

tion—between the fair division of representative and executive power among all classes, and the dominion of a particular profession—between an equal and just distribution of the patronage of the country, and the fostering of a particular portion of the people—to the injury of the whole—then a General Election becomes a matter of almost vital consequence, and renders indifference and neglect of duty no ordinary crimes.

During our years that we have conducted it, The *Novascotian* has been principally devoted to arousing the attention of the people to certain defects in the machinery, and gross abuses in the working, of their public Institutions. Without boring the country by tedious repetition, we have endeavoured to seize all fitting occasions to lay before them such facts and reasoning as would furnish materials for thought and reflection—create a virtuous and enlightened public sentiment—and eventually produce a harvest of reform.

We were in hopes that the last Assembly, from the spirit and ability manifested in the closing Session of the previous House, and the exciting circumstance under which a great majority of the Members were re-elected, would have been prepared to have carried out many of those measures, which, six years ago, were sanctioned by the general sentiment of the country. But, we are sorry to say, that on important questions, that Body fell far short of the wishes of its constituents; and that, by many other of its acts, they were grossly misrepresented. Indeed, as respects many of the more important improvements to which the attention of the people had been turned, and upon which a great majority of them had long since made up their minds, we are no better off than we were; while as regards others, we are in a worse condition than we were then.

The opportunity for revision and reconstruction of the Assembly—for the expression of public sentiment through the constitutional channels—has again arrived, and the day of the electors is plain. If they are unwilling that the Province shall be married to a scale and irresponsibility for seven years more, now is the time to “forbid the bans”—or else they may “hereafter hold their peace.” It is of little use to spend seven years in fault finding and acrimonious criticism, if they will not spend seven days in securing a House that shall truly represent them. The country has had ample time for deliberation—abundant materials by which to decide—the period for reflection is past—the moment for action has come.

We shall return to this subject next week, and hope that the country will display a spirit and unanimity, which shall show that the Press has not labored in vain.

HALIFAX, Oct. 19.
BANK.—The Hon. Samuel Conard, William A. Black, James McNab, Alex. Stewart, and S. Binney, Esquires, have been appointed Directors for the Branch of the British North American Bank at this place; and we understand the Institution will go into operation in a few months.—*Journal.*

St. JOHN, N. B. Oct. 18
MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—On Wednesday morning, a son of Mr. H. P. Whitney, Saint John-street, of about five years of age, who had been left a few minutes sitting on a chair by the fire side, in a room by himself, Mrs. W. having gone down stairs to open the shop, by some means caught fire by his clothes, and when discovered was nearly enveloped in flame. He was so severely burned, particularly about the breast, head, and arms, that he expired on Thursday morning, about 2 o'clock. Mr. W. was, we understand, absent from Saint John, on business.—*City Gazette.*

MIRAMICHI, October 18.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENTS.—Two melancholy accidents, accompanied with the loss of life, we are concerned to say, have occurred in the course of the week:

On Tuesday last, *Catharine Gillis*, a young girl of 11 years, daughter of Mr. Gillis, farmer, in Napan, was out digging potatoes, and being cold, she went to warm herself at a fire which had been kindled under a stump in the field, when her clothes ignited. She immediately ran towards a house situate at a short distance, but before reaching it, she was enveloped in flames, and burnt in such a dreadful manner, as to cause her death on the following day.

The other happened on Friday evening last, at the steam Mill, in Chatham. As *Michael McAvoy*, a labourer, employed on the premises, was standing on the frame in connexion with one of the Circular saws, lighting a lamp, it slid from under him, and he unfortunately fell across the saw, which was revolving at the time, and he received a most dreadful wound on the back—reaching from his left shoulder to his right hip. His left foot was also nearly dissevered. He died about noon the following day. The deceased was a sober, industrious man, much respected by his employers and fellow-labourers, and has left a widow and three small children. An inquest was held on the body before Jno M. Johnson, Esquire, Coroner, when a verdict of accidental Death was returned.—*Gleaner.*

[From the Montreal Gazette.]

William L. Stone, Esq. Editor of the New York *Commercial Advertiser*, having visited this city a few days ago, the opportunity was taken of that gentleman to visit the interior of the Hotel Dieu Nunnery, with a view of testing the truth of Miss Monk's “*Awful Disclosures.*” We are happy to hear that this task he readily accepted, and in the company of Mrs. Stone, Mr. Frothingham of this city, and another gentleman and lady, from the United States, made a most minute and careful examination of the whole of that building, from the garret to the cellar. He was freely allowed to inspect every room, by the ladies of the institution, and it is with pleasure we state, that though he entered within its walls somewhat inclined to believe in many of Mrs. Monk's statements, he now expresses his firm conviction of the utter falsehood of that abandoned female. Mr. Stone personally requested the company of the Rev. Mr. Carey, of this city, a correspondent of the bigotted faction in New York who patronise and support the gentle Maria; but the Rev. gentleman, who has on previous occasions complained that he could not get an entrance into the Nunnery, declined, for reasons best known to himself to take advantage of the opportunity offered freely to him.

