

course of lectures in the different towns and villages throughout the Province on the importance of education and agriculture, and the best means of advancing these important departments; still it appears he could not interest the people so as to secure sufficient support to cover the cost of even the mechanical part of his paper.

How often have we heard some of the leading statesmen of Nova Scotia boast of the progress made in all that pertains to greatness; meaning we suppose the systematizing of politics and abase which they have done to perfection. If they had paid as much attention to the advancement of the moral, intellectual, and material progress of the people as they have done to the party politics,—a Journal of Education and Agriculture might be in circulation, disseminating useful knowledge. The most successful journals in Nova Scotia, are those that deal out the largest amount of slander and abuse. A score of such papers can live and flourish; while a periodical of education cannot exist.

We feel ashamed to record the fact that in a colony containing over 300,000 souls, over 100,000 of whom are agriculturists, eleven hundred schools, school masters, besides a large number of professional and otherwise intelligent persons, a monthly Journal of Education and Agriculture cannot live, except at a loss, of over one hundred pounds, in the short space of two years to the proprietor.

Dr. Forrester knows that party politics has done a part to produce this result. Even the training and model

schools, have been discountenanced by many in consequence of this pressure; and his public lectures in some localities on the same principal,—in fact, political animosity runs through all the ramifications of society, to the detriment of real progress, both parties equally to blame; and all for the loaves and fishes—who shall pocket the fees of office.

If the public men of this fine colony would devote a portion of their time to the enlightenment of the minds of the people and less to abuse of each other, education and agriculture might stand on a different footing from what it does at present.

Extreme party politics are a curse to a country. Waste of precious time waste of the people's money, abuse of character, and a hindrance to general improvement are the result.

### The Halifax and Quebec Railway.

We are informed by a gentleman, who is in correspondence with some of those in high position in the Mother Country, that the public mind of the British people is so far in favour of this railway, that the government feel warranted in providing the means for its construction; and that a Bill will shortly be submitted to Parliament to this effect.

The following remarks, touching this and other subjects of importance to these Provinces, we extract from the "Christian Visitor," who says:

"We believe that our Country is on the eve of great political changes. The Prince's visit has more significance than a mere act of courtesy or curiosity. The leading Canadian papers—the Editors of which have been approach-