

American Telegraph Company, many of the shareholders of which are British subjects. This Company has control over the continuous network of telegraph lines both in the States and the British Provinces.

CURRENCY.

Nova Scotia, in common with Canada and New Brunswick, has adopted the decimal mode of computation, on the basis of the cent (the hundredth part of a dollar), as the copper currency, to replace the pence and half-pence formerly in use. Under this system, the English florin is equivalent to 50 cents, or half a dollar; and the English sovereign to 5 dollars, Nova Scotia currency. The smaller coins then will be, one shilling equal to 25 cents, and sixpence equal to 12½ cents. In calculating large sums, the following rule applies: *to reduce currency into sterling, divide by five; to reduce sterling into currency, multiply by five.* Beside the one pound or four dollar Treasury note, and the five dollar Treasury note, the Bank issue under their charters, five pound or twenty dollar notes, which are redeemable in specie. The Banks are not permitted to issue notes of a less sum than the amount named.

The par of Exchange on England is 12½ per cent.

THE VOYAGE, ETC.

The principal shipping business of this colony is carried on from Liverpool; occasionally vessels leave from London with cargo, but little or no arrangements are made for passengers from this port. The firms in Liverpool, who send sailing ships, are—J. S. DE WOLFE and Co., Tower Chambers; W. TARBET and Sons, ditto; DAVID CANNON, Sons, and Co., South John Street; R. B. WALKER and Co., Romford Place.

Steerage passengers are taken for £2 each, finding their own board, bedding, and all they require on the voyage.

The fare in the Captain's cabin is about £8, all being found except wines and spirits.

Messrs. MACIVER & Co. (CUNARD & Co.) usually in the spring of each year put on an extra ship for Halifax, taking emigrants at £5 each, providing all necessaries except bedding. By this ship the great bulk of the passengers to this colony are conveyed.

The fares by the CUNARD mail steam ships to Halifax, are—First class, £22—Second class, £16. Everything found except wines and spirits, which are obtainable on board.

It may be well however to state, for the information of those contemplating emigration to this province, that any inquiries they may think fit to make prior to adopting the colony as a home, would be readily answered if application be made, post paid, to the Emigration Officer, at the Port of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Bank of British North America, St. Helen's Place, Bishopsgate Street, has a Branch Office at Halifax, on which letters of credit may be obtained. The local banks are, the Halifax Banking Company, the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the Union Bank of Halifax.