sentiment, stale truisms, and frothy The Nova Scotia Repeal Revolution. declamation. It answers exactly to the old Latin proverb, "a voice and nothing else." The writer, from the adoption of the resolutions prepared of our common schools, or else he imagines he is suffering from some special a summary of them as will make make the Trustees responsible.

He claims that our schools are not in the Local Legislature. They then what they ought to be, and that they do not reflect much credit on the Trustees who have to do with their man- vising repeal he has invited the attenagement. Well, we will admit they tion of the Government of Canada to sweeping charge may be made against the Government met in Convention our churches, against our system of government, against our laws—in fact lature, but they made no offer to reagainst every institution or agency lax taxation, or regulate trade. They which men have set in operation. In therefore resolved that no mere finanall of these some defect can be pointed cial arrangement or offer can be made out, and as it is in the very nature of which would satisfy the people of Nothings, such defects will continue to va Scotia. exist as long as the human race is fallible. The real question is, what is the status and condition of our common schools compared with those in other places? Our unhesitating answer to this is, that our schools, in point of attendance, in the progress and proficiency of the pupils, and in the talent, experience and devotedness of the teachers, will compare very favorably with the schools of any city, town or village in the Dominion. That we readily admit; that great improvements might be made in centralizing them and in grading the pupils, no one who knows anything at all about them will deay. But admitting that such exist, does this prove that the Trusor remiss in the discharge of their data ties? By no means. The present Board have to deal with facts, not with such vague theories as fill the head of upon the people of Nova Scotia upon the people of Nova Scotia Red Sanders Wood, Cochingal, Quercetion, or remiss in the discharge of their duhave to deal with a number of schools and that nothing but Imperial coer scattered through the town, nearly all cion can force them to be bound by number of scholars, to say nothing of the sympathy and support of the peothe certain increase which will by and ple of the adjacent Colonies and the by e take place in the attendance—While they deplore this fact, and have done the best they could to temporarily remedy the evil, they know that no radical cure can be effected till a Central School is provided. But here again another difficulty meets them. The taxation is already as high as the ratepayers can well stand, and in the council forwarded to the Imperial Government, similar to the resolutions were ordered to be pressed before any discussion.

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most every case promptly attended to and if practicable acquiesced in and carried out.

The writer complains that the attendance at the Grammar School is not as large as it ought to be, considering the size of the town, the number of common schools, and the expenditure necessary to keep it up. We are sorry to say that this is quite true, but whose fault is it? Granted that the trustees ought to put in force some system for promoting pupils, would that remedy the evil? We scarcely think so under present circumstances. Can they compel pupils to go there against their will, or the will of their parents? Can they compel them to remain there after they are admitted? That is entirely beyond their province. Some other cause must be found for the marked decrease in the attendance than this silly excuse for a reason, and we leave it for the writer in the Advertiser to find out. The Trustees have engaged a Head master at a large salary, and when he complained that he was not able to manage the school alone, they procured an assistant teacher for him. Yet the attendance to-day at the Grammar School, the attendance to-day at the Grammar School, the attendance to-day at the Grammar School does not exceed twenty, while at a private institution in this town, taught by a gentleman formerly connected with the Grammar School, the attendance is more than double that number. Now we ask the writer in the Advertiser, we ask every sensible man, how does this come about, and the only logical answer they can give is that on the teachers rests the responsibility, and

mot on the Trustees. The writer informs us with much modesty that the honers recently conferred on its Head master have won for the school a mame. A name for what? For the proficiency of friday to a very windy article, in which, after some vague assertions in mo way way complimentary to the status and condition of our public schools, a violent attack is made on the School Trustees for their alleged apathy and indifference in the discharge of their duties. Had these statements been backed by anything even bearing the color of evidence or proof, they might have had some weight on the minds of the people of this town, the majority of whom, from the fact that they are either ratepayers or parents sending their children to school, are specially and directly interested in these institutions and in all that is said for and against them. But no such evidence is adduced, not a tittle of proof is brought forward, but in place of these we have a profusion of cheap sentiment, stale truisms, and frothy declamation. It answers exactly to

In the Local Legislature on Friday, tone and matter of the article, is either profoundly ignorant of the condition grievance, for which he endeavors to them intelligible to our readers. They first deny the assertions made by the Passing by the solemn lecture the Duke of Buckingham that Nova Scowriter reads to these guardians of our tia was the first Province to move the educational interests, we proceed to notice one or two points in his article. scheme was proposed and approved of are not what they ought to be, nor are the reduction of the taxation, to such the schools in any township, village, regulation of the trade and fisheries as town or city in Canada, or in any other country under the sun. The same time provinces; that five members of

The resolutions then advert to the presentation of the petitioners to the Imperial Parliament praying for repeal, and to the refusal to grant its prayer. They therefore resolve that "this House regards with indignation and alarm, the refusal of a majority of the House of Com lic spirit and intelligence, and attachmade by the smallest corporation in the British Isles, and we believe could not have been refused its. ment to the throne-a demand which not have been refused if the popula- Logwood, Chip & Ext. Brazil Wood, tion of Nova Scotia were as great as tees are either careless or indifferent that of the two Provinces of Ontario

of which are too small for the present the Confederation Act. They invoke lovers of freedom in every part of the

New Advertisements.

MONEY LOST.

a Wednesday last, on the Omnibus be n the Great Western Station and Guelph, stage between Elora and Guelph, a yel-ope, addressed to Rev. J. G. McGregor The finder will b containing a sum of money. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at THE MERCURY OFFICE, Guelph.

Guelph, August 17.

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DUPIL of the best Masters in England, having taught successfully for some in New York has removed to Guelph, and hopes to receive a share of the patronage of the families and ladies of Guelph ard vicinity.

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Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

THE Partnership heretofore existing betwee the undersigned, as Brewers, is this day desolved by mutual consent. All claims owing the late firm, will be settled by Mr. Geo. Sleems and all notes and accounts due the firm must paid to him. JOHN SLEEMAN, GEORGE SLEEMAN Witness: A. M. JACKSON.

er Creek Brewery, Guelph, August 12, 1868. daw 1m

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