The general estimation in which the talents and character of Mr. Stone are held throughout the American Union, induces us to think that his opinion will be listened to with much attention by his numerous readers, and we conceive that he owes it to the cause of justice and truth, to lose no time in making known the result of his examination of the Hotel Dieu Nunnery. This call upon his leisure moments, we hope he will not decline.

MONTREAL, September 23.

Complaints of the failure of the wheat crops are very general not only in this Province, but also in many parts of the neighbouring States. As a consequence, flour and bread stuffs are extravagantly high which must bear heavily on the poorer classes. It is to be hoped the importation of Foreign grain will reduce the price in some degree. The potatoe crop has been much injured by the fall frosts.



“CAPE BRETON.”

Captain THOMAS GRAHAM,

LEAVES the Mining Company's Wharf at Pictou every Thursday evening after the arrival of the mail from Halifax, for Charlotte Town and Miramichi, leaves Charlotte Town every Friday morning, and returns to Pictou calling at Charlotte Town, leaving Miramichi every Monday morning,—and will take such

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from these places as may offer, at the following

RATES:

FROM PICTOU TO CHARLOTTE TOWN.

Cabin Passengers,	- - -	12s each,
Steerage do.	- - -	6s “
Horses,	- - -	20s “
Gigs and Wagons,	- - -	10s “
Goods, per barrel, bulk,	- - -	1s 3d.

CHARLOTTE TOWN TO MIRAMICHI.

Cabin Passengers,	- - -	20s each,
Steerage do.	- - -	10s “
Horses,	- - -	20s “
Cattle,	- - -	18s per head,
Sheep and Pigs,	- - -	2s each,
Goods, per barrel, bulk,	- - -	1s 3d
Wagons and Carriages,	- - -	12s each,

PICTOU TO MIRAMICHI.

Cabin Passengers,	- - -	30s each,
Steerage do.	- - -	15s “
Horses,	- - -	25s “
Cattle,	- - -	22s 6d pr head,
Sheep and Pigs,	- - -	2s 6d each,
Gigs and Wagons,	- - -	15s “
Goods, per barrel, bulk,	- - -	1s 6d.

Passengers found on paying for their meals.

No person allowed to smoke in the cabin or steerage.

Pictou, July 20, 1836. ff

CORDAGE, PITCH, TAR, and OAKUM, for sale by ROSS & PRAIROSE. 12th October.

JOHN O'GROAT'S INN.

THIS conveniently and beautifully situated accommodation for the public, has been recently fitted up and neatly furnished, by the subscriber, in the most comfortable manner. It has hitherto been known as the “*Ten Mile Inn.*” that being its distance from the town of Pictou;—and its present occupier, in giving it a new designation, is confident in assuring travellers that even between the far famed “*John O'Groat's* and *Maiden Kuk*” there will not be found a house of entertainment wherein greater exertions are made for the accommodation of wayfarers. Private rooms are prepared for family parties, and for gentlemen sportsmen, who may feel disposed to fish the fine stream of the West River, which passes close by the Inn, or range the adjoining woods for game. The best description of Stabling is provided, and every convenience suited for such an Establishment can always be had at such moderate charges as will, upon trial, induce the traveller who has once visited the “*John O'Groat's Inn*” to repeat his call should he have future occasions of requiring the subscriber's services.

His friends in the District are respectfully informed that

Dinners, &c. &c. & all kinds of Entertainment, are in readiness for them whenever he may be honored with their patronage.

August, 1836. GEORGE CRAIG.

COLCHESTER HOTEL.

THE subscriber begs leave to Notify his friends in the town and country, and the travelling community generally, that he has fitted up in the neatest manner, and opened a house of entertainment, opposite the Episcopal Church in Truro, where, from the pleasant situation, the extent of the accommodation, which the house affords, the convenience arising to travellers out of the Coach and Post Offices being annexed to the establishment, together with the knowledge he possesses of the business, and his unwearied assiduity to administer to the comforts of those who may favour him with a call, induces him to solicit public patronage.

JOSEPH R. DODSON.

Truro, 1st June, 1836.

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