

should be printed and very extensively circulated ; so that every scholar in Nova Scotia could contribute his mite, and add to the general stock of information.—Something of this kind was called for by a most Imperious necessity ; because in some books this province was described as dreadful, and in others as delightful and productive. Let us ascertain the fact—let us note down in a variety of minutes what are the climate and the soil—and then affix to the whole the sanction of our names.

For my own part, said he, I know the value of this province—I have long contemplated its resources, and I mean to spend in it the remainder of my days ; for I give it a preference to the country where I was born. It was long a matter of dispute whether the vine was a natural product of our soil ; but this can be no longer questionable, for I am in possession of several native plants taken from the forest and growing there in a wild state. Surely, then, it is of much importance to give to Nova-Scotia its just and true character, and to accomplish this we have only to follow the footsteps of Sir John Sinclair in his collection of Scottish statistics. We want facts, not arguments and fine writing ; and by sending printed schedules through the country to be filled up, we shall be able to gather all useful information.

He was sorry, also, to observe that a very inadequate provision was made for flax-mills. Nothing was more necessary to give a spring to our domestic manufactures than the encouraging of flax ; and this too was good policy when we look to our imports of linen. This plant would be very extensively cultivated, were it not for the difficulty which exists in the preparatory process of skutching it.

If the members would only go down to Mr. Brown's wharf he was sure that they would be disposed to unlock the treasury to the society, and desire the Directors to take out of it whatever was needed for our agriculture. They would give us not only money for all useful purposes, but even something to speculate on. And therefore he would now come to a close ; in the full confidence that this meeting would adopt a resolution to apply for further aid from the legislature ; that all those great objects which he had enumerated might be promoted by an adequate provision.

The Honourable JUDGE STEWART felt some hesitation in rising after the laborious exertions of his friend the Attorney general who had so eloquently thundered forth his sentiments ; and after those of Judge Halliburton who had advocated the same cause in the still