

QUEBEC, TUESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1859.

LATEST DATES.

London, - - - Dec. 31. New-York, - - - Feb. 4.
Liverpool, - - - Jan. 1. Halifax, - - - Jan. 31.
Havre, - - - Dec. 28. Toronto, - - - Feb. 7.

LATE AND IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE.

Halifax papers to the 31st ult. were received yesterday morning. H. M. frigate *Inconstant* arrived there on the 29th, with one wing of the 93rd Regiment, and brings advice from Cork to the 4th January. We submit a summary of the news from the Nova Scotia of the 31st. It will be seen that Sir Henry Hardinge is set down as the new Governor General of Lower Canada, but we do not know on what authority this statement is made. A military force of no less than 5750 men, as a reinforcement to the troops in Canada, was about to sail for Halifax, where they will probably remain until the opening of the navigation here, unless circumstances should occur before that period to render their services necessary.

The frigate *Inconstant* arrived on Monday, bringing the 1st wing of the 93rd Regt. They landed yesterday, and were received at the wharf by the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker and the Members of the Assembly, and welcomed with hearty cheer by the inhabitants. The 93rd is a Scotch Regiment of old renown. We shall probably soon have in Halifax a full garrison and several ships of war.

Cork Jan. 5.—Orders have been received, we understand, to put the Fermoy Barracks in readiness for the immediate reception of a large body of troops, Horse and Foot.

Transports are expected at Cork (it is said that the line of battle ships *Bellerophon* and *Vanguard*, the former of 78 and the latter 84 guns, have been ordered to sail from the Mediterranean for the purpose) to take on board the depots of the 11th and 73d, and proceeded to Gibraltar, where they are to meet the service Companies of the Regiments now in Cork, and take them on to Halifax.

In the reinforcements for Canada, allied to in our publication of Saturday, we omitted to name a Regiment of Cavalry (requested to be the 13th Hussars). The following may therefore be taken as a pretty correct enumeration of the force intended to be embarked for this particular service, and we are led to believe that all are to proceed to Halifax as soon as the means of transport in ships of war can be procured.

1 Regiment of Cavalry augmented to	450
3rd Highlanders, augmented strength	660
3rd and 4th Grenadiers	2,000
6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th	600
2nd Fusiliers and 7th Light Infantry, augmented strength	1,200
Augmentation of 100 rank and file to all Regiments in Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick—namely, 1st Royals, 10th, 20th, 25th, 34th, 43d, 60th, 82d, and 90th.	900
Total.	5,750

The 11th and 73d Regiments, ordered home from the Mediterranean, are to land at Gibraltar, there to await instructions in case their services should also be required in Canada.

Two companies of a battery are also, it is said, ordered to the same destination (Canada).

An order from the Horse Guards was received in Quebec yesterday morning, for volunteers to serve in Canada, with a bounty of one guinea to each man. The order was promptly read on parade to the 25th Regiment, at the New Barracks, when fifty active fellows, including several of the Grenadier Company turned out without hesitation, and offered their services to the 11th and 73d Regiments, which are the corps specified in the despatch; and to join their ranks, these embark next week at Cork, on route to Gibraltar, where the 11th and 73d are to await orders for Canada. The 25th will supply at least 100 volunteers, as the Horse Guard's invitation is gone out this morning to the detachments at Bruff, Rattikon, and Newcastle.

The 22d Regiment in Cork has been called upon for volunteers to the Regiments in Canada.—*Limerick Chronicle*.

All is activity at the Horse Guards, Major General Sir W. Mearns, has been ordered to hold himself in readiness to take charge of a brigade consisting of the 23d, 71st, 83d, and 94th Regiments, destined for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; drafts from the depots of the Regiments now at the seat of War, have orders to rejoin their respective Regiments to make up the force to 600 men each; two companies of Artillery are also ordered for the same destination, a brigade of Guards under Lord Saltoun, and the First Battalion of Rifles, are also ordered to hold themselves in readiness. Colonel Fitzgerald has been appointed Inspecting Field Officer of Militia to proceed forthwith to Canada.—*Evening Mail*.

Downing-Street, December 22.—The Queen has been pleased to appoint Colonel Sir George Arthur, K. C. B., to be Lieut.-Governor of Upper Canada.

a corner; a key was apparently introduced into a lock at a different side of the dungeon from that at which they entered. Several attempts were then made to turn it, which failed successively, and a concealed door opened, through which the light of a lantern flashed upon the wondering eyes of the prisoners. The bearer, a female, closely veiled from head to foot, paused for a moment at the entrance, while she turned the rays of the lamp successively upon the two before her. Then, as if assured of their identity, she advanced and spoke, in a low tone, which left no doubt on the mind of the Caliph that it was the beautiful Georgian who was concealed behind the veil.

"You are innocent," she said, "I know; for you have not the air of violent men; at all events, you have committed no crime deserving of your threatened punishment. If you remain till morning, you die. I have come to deliver you. Be silent, and follow me!" So saying, she turned and led the way through a narrow and winding passage, the walls of which were lined with the most exquisite and costly ornaments that reached a small postern gate on the opposite side of the building from that by which they had entered; their guide then turned, and led in the same suppressed voice—

"Now go, and Allah be with you! I have risked my life to save you! Hint not to a living being your means of deliverance."

