

command, will convince "Albyn" how unsuitable is a communication in verse, extending over many pages, for the columns of a Magazine like "The Provincial." The various tastes of our readers, require as great a variety of matter as we can procure, and we would never willingly give insertion to a poem of more than two pages in length. The people of our provinces are more practical than poetical, and though we would gladly bring out, and gratify every literary taste among them, we feel convinced that concise and sententious articles, and especially those in prose will be more likely to claim the public attention.

We have received above the signature of F., a brief description of "One of the Natural Curiosities of Nova Scotia," the insertion of which, must be deferred till our next number.

REVIEW OF THE PAST MONTH.

SINCE the issue of "The Provincial" for April, the Legislatures of the lower Provinces—Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, have been prorogued. That of the first named, by Sir Alex. Bannerman, on the 3rd; of the second, by Sir Edward Head, on the 7th; of Nova Scotia, by Lt. Col. J. Bazalgette, Administrator of the Government, on the 8th of April. New Railway Bills have been passed in the two last named Provinces, to suit the contemplated change of route, by the valley of the St. John River, and a delegate (Hon. Mr. Chandler) has been sent by the Government of New Brunswick, to join the Hon. Mr. Hincks in London, in negotiating for the necessary loan and assistance from the British Government for the inter-colonial railway.

The Legislative Council of Nova Scotia have addressed Her Majesty on the subject of, and in advocacy of the principle of an Elective Council. This body having refused their assent to the appropriation clause for the payment of members of the lower House as usual, the Executive Government assumed the responsibility of advancing the necessary sum from the Provincial Treasury.

The Census of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick has been published, and we furnish it on the next page, as a means of reference hereafter. There is little else to record for April of interest to the Provincial public, except it may be the extension by the Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph Company, of their lines to the Western districts of the Province, by which Windsor, Kentville, Bridgetown, Yarmouth, &c., have been placed in communication with Halifax, the Upper Provinces—and the United States. The intelligence from this neighbouring country, tells us of a continued influx of gold to the Atlantic Cities, from California, by returned emigrants and otherwise. Louis Kossuth, ex-governor of Hungary, having visited the principal Cities of the Western and Southern States, and returned to New York, has accepted the invitation of the authorities of Boston, to a grand entertainment on the 20th.

The public affairs of Britain continue without material change. A general election is anticipated to take place during the ensuing summer. The government having announced that the Crystal Palace would be given up to the