

CUNNABELL'S NOVA (87) SCOTIA ALMANAC.

Chronological Summary.

The Events recorded under this Head, have been brought down to the end of 1843. We continue our Summary from that Period.

1844.—*January*.—Richard Nugent, proprietor of the Nova-Scotian Newspaper, committed to Jail for an alleged Libel. An opposition Stage Coach was started to run between Halifax and Windsor,—the Fare of the Western Stage Coach reduced, in consequence, to half price. 20th.—A violent Snow storm occurred in Halifax, the like had not taken place for twenty years before. An election Scrutiny was commenced in the Supreme Court Room, between Andrew M. Uniacke, Esq., the returned Member for the Township of Halifax, and William Stairs, Esq., the defeated Candidate in the contest; after many days of tedious discussion, the Scrutiny was discontinued, and A. M. Uniacke, Esq., kept his seat in the Assembly.

February 8th.—The Provincial Parliament met for Dispatch of business. Hon. William Young, was elected Speaker. His Excellency Viscount Falkland, addressed both Branches of the Legislature. 9th.—A discussion commenced in the House of Assembly, on an Amendment upon the answer to the Governor's Address, which was moved by Herbert Huntingdon, Esq., on behalf of the opposition. The Debate was continued for fourteen days, and resulted in testing the strength of the two parties. When the division took place, a majority of one was found for the Government; Hon. Jas. W. Johnston, H. M. Attorney General, for Nova Scotia being the Leader of the Administration. 19th.—Hon. Mather B. Almon, and Hon. Edward Kenny—for whose appointments Writs of Mandamus had been received from Her Majesty—were duly sworn in, and took their seats as Members of the Legislative Council. Several changes in the Public Offices, occurred about this period, in consequence of the change of Government. Amongst which was the retirement of J. S. Thompson, Esq., from the Office of Queen's Printer.

March 15th.—A great Public Meeting of the Liberals of the capital took place at Masonic Hall, to give an expression of opinion upon the retiring Executive Councillors—Messrs. Joseph Howe, James B. Uniacke, and James McNab. Resolutions were passed approving of their course of Policy, &c. 20th.—A fire occurred in Albermarle Street, by which seven tenements were destroyed. 21st.—Mr. Benjamin, Member for Horton—whose election was set aside by a Committee of the House of Assembly—ran his election over again—when he was again elected by a majority of 20. 23rd.—A soldier, named Alexander, committed Suicide, at Sambro, by hanging himself.

April 19th.—His Excellency the Lieut. Governor prorogued the Provincial Legislature, which had been in Session ten weeks and two days. 20th.—A Libel Suit was brought in the Supreme Court against J. H. Crosskill, Editor and Proprietor of the Halifax Morning Post, by Mr. Hutchinson, Windsor Road. The action was founded upon an editorial article in the Post of June 1st, 1841, in which the Plaintiff and his Brother were represented as Highwaymen, and were charged with committing an outrage upon the person of a gentleman belonging to this city.—Verdict of £100 damages against the Defendant.

May 1st.—Thos. A. S. Dewolfe, Esq., appointed by the Lieut. Go-