

families of Icelanders, numbering not more than 150 souls, in Shelburne and Musquodoboit. The latter "effort" may be taken as a sample of the whole scheme. The Financial Returns shew that the *direct* charges for the settlement and support of these people down to Dec. 31, 1877, (without counting the salaries of the two agents, or any other *indirect* cost) amounted to **\$11,142.36** or **\$74.28** per head!

The average cost per head for immigrants in the Province of Ontario for the past six years, *direct and indirect charges both included*, was only **\$3.94**. The average cost per head for immigrants, under the extravagant scheme of the Dominion Government for the past four years, *including all charges*, was only **\$15.24**! Here in Nova Scotia, however, the *direct* charges alone have been run up to **\$74.28** per head.

It is almost needless to say that nearly the whole of this **\$41,500** found its way into the pockets of members and supporters of the Local Government. The cloven hoof of William Annand is discovered in this, as in every other scandal that has disgraced our history for the past twenty years. He, and his virtuous son, Charles Annand, "absorbed" **\$5,000** of it, being nearly **ONE EIGHTH** of the whole amount. Dr. Campbell of Inverness received **\$2400** of it, which, with the **\$300** he received for his vote on the Speakership, made up the price that the Grit party paid for the support of that distinguished statesman. Mr. Donald Archibald pocketed **\$1058.50**, **FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS OF WHICH WAS A DIRECT GIFT**, and—as might be expected—supported Government the with the most amiable complacency and stupidity. His relatives in Musquodobott to the third and fourth generation, have "absorbed" some **\$4,000** in addition. Three or four eminent Grits of Shelburne "absorbed" over **\$3,000** more. Master Tom Robertson—anxious to show his fitness

as a Grit politician—bagged about **\$1,000** of it, enjoying several pleasure trips at the public expense. In fact this "scheme" was made to admirably serve the purposes for which it was designed—viz., *the filling of Grit pockets and the purchase of dishonest politicians*.

It is but little wonder that Mr. Hill has not dared to mention this scandalous swindling of the Treasury in his recently published address. He does indeed boast—though why we cannot say—that the Dominion Government has transferred Mr. William Annand to its list of pensioners, and that henceforth the Province will not be burdened with the support of that veteran public pauper. He claims credit for having paid Dr. Campbell no more than was necessary to buy him; but omits to give any detail of the sham it was necessary to perpetrate on this Province in order to make a pretext for giving that renegade any office whatever. Silence on this matter has certainly been wise, for neither Mr. Hill, nor any other man, can ever successfully defend, before an intelligent yeomanry, the incapacity, dishonesty, extravagance, and corruption, that has been the leading features of the so-called "Immigration scheme" of the Local Government of Nova Scotia.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

From the period of the establishment of Responsible Government the, Executive Council of Nova Scotia always contained two or three country members. These gentlemen, in attending meetings of the Council in Halifax, were paid out of the Treasury their *actual* travelling expenses, with **\$4** per day for time actually spent by them in such attendance. Up to 1867, no complaint was ever made by either party, that any fraud