"We may at least inquire," said the disguised Caliph, "the name of our lovely deliverer, that we may mention it in our prayers."

"No!" replied the Georgian with a sigh; "forget me! forget that you have ever seen me. My name—alas!—has no name but Misfortune! and I have retired, as I closed the wicket on the delivered captives, and her retreating footsteps soon died away."

"Well!" said the disguised monarch to his companion, after a brief light, when they were fairly beyond the reach of pursuit, "that was an adventurous work meeting with by the saddle of the holy shemshady, she is a splendid girl! Her name is Misfortune, eh! Misshallah, please God, we will chase all that!" and the Caliph fell to cogitating; most anxiously.

The following morning, the astonishment which the unaccountable escape of the prisoners had excited in the harem of the Khan of Faristan was further increased by an imperial message requiring him to conduct his daughter Basa, with her favourite Georgian slave, to the foot of the throne. The mention of the slave, occasioned the greatest amazement, not only in her own mind, but also in that of her mistress, when she could discern her thoughts from the magnificent visions that crowded upon her imagination. Compelled to attend a private audience of the Caliph's! She thought of the vacant quarters of a ministerial office, and her step became yet more queenly, and her head was thrown back with an imperial toss, which showed the kind of fancy-work going on within it. Magnificently attired, her features, however, concealed by an exquisitely wrought veil of Tiber, which yet allowed the traces of a face but not sufficiently rounded form to be fully displayed, she bowed before the throne of the master of the world. At a little distance behind knelt the Georgian, adorned not more richly than the evening before, yet revealing beneath that simple dress a beauty of shape, feature, and expression which her haughty mistress had often envied. Besides the Governor and the vizier, with a guard of black eunuchs, none else was present.

"Karin!" said the monarch. The governor bowed to the earth. "Karin, we have heard from many of the surpassing beauty and worth of your fair daughter. From what we have ourselves seen, we cannot doubt of the correctness of the general remark. We have also not been unmindful of your great services to the house of Abbas, and we have decreed to repay them by an alliance, which, we hope, will bind you still nearer to our heart."

The governor again executed a prostration, and the very brain of the princess seemed to whirl with the giddiness of ecstatic bliss. The Caliph continued,

"Among all who have spoken to our royal ears the praises of the unrivalled Basa, none have appeared more ardent and disinterested than our faithful vizier. Disinterestedness should be rewarded; and we have determined to unite our two most beloved servants yet closer in the bond of affection, by bestowing, with her consent and your permission, your lovely daughter on our excellent minister; and may they be blessed with a numerous

progeny, who shall unite the beauty and mildness of their mother in the judgment and trustworthiness of the sire. What says the fair princess?"

It was well for Basa, at this moment, that her will concealed her faint panic, otherwise the lightning glance which she directed toward the thunderstruck vizier, while pronouncing in as composed a tone as possible the usual formula, "to hear is to obey," would have acquired any thing but a serene honey-tune.

The Caliph then turned to the Georgian, and pronounced in a clear voice, which caused the heart of the timid girl to quake, "Slave! thy name?"

"Commander of the Faithful," she faltered, "they call me Ayesha."

"Who were your parents?" interrogated the monarch in the same tone.

"May it please your highness, I never knew them! I was taken captive in my infancy."

"Alas! not know even her own father!" soliloquised Alimoonah, however not well pleased at the reply. "That will never do."

"Commander of the Faithful," said the maiden hurriedly, as if surprised at her own temerity, "we are all children of Adam."

The Caliph passed his hand across his brow; a new light seemed to break upon his mind, and his resolution was formed.

"Ayesha," he said nathly, "look up!"—For the first time the daimi ventured to raise her eyes to the countenance of the Caliph, and there they met, with a doubtful, wondering, half-terrified gaze, that called a smile to the good-humoured face of the monarch. But when he discerned the jewelled tiara which encircled and overshadowed his brow for the first time in Egypt, lightning is not more potent than the flash which overspread the face and bosom of the maiden; and having her forehead as she lay, even to the foot of the throne, she murmured, "Pardon, O Sir, my presumption! How could I know?"

Alimoonah descended from his seat, and rising to the trembling Georgian from her place, he took her hand gently, and said, "Ayesha! you could not have known—not if you had, could you have acted more nobly. You gave me, as you thought, my life; I can only repay you by offering you a fourth of my heart; the other three quarters, I regret to say, are already shared. I have looked for beauty, nobleness, and womanly graces in the high-born and far-distinguished, and I find them in the humble and selfless. Put you will make up for want of pedigree in excess for love, won't you, my dear?" What the lovely Ayesha answered history does not state; but it is an anecdote that the pages of Alimoonah and his Georgian were the most magnificent that the world has witnessed. Six of the days of Abbas fell; and they were a period further memorable by the resolution of the state criminals, and the release of the benevolent prisoners from half their original terms, at the earnest entreaty of the new Caliphine. History also relates, that after a long and happy reign the good Caliph gave up the ghost in his favourite city of Bahli, and was there interred in a magnificent mausoleum, bearing the following pithy inscription:—

"Exit not, O me! thy pretty graces, neither base of thy, be a line of my kindred grandsons; for all we are ALL CHILDREN OF ADAM!"

