

been entitled to their just proportions, had their returns been forwarded to the respective clerks of the Board in proper time. Instead of providing for them by distinct Grants, Messrs. Wheeler, Donvoloy and Morton, are favourably recommended to the Commissioners in their next division of the public money.

On a memorial from the coloured people in the Town-plot of Dartmouth, it was determined that when any future application of this kind shall be made to the Commissioners, they will apply part of the money at their disposal to assist the coloured population to give the means of education to their Children, although a School has been already entered on their books for that particular District, and also, that if a French or Highland Settlement, desire a school to be established for teaching their children in their respective mother tongues; the Board in the several Counties will give effect to their wishes.

Lastly, the Committee have agreed to subjoin to this Report, the actual amount of Provincial money expended in 1835, for the support of education in the Province, which comes to £6,830 16s. as per abstract; and to recommend that all the Academies now existing and other seminaries of learning, pass under review, when the documents and papers in reference to the union of Windsor and Dalhousie colleges, shall be furnished to the House, in order that this vast sum, drawn from the treasury, may be so subdivided and appropriated as to afford the population, of all sects and denominations, a vigorous and efficient system of General Education.

ABSTRACT—EDUCATION FOR 1835.	
Common and Grammar Schools	£4711 7 4
Academies—Windsor £441 8 9—	
Halifax Grammar School £150	594 8 8
Pictou £400—Horton £300—Annapolis £100—Yarmouth £100	900 0 0
Liverpool £50—Lunenburg £50—Mr. Uniacke's £100	200 0 0
Poor House £25—Indians Cape Breton £50	75 0 0
Infant School £50—National—Catholic—and Acadian Schools £300	350 0 0
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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1836

By the Camden, packet, arrived at Halifax, 5th instant, we have London news to the 4th Feb. They contain little that is interesting; we make the following

SUMMARY.

The Imperial Parliament was opened on the 4th Feb. by His Majesty in person. The Speech from the Throne will be found in a previous column.—The territory of S. Australia has been elevated to the rank of a British Province.—Sir C. Peypys has been appointed Lord Chancellor of Great Britain; Mr. Bickersteth, Master of the Rolls.—Trade and Manufacture of every description continued in full activity, and in some articles a considerable advance had taken place, particularly in Iron.—Mr. O'Connell had been entertained to public Dinners at Liverpool and Birmingham.—Some of the papers give a frightful account of the atrocious butchery perpetrated by the Christians on the captive Carlists at Barcelona. The war in the North of Spain is still prosecuted with various success: surely it would be humanity in the other European Powers, to put an end to this desolating war in some shape or other.—The United States it was thought by the last advices, had collected a military force in Florida, sufficient to subdue the hostile Indians; we may shortly expect to hear of their extermination.

COLONIAL.—On the 26th Feb'y the Assembly of Lower Canada agreed to an Address to the King and the Imperial Parliament in support of the 92 Resolutions: it is a spirit stirring document; it not only insists on their original demand, but advances new claims, which we doubt much whether even the Reformed Colonial policy will be disposed to grant.

The Legislature of New Brunswick have granted £350 per annum for four years, to the person who shall run a Steam Boat of not less than 70 horse

power between Miramichi, Pictou, and Charlottetown, for five years.

The Legislature of Jamaica have passed an Act for the encouragement of white emigrants to that Island, which promises to be of great service to the Planters.

OWING to a press of other matter, we have not been able to attend fully to the Legislative department this week. We are informed that the Currency Bill has been so often amended by the one House, and crippled by the other, that it has ultimately been thrown out by both.

ORDERS have been received by the several Collectors of H. M. Customs, to receive the Doubloon at £3 6 0 sig. in payment of duties.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC MEETING.—At a Public Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Pictou, held in the Court House, on Saturday, the 12th inst., agreeably to Public Notice given by John W. Harris, Esq., Deputy Sheriff of this District, calling the same, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of petitioning his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, soliciting his appointment of individuals to act as Street Commissioners, in whom the community at large can place confidence, and whose exertions will only be directed to the public good; and praying his Excellency to take such other measures as may be requisite to relieve them from the present grievous system, which is persisted in to their detriment and loss—and therefore,

Moved, by Mr. James Killer, senior, seconded by Mr. Daniel Hockins, That John W. Harris, Esq. be the chairman to preside over this Meeting.

Moved, by Mr. John McKay, seconded by Mr. Nicholas Beck, and Resolved That it is of much importance to this Town, that the improvement of its Streets, should be confided to the management of a Board of Commissioners possessing qualifications, to entitle them to the confidence of the community at large, and to enable them to discharge faithfully and efficiently the duties attached to an office in which both public and private interests are so deeply involved.

Moved, by Mr. George McKay, seconded by Mr. James Killer, senior, and therefore Resolved, That as the community are the most deeply interested in the acts and proceedings of such Commissioners (then office being purely of a local character); it is indispensably necessary that the Freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town, should have such a controul over their public servants as to prevent the injury of any property or the prosecution of ill judged schemes of street alterations.

Moved, by A. P. Ross, Esq., seconded by Mr. J. D. B. Fraser, and thereupon Resolved, That George Smith, Esquire be requested to procure an amendment of the Act that regulates the appointment of street Commissioners for the Town of Pictou; that the number of Commissioners be increased to five, that a clause be added to the Act, pointing out a mode of remuneration for injury done to private property in the improvement of the streets, and that any vacancies in the Commission be filled up by persons named at a public Meeting, called for that purpose.

