

vents my doing more on the present occasion than simply to acknowledge its delivery."

The House was immediately afterwards dissolved.—*Gazette*.

By the Dove we learn that His Majesty's Ship La Pique sailed from Quebec on the 17th inst. for England. Lieutenant General Lord Aylmer and Lady Aylmer were Passengers in her.

H. M. S. President was expected to leave Quebec for this Port on the 23d inst.—*Id.*

THE BEE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 7, 1835.

ON THE PRESENT STATE OF EDUCATION IN THIS PROVINCE.—Our attention has been directed to this subject by a Communication in our last, respecting the Academy in this place, and also, by an ominous announcement in the last Novascotian, respecting King's College, Windsor. The Editor of that paper says "there are just now, the east number of four students, two of whom are the sons of one of the Professors, so that each teacher has one boy and a third part to his share." Now, although we cannot agree with that talented Editor as to the remedy for this alarming evil, first, because we would concede to every man a right of disposing of his own money, in any way he pleases, so that in his appropriation, he does no positive injury to his neighbour, and, secondly, because if we had controul over any pecuniary means whatever, nothing would be further from our thoughts than to add £1000 to the funds of an Institution, already overpaid; yet we would say that although not money, something is wanting to place that Institution on a basis of popular and permanent usefulness; what that something is, we leave for wiser heads to determine. We dispise the mean, intolerant, and selfish policy of some, that would tear down one Seminary of instruction, that it might give place to another more in accordance with their religious opinions. We profess ourselves friendly to all literary and scholastic Institutions, no matter what religious body they emanate from or are connected with, believing as we do, that moral and intellectual culture is the correct basis of national wealth and greatness. From these reasons, we cannot view with unconcern; the present languishing state of the two leading Seminaries of the Province; we look upon them, and the other minor Academies and Grammar Schools, as the hopes of the country; if they languish, it must be because education is on the decline, and is not held in that estimation it deserves; if they are suffered to go down we shall soon sink into a hord of serfs, fit only to be ruled by whatever lordling pleases to assume the mastery over us.

It is not, we believe, the want of interest so much as the want of money that cramps the usefulness of the Institution in this place; the people in general have a desire for instruction, and many are willing to give a liberal compensation for it. But it must puzzle any one acquainted with such matters to conjecture, how an Academy with a Principal, and two other Teachers, can be kept in operation throughout the year for the paltry sum of £400, while that at Windsor, with only one additional teacher, is expiring with £1500 per annum. Whether this state of things be produced by the malevolence of enemies, or the mismanagement of friends, is a subject on which we do not at present propose to enter; but we would unhesitatingly say, that, if our Legislators be the friends of their country and their constituents; if they would wish to see a class of men trained and properly qualified to become the conductors of Common School Education; if they would wish to see a class of men properly qualified to conduct agricultural operations on scientific principles; if in short, they would wish to see Novascotians generally elevated in the scale of moral improvement, so as to enable them to compete with the inhabitants of other countries, whether in a com-

mercial, political, or scientific point of view, or fit them to draw forth the resources of their own country to advantage; they must endow these Institutions with a less niggardly hand, and on a more permanent footing than they have hitherto done.

The Common School Act we believe, expires the present year, and our Legislature will no doubt occupy a large part of its next Session in re-constructing another. We hope that many of our M. P.'s need not to be reminded that the last one has proved a failure, and that so will the next, unless they profit by the hints we have already given, regarding the endowment of the higher Schools. The class of persons that have been generally employed as Teachers of Youth, have been in most cases utterly unqualified for the task, and many of the Commissioners no better; so that of the £4000 a year which has been expended in this way, we should think that more than one half has been thrown away; and this will continue to be the case until they raise the qualifications of the teachers, and render the situation worthy of being sought after by men of respectable education, and good moral character, by a permanent Act, embracing a liberal provision, as in Scotland, and some other countries we could name. Until this be the case, we despair of seeing the hardy, and naturally intelligent sons of Nova Scotia, raised above the hewers of wood and drawers of water.

We observe that the Editor of the Novascotian suggests the propriety of converting some of the unemployed capital of Halifax into a rail road, between that place and Windsor. We have no doubt but this speculation would more than realize his fondest anticipations. It is much to be regretted that the thousands which were spent upon the Shubenacadie canal, had not been laid out on a rail road to the Eastern counties. Had this been the case, the various mineral and agricultural products of Truro, Cumberland, and Pictou might ere now be travelling on to the capital at the rate of 15 miles an hour, and at less expense and risk than they are now conveyed by water.

His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, accompanied by Capt. CAMPBELL, A. D. C. left town on Monday last, on a visit to Windsor, Chester, Lunenburg and Liverpool.—*Gazette*.

BOSTON, Sept. 10

Postscript, 3 o'clock, A. M.—A fire has been raging in Court street, opposite the Court House, upwards of an hour, and has already destroyed several buildings. The extensive establishment of the Boston Berwick Company has been totally destroyed, together with a crockeryware, confectionary, and two dwelling houses. It took in a dwelling house in the rear of number 47.

