 100       | Private bills.....              | 270       |
| Trespasses.....                 | 142       | Public printing.....            | 11,390    |
| W. & A. R., postal subsidy etc. | 14,587    | Provincial Engineer's office.   | 16,426    |
| W. C. Railway.....              | 3,355     | Relief for fisherman.....       | 633       |
|                                 |           | Road service.....               | 91,953    |
|                                 |           | Steamboats, packets & ferries   | 42,641    |
|                                 | \$664,938 | Salaries.....                   | 18,578    |
|                                 |           | Special roads.....              | 1,563     |
| EXPENDITURE.                    |           | Transient poor.....             | 1,989     |
| Agriculture.....                | \$ 13,227 | Victoria General Hospital,      |           |
| Crown Lands.....                | 7,000     | maintenance.....                | 31,408    |
| Criminal prosecutions.....      | 4732      | W. & A. Railway.....            | 14 587    |
| Crown Land moneys—              |           | W. C. Railway.....              | 13 387    |
| Inverness.....                  | 436 52    |                                 | \$710,497 |
| Richmond.....                   | 95.00     | Deficit.....                    | \$45,559  |
| Cape Breton.....                | 250.00    |                                 |           |
|                                 | 781       |                                 |           |
| Co. of Inverness, old accounts  | 95        |                                 |           |

A careful study of the foregoing figures indicate that the revenue of Nova Scotia is not sufficient to meet the current needs of the province, and when we consider that in addition to the above expenditure on current account, the Province has expended upwards of \$400,000.00 on Capital Account, that unless our revenue be expanded we are likely to feel the pinch of want before the close of the present parliamentary term of office.

The report of the Supt. of Education, which was presented to the assembly by Premier Fielding, shows a healthy growth of the educational department. More schools, more teachers, more pupils, and slightly improved salaries are recorded. 103 597 Nova Scotian youth of both sexes have wended their way to their respective schools during some part of the year, the average attendance being slightly in excess of 85,000. The province has expended during the past year the sum of \$709 312.17 in carrying on the work of education, of which sum \$51,459.50 has been appropriated to the erection of school buildings. The Provincial Legislature contributed towards the amount named, 213,433.57, the counties raised \$118,349.60, and the people contributed directly \$326,069.50. Sixty six benighted districts afforded their children no educational advantages; but it is satisfactory to note that the closed school-house is each year becoming more rare.

Commissioner of Crown Lands, in presenting the report of the Hospital for the Insane, regretted that the counties sending patients to that Institution did not pay up as promptly as desirable. During the past year, 49 patients had left the hospital having completely recovered, leaving at the close of 1890, 348 patients under treatment.

We have frequently protested against our Legislature devoting its energies to matters beyond its scope and jurisdiction, but modern parliamentary practice appears to be breaking down all barriers, and hence we find the Legislature of Nova Scotia debating upon and finally adopting resolutions expressing sympathy with Newfoundland on account of that colony's many difficulties, and signifying a Nova Scotian approval of better trade relations between the ancient colony and the United States.

The passage of these resolutions involve a scant possibility for good against almost certain possibilities for evil; and we think it an error of judgment upon the part of our brainy Premier to have saddled himself with their introduction. The debate upon the printing of the debates was quite crisp, and it is now quite evident that some of the M.'s P. P. are of the opinion that their utterances upon public matters should be read far and wide throughout the Province, but the good sense of the house has endorsed extensive epitomizing, and hereafter instead of reading reports of the finished addresses of the Attorney General many weeks after they have been delivered, the members of the house, and those in the gallery will have the benefit of the finish, while the public will get the bald facts with their toast and coffee on the morning after an address has been delivered.

The Provincial Secretary has asked the house of assembly to appoint a committee of five members to frame a petition to the Governor General praying that the moneys expended by the Province upon the Eastern Extension and W. C. Railways should be refunded by the Dominion Government. The opposition claim that the Government should assume the responsibility of this petition, and refuse to assist in doing work which they claim belongs to the executive. The province has expended \$671,

000 on the Eastern Extension, and \$679,000 upon the Western Counties Railway, making a lump sum of \$1,350,000, which the Dominion Government is asked to refund.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount enclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Mayor McPherson has been nominated for re-election.

