

whereas, by the clause above quoted the Dominion Legislature has assumed such power and authority with regard to the North-West Territories, in violation of the rights of the present and future peoples of these Territories :—

"Your petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House that the above-cited clause may be repealed, and the just rights and liberties of the peoples of the North-West Territories restored to them.

"And your petitioners will ever pray.

J. M. CRAMP,
E. D. KING,
D. M. WELTON, } Committee for Nova Scotia.

I. E. BILL,
T. H. PORTER,
A. F. RANDOLPH, } Committee for New Brunswick.

JOSEPH MURRAY,
J. R. CALHOUN, } Committee for Prince Edward Island."

The petition was unsuccessful.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

The Minutes of the Associations furnish the following statistics :—

NOVA SCOTIA.

Western Association,	71 Churches,	712 Baptisms,	9,737 Members,
Central " "	50 " "	755 " "	7,572 " "
Eastern " "	63 " "	329 " "	4,422 " "
	—184	—1796	—21,731

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Western Association,	75 Churches,	444 Baptisms,	5,370 Members.
Eastern " "	70 " "	1046 " "	7,184 " "
	—145	—1490	—12,554

PRINCE ED. ISLAND,	17 Churches,	177 Baptisms,	1250 Members.
	— 17	—177	—1250
TOTALS,	346	3463	35,535

The net increase is a trifle over 6 per cent., showing that a large blessing has rested on the Churches. It were greatly to be desired that the increase should be more evenly spread over those Churches. But it appears that by far the greatest numbers have been added in comparatively few places. In the Western Association, Nova Scotia, for instance, there were no additions in twenty-nine of the Churches; and in twenty-one others the additions varied from one to ten in each Church, while 623 were added in the remaining eighteen, giving an average of thirty-four to each of those Churches, thus showing