

The Observer.

SAINT JOHN, OCTOBER 19, 1882.

On Thursday next, the Provincial Legislature will meet, in extra Session, for the purpose of considering the all-important question, whether or not this Province should obtain the means of rapid provincial advancement and progressive improvement, by the establishment of rail-roads within her borders. That the future welfare of this Province mainly depends on our being as speedily as possible put on an equality with the other civilized nations of the earth, by means of rail-road communication, and the consequent facilitation of intercourse with other countries and among ourselves, is too self-evident to be discussed or controverted. That the terms of the contract entered into between our Provincial authorities and the eminent British capitalists and contractors who have agreed to carry out the works, are, all things considered, in the highest degree favourable to us, and far better than could have been obtained by any portion of the neighbouring Republic, is also undeniable. That the roads to be constructed upon these terms, will be vastly superior in solidity, durability and permanency, to any other works of the kind, and that, therefore, the building them in an inferior style on lower terms, (or what is broadly called "the cheap and nasty system") would be "penny wise and pound foolish."

On Wednesday the 72nd Highlanders were reviewed on the Barrack Square by the General-in-Chief, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the other members of the Staff. It is needless for us to add how well this fine Regiment appeared, and how thoroughly they displayed their admirable discipline. It is not, however, to be believed, a native of Mayo in Ireland, who has ancestors here for several generations. He was an active agent in the suppression of the late rebellion in Canada, and is now a resident in this Province as the command here, he has been highly commended by the Press, as well as the military department.—*Fredericton Reporter.*

Matthew Richey, Esq., the son of the eloquent preacher of the same name, has lately issued the prospectus of a newspaper, to be published under the editorial management of the Rev. Mr. Richey, called the "Colonial Advocate"; but he has not alluded to his particular creed of politics.—*ibid.*

Supreme Court.—*Michaelmas Term.*—Baldwin vs. Wainwright. An action against Dr. Waddell, Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, for alleged negligence in performing a surgical operation, whereby the plaintiff lost his hand. It was tried at St. John in January last, and a verdict given for the defendant. In February last the plaintiff obtained from the Supreme Court a writ of Habeas Corpus, and the rule *Viz.* has now been discharged, and the verdict of the jury confirmed. Mr. Wetmore, Counsel for the Plaintiff; and Mr. Mack for the Defendant.—*Freeman.*

Duke of Wellington.—At an adjourned meeting of the British residents of New Brunswick, held on the 15th inst., a resolution was passed to erect upon the arm and hat until the day following that to be henceforth designated for the obsequies of the late Duke, and that the Rector of Trinity Church be requested to perform the duties of a funeral service in honour of the Duke, after the usual performance of divine service, on the afternoon of the day appointed for the funeral in London.—*Boston Daily Globe.*

The Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Co. have purchased, at Philadelphia, a steam propeller yacht, with which it is proposed to connect the Eastern steamers bound to the United States, while passing in the vicinity of Newfoundland, and procure from them the foreign news, for transmission to the various parts of the Province, and by this means anticipate the arrival of the steamers.

man, to go to a boarding-house in the City. Nothing further was heard of him, until his body was found on Wednesday evening. A pocket book containing money, and a watch, with gold chain, were found on his person, his true name being left on board the *Union*, was returned to his family, at Fredericton.—*Cour.*

Melancholy Accident.—On Saturday evening, about 5 o'clock, the second mate of the "Indus," of Glasgow, lying at the Ballast wharf, fell down the hatchway of that vessel. Medical attendance was immediately procured, but the unfortunate man expired in about half an hour afterwards. He learned his name was Richard Wales, and that he leaves a wife and family in Port Glasgow, Scotland.—*Times.*

New Vessels.—Launched on Thursday last, from the Building Yard of Messrs. Thompson and Jenkins, near the Aboudean, a fine ship of 1157 tons, called the *Ida*. She was built for Messrs. Gilbert & Co.; is constructed of hackmatac, and will class for seven years. For beauty of model and durability of workmanship the *Ida* will compare favourably with our first class vessels, and reflects much credit upon her enterprising builders. Also, on Saturday last, from the Yard of Mr. John Macauland, on the same place, a fine schooner, called the *Clipper*, of about 1200 tons, called the *Breeze*. She is also constructed of the best materials, and justly entitles the builder to every praise, both as regards model and workmanship.—*New Britain.*

Later from Europe.—The American steamer ship *Jedic* arrived at New York on Saturday evening, bringing Liverpool dates to the 6th inst., and 100 passengers. The Flour market was rather firm, and prices are quoted at 21s. 6d. per barrel. Cotton was without material change. Advertisements from France led to the belief that Louis Napoleon would soon be declared Emperor.

Ship News.—Arrived at Liverpool, ships *Comwell*, *Crescent City*, *Lochaber*, and *Lions*—all from St. John. At London, ship *Albion*—all from St. John. The ship *Erin King*, from St. John for London, arrived at Plymouth waterlogged, and with loss of spars. She was discharging.—*New Br.*

Her Majesty has decided that the remains of the late Duke of Wellington shall receive the honours of a public funeral in Halifax. The remains of the Duke were to be deposited under the great dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, beside the remains of the immortal Nelson. The grand and solemn obsequies were to be deferred till the 17th Light of August, and by its sanction, the proposed ceremonies, with greater solemnity, it was conjectured that it would develop the remains of the Duke.

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