MISCELLANEOUS.

FROM LATE ENGLISH PAPERS.

London, Dec. 22.—Lord Howick and the Adjutant-General transacted business to-day at the Colonial Office.

Colonel Hamilton had an interview at the Colonial Office on the 19th.

Was Officer, Dec. 22.—Brevet-Col. Sir George Arthur, on half-pay of the York Hussars, to have the local rank of Major-General in Upper Canada only.

Sir John Colborne, now commanding in Upper and Lower Canada, is one of the most popular officers in the British army.—(*Limerick Chronicle*).

In the Court of Chancery, the Lord Chancellor decided, on an appeal from the Vice-Chancellor, that a Solicitor has no right to withhold the papers of his client when the latter employs another Solicitor, and that the Solicitor has no lien on the papers for his cost.

The late Earl of Egremont distributed in acts of charity and benevolence, during sixty years, upwards of £1,000,000 sterling!—or about £20,000 per annum!

The house of Cramer and Co. and Duff and Co. have purchased the music of *Roobe's* new opera, for which they have given £500; who

would not be a compounder of crochets and quivers?

Mendelssohn says, in a letter which he wrote to Mr. J. A. Novello, respecting the brilliant reception of his sister Clara, at Leipzig, that one of the French papers stated, that Queen Victoria sat 200 pine-apples herself at the Guildhall festival; bravo, Mousnier!

When the railway is finished, the journey between London and Glasgow will not occupy much above thirty hours.

On Thursday last, a flock of nearly thirty wild swans were observed flying in a very compact body, and almost within gun-shot, over the town of Ayr, directing their course southward.

LITERARY NOVELTIES.—"Mr. Horace Smith's admiral novel of 'Jane Lomas' has been followed by Lady Bury's tale of 'Love'; an announcement which must excite an unusual interest among the lovers of fiction. But the most of week has been particularly distinguished by no less than three very important historical publications—we allude to the 'Private Correspondence of Sarah, the celebrated Duchess of Marlborough,' the prime minister of Queen Anne, as she was called—a work which cannot fail to throw much new light on that interesting reign. 2dly, 'The Life of the celebrated Irish Rebel, General Pelt,' written by himself, and edited by T. Crofton Croker, Esq.; and, lastly, the 'Notes Illustrative of the Times of George the Fourth and Queen Caroline,' a work which will no doubt create a great sensation in the highest circles.

CHAS. LAMONT.—On Tuesday, at Messrs. Pilkingtons and Walker's office, before the Rev. R. A. Rawstome, a good-looking young woman, named Ann Huntington, residing in this town, was charged by a rev. gentleman, curate of a neighbouring parish, with following him about, and otherwise annoying him. It came out in evidence, that the defendant had got it into her head that she was "in love" with the rev. gentleman, and was constantly endeavouring to impress that fact upon him. She had also said, in the hearing of one witness, that if the complainant would not "love her," she would have his life. The defendant, in her defence, said she had formed an attachment to Mr. Harrison, and could not avoid doing as she had done. She was held to bail to keep the peace.

A PROFITABLE HEADING.—Our readers can scarcely have forgotten the handsome gown last year to an English gentleman, Mr. Churchill, at Constantinople. Lord Plessbury interred with some spirit on the occasion. The Turkish minister made his passage by giving Mr. Churchill a mercuriale privilege to export a certain quantity of oil duty free. The privilege Mr. Churchill is said to have sold to a Greek merchant for about £3000.

A KIND INVITATION.—The following *intelligible* invitation to some gentlemanly member of the illegitimate-association fraternity is posted up at an ironmonger's in Balldenehouse, London:—"If the absent gentleman who took away, by mistake, a few days since, a shovel and trowel, will apply within, he will be presented with a poker to match. They are a set, and one will be comparatively of little value to him without the other."

LOWER CANADA.

[From the Montreal Herald of Saturday.]

We are glad to learn that the loyal Volunteers of this city are getting upon an address to Sir Francis Head, which we doubt not will be signed by every man under arms.

On Thursday forenoon, six trains arrived in town, containing about 4000 stand of arms, collected at Yamaska and the neighbouring parishes where the loyal manifestations have been so profusely hatched of late.

On Thursday morning, six of the Montreal Cavalry were despatched to St. Therese, with a warrant for the apprehension of Neil Scott, on a charge of high treason. This "dimple" is brother of W. H. Scott, M.P.P. also in prison under a similar charge. Neil Scott was lately post-master at St. Therese.

Yesterday morning, a man named Derige dit Laplante, the marguillier of the parish of St. Constant was lodged in jail on a charge of high treason. He was captured on Thursday evening by a sergeant and four soldiers of the Montreal Volunteer Militia, after a desperate resistance, during which he was severely wounded. It was supposed by his captors that a rescue would have been attempted, as several caroles were seen at a short distance from the house, and a continued succession of signals by whistling were heard at the same time.