

No. 15. Charade.

In the city, the hamlet, by sea-side, in wood,
Where thoroughfares blend and in deep solitude ;
Where good men are gathered and christians have been
Ever valued and cherished, my first may be seen.

The value, dimensions, and worth of my second,
By the hand of the shopman are easily reckoned ;
Yet circles the dwelling of rich men and poor,
Small, spacious, dark, open, or fastened secure.

My whole is a place where glad children oft play,
Thro' the beautiful depth of the long summer day ;
Where the gay and the stricken together may meet,
While it giveth to all men a quiet retreat.

REVIEW OF THE PAST MONTH.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia has now been in session more than four weeks, without any great amount of public business being got through. The proposition of the Canadian Delegates, on the subject of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, that Canada should build one-third, New Brunswick five-twelfths, and Nova Scotia one-fourth ; and that the line should go by the valley of the St. John, has been affirmed in the House of Assembly by a very decisive majority. The Revenue exhibits a considerable increase, but is not much beyond the expenditure. A Bill has been introduced, proposing to establish a Normal School for the training of teachers, and assessing the counties for the better and more effectual support of Education. This is a subject of vast importance to the country, and we hope the Legislature will deal with the measure in a wise and liberal spirit. We are sorry to observe that the Post Office department exhibits a rather serious falling off, but trust the Province will not grudge it when it takes into consideration the great advantages and facilities now afforded compared with the previous system. There seems to be great and wide spread dissatisfaction with regard to our Fisheries. The deficiency in "the take" this year is lamentable, and the Government recommends the adoption of rigorous measures for their protection from the aggression of foreigners. Halifax has been favored the past month with the visits of not fewer than five steamships, bound for other ports, in addition to three others at previous dates. The Europa and the Niagara, the S. S. Lewis, the Humboldt, and the Glasgow, en route for United States ports ; thus proving, incontestibly the great advantage possessed by Halifax as the nearest American port to England. The S. S. Lewis, intended to ply between Liverpool and Boston, has, it is stated, since been sold, and is to be placed in the Pacific trade ; she cost 187,000 dollars, and was sold for 150,000. The Humboldt is an American Mail Steamer, running between New York and Havre ; she is apparently a fine vessel. The Glasgow is an iron screw-propeller of 1962 tons, one of the most splendid vessels and the first four