

best taught of all the subjects in schools." Then came Languages. In Physical Science there was some good Chemistry, but the want of apparatus is observed on. Mixed Mathematics were not taught at all, and some other subjects not systematical-

ly. On the whole, there was much "hard work, considerable intelligence, not much cultivation, and a singular want of purpose." These observations apply principally to the middle class of schools in the country.

A novel steamer is in course of construction on the Mississippi, United States, for travelling on ice. It is 70 feet long, 12 feet beam, and is supported on a pair of large skate runners, like a common ice boat. It is supposed to run 40 miles an hour on smooth ice, and it is expected to carry the mails and 75 passengers, 300 miles in one day.

The number of Physicians in the United States is about 41,000.

Canada pays annually £180,000 for interest on the principal, for building the Trunk Line of Railway; also, £50,000 of an annual subsidy for a weekly communication to England. England pays £180,000 towards steam communication to America.

STATISTICS OF NOVA SCOTIA.—This province has 61 miles of railway completed from Halifax to Truro, and a branch of 31 miles—leading from this line to Windsor,—making in all 92 miles. The cost of these railways amount to about £800,000 sterling. Nova Scotia exported to the value of £1,869,832 in 1856. Tonnage of vessels owned by the Province in 1858 is 185,080 tons. Tonnage of vessels inwards 600,000 tons; outwards about the same. Estimated revenue for 1859 is £154,790. Interest to be paid on railway bonds in 1859 is £56,000. Amount appropriated for educational purposes in 1859 is £18,000. Number of schools in 1858 was 1,123, and number of pupils 34,053.

STATISTICS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—This Province has 29 miles of railway completed, and 78 miles under contract. The estimated cost of the railway from St. John to Shediac is £800,000 sterling. The province has given towards the construction of the St. Andrews and Quebec Railway

100,000 acres of land, and £5,000 sterling per annum. It is 85 miles from St. Andrews and Woodstock, of which 60 miles has been completed. New Brunswick is liable for £48,000 per annum.

The liabilities of the Province amounts to	£364,364
Assets	737,657

Against the Province	£126,707
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Of the assets—£737,657, £668,000 is in railways;—works which will not pay working expenses. These railways, in all probability, will be ruinous to the Province

Revenue in 1854 £204,000, —in 1858 £136,000.

Amount appropriated for education in 1859 is £29,527.

King's College, Fredericton, receives an annual revenue of £2600—out of this sum £1570 is paid annually to Professors and Teachers, for instructing about thirty students,—each student costing the Province thirty-six pounds per annum,—while those who attend the Parish Schools only receive about thirteen shillings.

The number of persons in the Lunatic Asylum at the end of the fiscal year, 1858, was 155; the charge to the Province is annually £4000.

There are 43 lines of road, extending over 1656 miles,—known as Great Roads. It cost, in 1858, £18,214 to keep these roads, and the bridges thereon, in repair.

The British Naval Fleet numbers 613 fighting ships, bearing 15,140 guns, carrying among them engines of nearly 100,000 horse power.

Doctor Buchanan found recently in Egypt the pyramids of Cheaps, measuring 479 feet high, and covering an area of twelve acres of ground.