TRAVELLERS' MEMORANDA:

Arrivals during the week,  
At the Royal Oak.—Mrs. Welsford, Judge Bliss, Messrs Morrow, Cunard, and McLellan.  
At Mrs. Davison's.—Messrs Chapel, Duchemin and Fraser.  
At Mr. Lorrain's.—Dr. McDonald, and Mr. McKay.  
At Mr. Harper's.—Messrs. Aitken, LITTLE, and Henderson.

SHIP NEWS:

ARRIVED.

Sept. 30th—Lucy, O'Brien, Halifax—goods to R. Dawson, W. & I. Ives, J. B. Davison, and others.  
Oct. 1st—Schr. Susan, McDougald, P. E. Island; shal. Lucy, Jerroir, Arichat—fish; schr. Elizabeth Simon, Merigumish—plank.  
2nd—Barque Dragon, Smith, New Bedford—ballast to the Mining Association; brig Juno, Sears, do.—do. do.  
5th—Schr. David Pratt, Pratt, Bolton—cider, apples, brooms, chairs, &c. to Joseph Smith; schr. Rosean, Gerrard, Richibucto—plank to G. Smith; Corinthian, Chase, New Bedford—ballast to Mining Association; Rosario, Gray, Fall River—do. do.  
6th—Schr. Mary Ann, McDonald, Miramichi—plank to G. Smith; Mary, Garrett, do.—do. do.; Dolphin, Coulsen, do.—do. do.; Bee, Graham, Fox Island—pickled fish, bound for Bathurst.

CLEARED.

Sept. 30—Schr. Pictou, Graham, Miramichi—horses, oxen, apples, butter &c.  
Oct. 1—Schr. Seaflower, Simpson, Halifax—coal by master.  
2d—Shal. Dapper, Matatal, Tatmagouche—sundries by A. Campbell; Lucy, O'Brien, Halifax—produce by R. Robertson, and coal by Master; Brig Paragon, Goodchild, Quebec—47 passengers.

Extract of a letter from the Superintendent of Sable Island, dated Sept. 12.

The following was picked up on the Sable side of this Island, near the East end, about the 13th of August, enclosed in a juk bottle.

This paper was thrown overboard from the ship Eliza, Crouch, Commanded, which sailed from London on the 27th April, 1835, bound to New York, when off the coast of Nova Scotia on the 12th June, 1835; Crew and Passengers all well. If this be picked up when distant from the coast of America, let it be known when and where, so as to determine the currents of the Atlantic Ocean.

E. SMITH,  
H. KING,  
J. G. MILLMAN,  
T. GAGE,

NOTICE

IS hereby given to those who were purchasers at the sale of Farm Stock by Thomas Underwood at John McKenzie's, West River, in November last year, and who gave their promissory notes payable one year after date, that the said notes are indorsed and made payable to me, and must be paid when due; otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs.

JOHN PATTERSON.  
Pictou, 6th Oct., 1835. c-w

CLERK OF THE PEACE OFFICE.

Special Sessions.  
NOTICE TO COLLECTORS OF DISTRICT RATES.

WHEREAS complaint has been made by Mr. MATHEW PATTERSON, the District Treasurer, against all those collectors of District Rates, for the non-payment of the several balances due by them on their respective Bills for the present year. Notice is hereby given that a Special Sessions of the Peace will be held in the Court House in the town of Pictou, on Thursday the 15th day of October next, at 12 o'clock noon of said day, for the purpose of adopting measures for enforcing the payment of the deficiency of the District Rates, at which time & place the Collectors are required to attend and pay over to the Treasurer all sums that they may then have collected; and to show cause (if any they have) why the whole amount of the balances set to and opposite their respective names, as reported by the Treasurer, has not been paid; otherwise, they will be forthwith prosecuted according as the law directs; of which all persons are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

By Order of the Justices,  
JAMES SKINNER, Junr.  
Clerk of the Peace.  
Pictou, Oct. 7, 1835. u-w

PICTOU PRICES CURRENT.  
CORRECTED WEEKLY.

BOARDS, Pine, per M	50s a 60s
" Hemlock, do.	30s a 40s
BEEF, fresh,	3d a 4d per lb.
BUTTER	7d a 8d "
COALS, at the Mines	13s per chal.
" Shipped on board	14s 6d "
" at the wharf, (Town)	16s "
CONFISH per Qil.	10s a 12s
EGGS per doz.	6d
FLOUR, N. S. per cwt.	16s a 18s
" Am. S. P. per bbl.	45s
" Canada fine "	40s
HAY per ton	55 a 40
HERRINGS, No. 1.	20s
No. 2.	none
LAMB per lb.	2d
MUTTON per lb.	2 1/2d. a 3d.
OAT MEAL per cwt.	12s 6d a 14s
PORK per bbl.	60s a 65s
POTATOES per bush.	1s
SALT per hhd.	10s a 11s
SHINGLES per M.	7s a 10s
TALLOW per lb.	7d a 8d.