

Provincial Journal.

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NOVA-SCOTIA.

HALIFAX HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

A message was received Monday March 7th from His Honour the President. It contained first some information connected with the Shubenacadie Canal. His Honour, it seems, entered into correspondence this past summer with a Mr. Hall, a celebrated engineer, who has been for some time employed in Canada, and has a high reputation, asking his terms for a survey of this contemplated improvement. An answer was received, stating that his usual charge was £3 3, per day, exclusive of personal and travelling expenses; and that if his terms were acceptable, he could reach Nova Scotia by the 1st of June next. His Honour accepted his proposals; and he may be therefore expected here at that time.

STATEMENT OF THE FUNDS OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Notes in circulation 31st December last, £61,627,10

Loan certificates on interest, 16,400,0

Interest due thereon to 31st December last, 738

Due Commissioners of light houses, 825,15,2

Various sums voted and not yet drawn out of the treasury for

roads and bridges, Shubenacadie canal, Stone Bridge Ag-

ricultural Society &c. &c. } 5609,8,6

Credit £85,200,13,8

Cash in hands of Treasurer 31st December last, 15082,16,3

do. on acc. of Copper token, Isle of Sable, and loans, 2905,3,6

£17538,1,1

Securities in hands of collectors of the impost and Excise at

Halifax, } 21,092,15,8

Deduct probable drawbacks } 5602,15,8

£16,400,00,1

Ditto, in the Hands of outport collectors, 15,521,12,0

Deduct probable drawback, 5,521,12,0

£10,300,00,1

Due on loans to Annapolis and King's County, 6,700,59,1

Due by Collector of Colchester, 250,17,1

do do, Liverpool, 319,13,5

Loan to Dalhousie College, 5000

£56,068,13,4

Balance against the Province £29,151,15,7

The committee of public accounts have reported that it appears by the accounts of the out port Collectors generally, that they either retain or do not collect the balances stated to have been in their hands—that several of them have not for years past forwarded their accounts in time to have them audited and prepared for this inspection.