

Parliament. I have now only to add that the expense of the commission will be defrayed by Her Majesty's Government.

6.—I am happy to hear that the education of the rising generation in this colony, is steadily progressing. It is an object which the Legislature of Newfoundland ought never to lose sight of ; for, it is gratifying to see that in some districts, large sums are given by the people themselves, in private subscriptions, for this laudable purpose : the reports of the Inspectors of Schools will be laid before you.

7.—I read, the other day, the report of the Agricultural Society, and was happy to find that that most valuable adjunct to all other industrious pursuits, was, also, in a fair state of improvement. In this colony farming operations cannot be carried on at present to any considerable extent, although I have seen several farms cultivated equal to any of a similar size in a more genial climate. Vegetables of all sorts seem to grow most beautifully, and I hope our fishermen will be encouraged to cultivate patches of ground, however small, and they will soon find that their labor will be rewarded by a bountiful supply of those fruits of the earth, which would add so much to the health and comfort of their families.

In reference to agriculture, great complaints continue to be made of the ravages committed by dogs on sheep, &c. It is an evil to which my attention has been called by many industrious farmers, and I know that they expect the Legislature will provide a remedy for so great a nuisance.

8.—The ground which was some years ago appropriated for Poor House Huts, with the consent of the Board of Ordnance, is in the immediate vicinity of Fort Townshend, and contrary to the rules of the service to be placed in such a locality. Intimation has been given that they must be removed by the 1st of June next, and provision will be required for some Poor House or Houses in another locality instead of what has been hitherto called the "Camps."

9.—The important measure which was passed in the Session of 1859 establishing a Water Company with the view of supplying this large and populous town with an abundant supply of fresh water, called forth an expression of approbation from the Secretary of State. Everything is progressing favorably connected with this great work, and a very satisfactory report from the Company will be laid before you.

10.—A considerable time has elapsed since the Board of Trade made enquiries as to the Law or practice which exists in this Colony with regard to shipwrecks. It is a subject well worthy the consideration of