Moved, by Mr. James Skinner, jr., seconded by Henry Blackadar, Esq., and unanimously Resolved, That a clause be inserted in the new Act now solicited: that when the Commissioners of the streets deem it expedient and necessary for the public good, to alter or make improvements in any of the streets in this Town, where any detriment or loss may accrue to individuals, that the Commissioners do nominate one person to act on the part of the Town, the parties interested to nominate another, and that these two have the power to nominate a third, to value the amount of damages, which amount to be confirmed by the order of either the Supreme or Inferior Courts, to be assessed on the Inhabitants of the Town at the first General Sessions to be held thereafter.

Resolved, that the following Gentlemen be recommended to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be the Commissioners of streets for the Town of Pictou, viz: Messrs John Taylor, Peter Crerar, Daniel Hockins, Adam D. Gordon, and James D. B. Fraser.

Moved, by Mr. James Primrose, seconded by Henry Blackadar, Esq., and thereupon unanimously Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be immediately transmitted to George Smith, Esq., signed by the chairman, for and in behalf of this Meeting.

Moved, by Mr. James Primrose, seconded by A. P. Ross, Esq.,—and unanimously Resolved, That the thanks of this Meeting be given to John W. Harris, Esq., for his attention in conducting the Business of this Meeting.

J. SKINNER, JR.
 Clerk to the Public Meeting.

Pictou, 15th March, 1836.

Remarks by the Editor.] We are sorry that the controul over the doings of the Commissioners of

streets and sewers, sought for in the 3rd Resolution, has not been kept sight of in the 4th. Any other amendments to the Act sought for, is of utter insignificance when compared with this: it is of no consequence whether we have one, three, or five Commissioners, so long as they are irresponsible. While this is the case, their proceedings will be viewed as arbitrary and unsatisfactory,—the Inhabitants will be always in danger of being oppressed with burdensome taxes to pay their damages, and individuals, of being ruined by their improvements. We should wish to know what compensation a Shopkeeper in Water st. is likely to obtain at the hands of three men, who may be interested in its payment, for having an embankment made at his shop door, of some three or four feet in height, or the streets cut down so as to place him as many steps above its level, at the mere caprice of five, or any number of irresponsible Commissioners? such a loss could not in fact be valued, a level entry to a shop being of so much importance, that were it destroyed in either of the ways we have stated, the shop would never again command half the rent, and might even be rendered untenable.

We beg to inform Mr. HOWE of the Novascotian, that his friend Mr. Slick, the Clockmaker, has got into an awkward scrape. Not having previously visited this part of the Province, and being desirous of giving his Printer some account of the manner in which the Scotchmen cook and eat their oatmeal, he lately took a trip over Mount Thom, laden with sundry Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, on which he had forgot to pay the duties. This circumstance did not escape the vigilance of our Customs Officers, who, to prevent his getting into deeper difficulties at a greater distance from home, kindly took charge of his horse, waggon, and Yankee notions, until he could procure a certificate of the character of his Wares. We have seen the fine grey horse with which he won the race, but the animal appears to have been on poor fare, and to have lost much of that fire and energy, which he must have possessed on that memorable occasion.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—On Wednesday Inst, Mr. A. P. Ross delivered a Lecture on Hydrostatics, illustrated by Experiments, which rendered it highly interesting. On Wednesday next Mr. J. D. B. FRASER will Lecture on COMBUSTION, accompanied with Experiments.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—“A Correspondent” in our next. The Verses of “Solodormitor” are below par. A Friend to Temperance” is received.

FIRE.—About one o'clock on Monday morning the 14th Inst. a fire broke out in the house of WILLIAM GRAHAM, Mason, West River.—Such was the rapidity of the flames, that himself, with his wife and three young children, had barely time to escape with their lives from the devouring element. The House, with every thing it contained, was entirely destroyed. We would recommend his case to the consideration of the public, who are ever ready to render assistance in such distressing circumstances.—Communicated.

DIED,

In this town, on the 13th ult. after a severe and protracted illness, which he bore with much resignation to the Divine Will, Mr. John McKenzie, carpenter, aged 57 years. He was a native of Inverness, Scotland, and emigrated to this country in 1832, in the ship Canada.

At Halifax, on the 3rd inst. in the 54th year of his age, John Homer, Esq. M. P. for Barrington.

At Tatamagouche, on the morning of Sabbath the 6th inst., after a short but very distressing illness, in the 17th year of his age, Master William Pearson, eldest son of the late Mr. Robert Pearson of Truro. In the District of Colchester, there have been but few young men, who were more esteemed by the public, whose illness excited greater sympathy, and whose death is more sincerely and deeply regretted. In his disposition he was mild and affectionate, in his manner he was unobtrusive and inoffensive, and at all times was affable and obliging. During his life he was noted for correct deportment, and while pain distracted and convulsed his tender frame, he exhibited christian fortitude in a high degree. He was attentive to the ordinances of religion, made considerable proficiency at the Sabbath School, and seemed at the closing scene to have a firm hope of a happy immortality. He promised to be a comfort to his surviving Parent, and being prompt, correct and faithful in his business, he gave satisfaction to the family with whom he resided, and who interested themselves in his welfare. But he is gone! The flower is cut down in its bloom! He has passed through the dark valley. He has met the king of terrors, and though the conflict was severe yet there is reason to hope that he obtained the victory, and triumphed over the last enemy.