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There are communities as Gaelic as any part of Invernesshire in the last century, and others more Calvinistic than any. Hence there are Celtic teachers

On the mainland (if one may so call the peninsula) a disappointment awaited me.

the great Pictou coal mine cannot now be entered. It is the largest coal seam in the world—a seam thirty feet thick; but many years ago there was an explosion and a fire. The mine was therefore flooded, and the restoration is not yet completed. At Stellarton, where I halted a day, is the great twelve foot seam, on which work is actively prosecuted. All the big coal seams of this section have

considerable slope, some as much as 45 degs., and rooted in the "floor" of the mine are often found fossil stumps of the *sigillaria* from six to eighteen inches thick. It is claimed that the coal measures of Nova Scotia cover 7,000 square miles, but of course less than half of this area contains profitably workable coal. I need not recite the local arguments, seeing that there are much the

The conclusion of the whole matter may be set down: One-third of Nova Scotia consists of very fertile valleys, in which are produced in great abundance nearly all the fruits, roots and grains of the temperate zone; another third is of some inferior quality

Government in Nova Scotia, as in all the do-

tion, is responsible—that is, the cabinet officers, the executive and directing department, must be of the same politics with the majority in the house of commons. If a government measure¹ is defeated they resign. This will hardly be believed in some parts of the United States, but it is a solemn act. It seems to me that such a system would work badly in the United States and

ance navos in France; but the British (including Canadians, Australians, etc.) secure conservatism by habit and precedents instead of rigid rules. The governor—called lieutenant governor because he is regarded as the "lieutenant" of the governor general of Canada—is not "a part of the government," is appointed and does not resign. Lieutenant Governor McLelan, with whom

had a long and interesting talk, is a most
 urtly and dignified gentleman, well in-
 formed on the affairs of Canada and the
 United States, and pleasantly enthusiastic as
 to the future of Canada. Premier Fielding,
 head of the govern-
 ment," certain-
 ly was designed by
 nature for a great



which would "keep the boys to their work." However, as it is easier to run an ordinary government than a gilded cage, he has probably chosen the better part.

Speaker Power of the house of commons could be taken for an able alderman in any yard in New York. At certain stages of the parliamentary game he has to wear a big wig, and the contrast between the white covering and his rich Hibernian features is a trifle ludicrous to an American. Everything about the government is very solid, the men and buildings and the economies

oks and lives like the representative of a great monarch. The Catholics, by the way, have a plurality of voters in the province, and I am almost persuaded that there is more political liberality than in the States; but if were "in the swim" the case might look very different. The autographs of the three officials named are herewith presented, and certainly show character. That of the man-

A. M. MacLellan
(Governor of Nova Scotia.)

(Premier of Nova Scotia.)

Chas. J. Power.

(Speaker of Nova Scotia House of Commons.)

He especially adds to the "managing editor" idea, as such a "set" would delight the

compositor. And with these interviews I
used my Nova Scotia work and left for
Prince Edwards Island.
New York. J. H. BEADLE.

He Was the Manager.
I heard another story about John
Peterson the other day that illustrates
his strong personality as well as his

familiarity—at one time—with the English language. One of his traveling theatrical companies, under the charge of a business manager named Harpe, halted at Yonkers a few years ago to give two or three performances. Peterson went out to take a look at the house, and when he arrived at the

theatre at about noon he discovered a sign in front of the house, the inscription upon which read: "Matinee at 2 o'clock, sharp." Stetson did not like this at all. He summoned his manager and asked him why he had put up such a sign.

"Take it in," he continued, "and we'll be right."

ve it painted over so it will read, 'matinee at 2 o'clock—Stetson.' I want you to understand that I am manager of this company, and I am not going to allow you to star your own name on a sign."—New York Star.

The Capital of Colombia.

Remember the capital of Colombia is

Bogota, the capital of Colombia, is situated in the "heart of the Andes," something over 8,000 feet above the sea level, and ranks as the third highest city on the western hemisphere. Potosi and Quito only taking precedence. There is a peculiar tradition as to the origin of its founding, in 1542. It is related that three Spaniards set out

with the purpose of selecting a capital for the new vice royalty of New Granada. One entered the territory through Venezuela, a second ascended the Magdalena, while the third's gateway was by the Pacific coast. All meeting on the spot where the city is now located on the same day, with

the Spanish superstition they hailed as an "omen," and with great formality founded the present city under the name of "Santo Fe de Bogota." Later the "Santa Fe" was dropped and it remains simply Bogota. Its population is estimated at about 60,000.—Detroit Free Press.

Miss Fanny Davenport Was Pleased.
Miss Fanny Davenport went into one of the large dry goods establishments recently to look at the umbrellas. While examining the assortment the clerk, who had been eyeing her with some curiosity, remarked:

"Why?" asked the actress.

"Well, I hardly know, but I think you look very much like Miss Fanny Avenport, and I think a 'Tosca' parol would be becoming."

The compliment so pleased Miss Avenport that she was

even part than she made a purchase.
New York Herald.
