

It is necessary, however, that a general movement throughout the Province should be at once made in order to raise the required amount by subscription.

The Commissioners of the Poor's Asylum therefore beg respectfully to intimate that a public meeting will shortly be called for the purpose of promoting such general subscription and taking energetic steps towards the founding of an institution which will be alike an honor and a blessing to the country."

*Poor's Asylum, April 19th, 1852.*

This long talked of institution has at length assumed a somewhat tangible form, the Legislature at its recent sitting having authorised the Executive Government to issue debentures for £15,000, whenever the sum of £5000 shall have been raised by private contributions. The duty of removing, from their Provincial character, a blot, which has long marked it, has thus been thrown upon the people of Nova Scotia. Will they erase it, is now the question.

'Tis our firm belief that this stain of half a century, will shortly cease to exist, and we are *indeed* mistaken in our fellow countrymen, if they respond not to the generous proposition of the Legislature. Five Thousand Pounds! what is it, when contrasted with the noble work it will help to rear? It is as nothing! Already has more than one fourth of the required amount been provided by *two* philanthropic individuals. Surely then, the remainder will be speedily forthcoming.

It should be borne in mind that this is an object in which every inhabitant of the Province is more or less directly interested; for who is there in Nova Scotia who has not, among the number of afflicted beings alluded to in the foregoing document, either a relative, friend or neighbour? Few, if any! And those who are thus fortunate know not the moment that it may please the Almighty to blight *their* intellect; or if not their own, the mind of some dear friend. Then all are—*must be*, interested, deeply interested in this important matter. It is in our opinion essential that the proper authorities should at once be organised, and proceed to collect the required balance so as to render available the Provincial grant or some part of it, during the present year.

The Commissioners of the Poor have taken the initiative and issued the above Circular, but they have no authority to proceed further. It is stated that the Act in question provides for the appointment by the Government of two Commissioners, leaving a third to be named by the contributors to the £5000 fund. Now, it strikes us, that these, the Government Commissioners, are the parties on whose exertions the collection should depend. It is a well known fact, that what is every body's business is nobody's business, therefore, unless the Executive name *their* officers, (leaving the third for subsequent election) and direct them to commence at once, at this first preliminary, the obtaining of subscriptions, we feel assured that much delay will be the result, while in the mean time, the favourable feeling now abroad may subside from the public mind, and the success of the whole project be endangered.