

ning, they tendered their resignations, which were forthwith accepted by Sir Alexander Bannerman.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia have passed resolutions, empowering the Government of that Province to expend £200,000 a year in the construction of railroads—the money to be raised by loans, the issue of notes from the Treasury &c.—At this rate Nova Scotia will soon be pretty well supplied with railroads.

The Quebec papers of the 11th March, state that the following Officers serving in Canada have been ordered forthwith to proceed to England to embark with the army for Constantinople:—Asst. Com. Gen. Routh, Dep. Asst. Coms. Genl. Hawkins, Webb and Downes. D. A. C. Genl. Webb has been stationed at Quebec, for the last three years, during which time he was frequently the Senior Officer of the Department.

Deer are remarkably numerous in the Township of Wallace this year. A short time ago eleven of them were seen drinking together at a spring in that township.

Four Quebecers have just returned from Australia. They report hard times, hard luck, and hard usage; but amazingly little hard money.

An independent militia Rifle Company is about being formed at St. Catharines. The *Constitutional* understands, that the company will be furnished with arms in a short time, and believes it will be the means of supplying the town with an efficient police force in case of need.

The *Voice of the Fugitive* states, that numbers of fugitives from slavery continue to arrive in Canada from the boasted land of freedom. If they had not Canada to fly to, their fate would be ead indeed. But once here, where true freedom exists, they need have no further fear of the lash; unless, indeed, our "vitriol" friend, Mitchell's ideas of liberty should prevail among us—which heaven forefend!

The Barber Brothers, so well known for their manufacturing enterprise, are putting up a new and extensive Paper Mill on the Credit, near Georgetown. It is a stone building, 100 feet long and four stories high. They will doubtless supply a good article.

It is proposed to establish in the City of Hamilton, a company for the manufacture of knitted fabrics and hosiery.

The Trustees of the Quebec Provident and Saving's Bank made their annual report on the 28th March, in which the affairs of the Bank are favorably spoken of. The number of the new accounts opened during the past year is 634, making the total number of accounts now open 2246. The deposits have increased during the same period from £112,538. 12. 7, to £148,338. 5. 1, and the surplus fund to £9,274. 12. 9.

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

The position of affairs in the East has been so distinctly defined in the two articles in the April and May numbers, and the causes of the war so clearly explained, that it is needless to return to

the subject, and in our resumé we will at once proceed to the events of the last six months.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The principal topic after the 1st of January which engrossed public attention was the unfounded rumour, (raised as stated by some journals, by Lord Palmerston's party) respecting Prince Albert's reasonable conduct in betraying the confidence reposed in him as a Privy Counsellor, *ex-officio*. This rumour resulted in the most triumphant refutation of all the charges brought against his Royal Highness, and in establishing the fact that the Prince was deservedly the most popular personage in Her Majesty's dominions. A second point of interest has been the offensive and defensive alliance entered into between France and England and Turkey.

"Their Majesties the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Emperor of the French resolved to lend their assistance to His Majesty the Sultan Abdul Medjid, Emperor of the Ottomans, in the war which he is carrying on against the aggressions of Russia, and obliged, moreover, notwithstanding their sincere and persevering efforts to maintain peace, to become themselves belligerent parties in a war which, without their active interference, would have threatened to overthrow the balance of power in Europe, and the interests of their own Kingdoms, have, in consequence, resolved to conclude convention for the purpose of designating the object of their alliance, as well as the means to be employed in concert to carry it out, and have for this purpose named as their Plenipotentiaries:

"Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable George William Frederic, Earl of Clarendon, &c., and Principal Secretary of State of Her Britannic Majesty for Foreign Affairs;

And His Majesty the Emperor of the French, Sieur Alexander Colonna, Count Walewski, &c., his ambassador to the court of Her Britannic Majesty;

Who, having mutually communicated their credentials in due form, have determined and signed the following articles:—

"ARTICLE I.

"The High Contracting Parties engage, as far as in their power, to bring about the re-establishment of peace between Russia and the Sublime Port on solid and lasting bases, and to guarantee Europe against a return of the lamentable complications which have just so unhappily disturbed the general peace.

"ARTICLE II.

"The integrity of the Ottoman Empire having been violated by the occupation of the provinces of Moldavia and Wallachia, and by other movements of Russian troops, their Majesties the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Emperor of the French have concerted and will concert the most advisable means to free the territories of the Sultan from