The Government fish hatcheries will hatch 6,500,000 salmon trout this spring.

Mr. J. C. Forbes has left Ottawa for England to paint the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone's portrait.

Election petitions have been filed against Hon. C. H. Tupper, Sir John Thompson, F. W. Borden and Nathaniel White.

Terrible destitution is said to prevail at Fickle Cove, Newfoundland. Several families are reported to be in a starving condition.

The Messrs. Gilmore, of Chelsea, intend running a coach from Freeman's wharf, at Malaga, to Bridgewater, the coming summer.

A special cablegram from Bermuda says: "H. M. S. *Pelican* sailed yesterday for Halifax, and will afterwards go to Newfoundland."

Mr. Martin P. Black, one of the wealthiest men in Halifax, died last week. His will bequeaths the greater part of his wealth to his relatives.

Lt. Gen. Sir John Ross, Commander of the British forces in North America, has been made a General, succeeding General R. White, who has retired from active service.

The Halifax CRITIC has been enlarged to a twenty page paper. We admire the enterprise of our contemporary and trust it may still go on to rightly criticise.—*Island Reporter*.

The Halifax CRITIC has been enlarged to a twenty page paper. This is a sure index of its popularity and worth. The *Gripsack* extends congratulations on its well-earned prosperity.—*Gripsack, St. John*.

Every lover of true literature will be pleased to learn that the Halifax CRITIC is enlarged. The CRITIC's well informed pages, and pure tone make it a welcome exchange, and a general favorite among readers.—*Digby Courier*.

The body of Swenson, the Swedish watchmaker, who so mysteriously disappeared in Montreal last winter, was found on Sunday in the bush. All his jewellery was found upon him, and he is supposed to have perished from cold.

The governor-general has received a memorial from the British Columbia legislature asking that the duty on Chinese immigrants landed in Canada be increased from \$50 to \$100. The legislature has also passed a bill prohibiting the employment of Chinese in the mines.

Out in Vancouver they are advocating the idea of a great demonstration on the arrival of the Canadian Pacific steamship *Empress of India*. The *World* thinks "something ought to be done to make the day a red letter one in the history of the port." The *World* is right, the event will be one of no ordinary importance.

The rate on news papers mailed from Canadian publishing offices for England has been increased to 8 cents per pound to cover the extra cost of sending the mails via New York, the contract with the Allan Steamship Company having expired. It is understood the company refuses to renew the contract under the same terms as last year. The parcel post, which is a distinct service, will be continued as usual.

The Canada Atlantic Steamship Company have dissolved partnership with the Boston, Halifax and Prince Edward Island Company. The latter have chartered the steamer *State of Indiana*, and will run her in competition with the *Halifax*. It behooves all true blue noses to patronize the line established and run as a Halifax enterprise rather than the American company. The good steamer *Halifax* is comfortable and as regular in her trips as usual.

"Is it another fake?" is a question the friends of the *Dominion Illustrated* have frequently to answer with regard to the prize competition inaugurated by the publishers of that Journal for the current six months. The publishers have themselves given the best answer to that by publishing the list of prizes. There are 100, aggregating in value \$3,000. The first is \$750 in gold and the smallest is valued at \$5. The competition consists in finding in current numbers of the journal the answer to thirty six questions, six of which are published each month. On receipt of 12 cents in stamps, the publishers, (the Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal) will send sample copy with full particulars.

The Treasury Department at Washington has taken steps to secure information in respect to reports that immigrants for the United States in many instances first land at Halifax, N. S., and then come across the border by railway to escape the operation of the new immigration law. Collector Day, at Portland, Me., reports that the last three English steamers landed passengers there as follows: March 27, the *Carthaginian*, 43, having previously landed about 100 at Halifax; March 30, the *Sarnia*, 30, having previously landed about 600 at Halifax, and April 7, the *Parisian*, 74, having previously landed 1,000 at Halifax. The Immigrant Inspector at Portland thinks the poorer classes of immigrants were landed at Halifax. The Collector says it is probable a large portion of those landed at Halifax will ultimately reach the United States. He suggests that detectives be