

that at this present time, during calm weather, the current of the river Humber flows eastward through Toronto harbour and the swamp, and passes into the Lake through the opening in the bar; but it is equally certain that when the water has become low at the head of the Lake, a current flows in through the opening in the bar, and passes westward through the harbour.

It will require several years before the full

effect of the present state of things upon the harbour can be properly estimated, but during the survey of the north shore, which I made last summer, preliminary to laying out the breakwater, pier, wharves, &c. now in progress, I did not obtain any perceptible differences from those results given upon the chart and sections now shewn, which were obtained five years before.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia was prorogued on the 10th of April by His Excellency Viscount Falkland, in the following

SPEECH:

*Mr. President and Honourable
Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:*

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the
House of Assembly:*

The public business having been brought to a close, I am enabled to release you from your Legislative labours.

I cannot dismiss you to your several Counties, without offering you my congratulations on the results of a Session characterised by great activity, and during which a variety of important measures have been perfected.

Questions of paramount interest, and on which public opinion had long been divided, have been determined in such a manner, as will I trust, redound to the advantage of the community in general. A material, and I believe, beneficial change has been effected in the Judiciary of the Province. An Act called the Lands and Tenements Bill, by which a Creditor is secured in his just rights, while the Debtor is protected from extortion or oppression, and which had been under discussion for a period of nearly seven years, has been at length so framed as to meet all objections, and will at once come into operation. The Court of Marriage and Divorce has been remodelled and essentially improved; and our Criminal Code consolidated and simplified, and assimilated to that of England.

While these alterations have been accomplished in the Jurisprudence of the Colony, other matters of equal consequence have not been unattended to by you. It is with much pleasure I assent, in the name of the Queen, to

the Bill on the subject of Education, which, although it does not affirm the principle of direct assessment, in my opinion the mode that must eventually be resorted to of meeting the difficulties by which this question is surrounded, yet does enough to render the redemption of the pledge I gave you at our meeting "to concur very zealously in any attempt you might make to ameliorate the existing state of things" both gratifying and easy of performance.

I earnestly hope that the course you have adopted, with a view to the encouragement of Agriculture, and in the design of protecting the Fisheries, may be attended by the advantages you anticipate from it.

In addition to the measures I have enumerated, in themselves of sufficiently extensive practical influence, together with many other enactments suited to the wants of the country, an Act incorporating the City of Halifax has been passed, and the principle of self-government in local affairs has been introduced among Her Majesty's subjects in Nova Scotia, where, I trust, it will hereafter be generally and successfully developed.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the
House of Assembly:*

I thank you for the Supplies granted for the current year, and assure you that the authority of the Executive Government shall be exerted to prevent any ill-considered expenditure of the public money, and that no negligence in the expenditure of the services for which it has been voted, will be in any degree tolerated.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of the
Legislative Council:*

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the
House of Assembly:*

It is most satisfactory to me to be able to state, that not one Bill has been presented by