

## European Intelligence.

The lords of the admiralty have decided that the India and China mails, under the new contract, shall be despatched from Southampton on the 14th and 29th of each month.

The Marchioness of Stiglitz is dead. She was only twenty-eight years old.

The quantity of rain which has fallen in different parts of France begins to create alarm. At Aups, Evreux, and other places, there have been inundations which have occasioned severe losses to the inhabitants.

The portrait of the Princess Vasa, Louis Napoleon's intended wife, was shown on Sunday night in the saloons in St. Cloud to a group of visitors. The marriage is now spoken of for the month of January.

A correspondent of the *Steele*, writing from Genoa 17th Nov., says: "A letter has arrived here from Cagliari, Sardinia, of Nov. 16, with the news of the death of the Bay of Tunis. The letter adds that on this news being received, the English squadron sailed towards Tunis, where the French squadron is cruising. We have not yet received this intelligence at Genoa from any other quarter."

The late arrivals from Australia report that new discoveries of gold fields had been made. The *Adelaide*, Melbourne, had increased £161,167 during the quarter ending the 30th of June.

English Defensive Preparations.—The English newspapers say that the Channel Islands are to be put in a state of defence, and the troops there are to be increased. Large quantities of warlike stores have been landed at Guernsey. At Alderney immense works are hurriedly in progress for the formation of a fortified harbor of refuge, by which that island may be made the centre of most extensive and warlike operations. Alderney is only nine miles from Cape La Hougue, in France, and twenty miles from Cherbourg. Nothing can pass Cape La Hougue, or leave Cherbourg, without observation at Alderney.

Boston, 18th Dec.—The Africa, with English despatches, arrived at New York last evening.

The Budget was laid before Parliament on Friday night. The duty on Tea is proposed to be reduced—that on Whisky to be reduced one half—on Sugar, no change. The Income Tax is to be extended to Ireland. The Army and Navy Estimates are increased £600,000. The House Tax is to be extended.

A contract has been signed for cutting a Canal through the Isthmus of Darien.

France is tranquil. A treaty of amity and commerce is nearly concluded between England and France.

The Cotton Market is unchanged.—When has advanced fourpence per quarter.—Flour and other Breadstuffs firm, but quotations unchanged.

CUBA AND THE UNITED STATES.—Washington Dec. 13.—Official information has been received here, authenticating the intelligence that Capt. Gray and the officers of the American vessel the *Lady Suffolk*, who were arrested at Havana upon a charge of being concerned in the slave trade, had been released from all embarrassment. The Captain General conducted the enquiry personally, and being satisfied of the innocence of the sailors, made prompt reparations. Recent events have contributed to give the Cuban authorities a better understanding of the American character, and no apprehension is now entertained that the indiscretions which lately occasioned so much anxiety will be repeated. All present causes of misunderstanding have been removed, and there is no probability of interruption to the existing relations, unless some new aggression should be attempted.

UNITED STATES.—FRENCH.—One penny is offered in New Orleans. This unprecedented high price is causing great activity in the commercial circles of Maine. Weather shipowners should strike when the iron is hot. This great price must be to a degree fictitious, and cannot hold long.

07 The Trade of the past fiscal year exhibits a nominal balance against the United States of four millions of dollars. It is estimated that the aggregate amount of Government, State and railroad indebtedness in Europe is \$610,000,000.

A WOMAN SHOT BY A MADMAN.—In Philadelphia, 17th inst., Mrs. Margaret Miller was shot in the streets by an insane man named John Diamond, who accused her of having bewitched him. The wound will prove fatal.

Large Fleet of Vessels due at San Francisco.—By an interesting tabular statement, published in the *San Francisco Shipping List*, it appears that at about the close of last month there was a fleet of 202 vessels due there from various ports in Europe and the United States. This number was rather singularly divided equally between the Old and New World, 101 being on their way from Europe, and the same number from the United States. Of these from our own ports, 41 had been out 400 days and over, 57 under 100 days.

TRAVELLING VILLAGE BOUND FOR QUEBEC.—A raft, rather a full regiment of rats extending a quarter of a mile in length, and a little over that amount in breadth, was towed in near the windmill at the Canada side, on Sunday morning, and put up for its destination, in tow of a steamboat yesterday. There were no less than fifty-one good sized and well built timber shanties scattered over this little village, and the villagers, to the number of some one hundred subjects or citizens, we cannot say which, appeared in their "best holiday sheen," consisting of red shirt, broad

straw hat, and long mud boots, drawn over the lower part of the trousers.—*Ogdensburg News.*

Mr. Thackeray dined with the "Press Club" of New York, at its regular monthly meeting at the Astor House, on Saturday last. Quite a number of distinguished guests were present, and the occasion was one of marked enjoyment.

MAINE LUMBER.—The quantity of lumber surveyed at Bangor, Me., averages annually about 200,000,000 feet, the value of which cannot fall short of \$3,000,000. The quantity cut to market this year is less than last year, owing to the great drought in the early part of the season. The demand has been great, and the prices of all qualities have run a dollar higher per thousand feet than last year, so that the quantity will fall short by some 15,000,000 feet, the sales will amount to nearly a quarter of a million dollars more than last year.

HORRIBLE MURDER BY A BOY.—The Memphis Whig is indebted to a gentleman who came passenger on the steamer John Dean, direct from the neighbourhood where the deed was committed for the following particulars of an awful murder committed by a boy 11 or 12 years of age, near Augusta, Ark., on the morning of the 29th ult.:

The name of the unfortunate man was Nathaniel Hubbard, who lived in the vicinity of Augusta, and worked a small farm. On the evening previous to the murder, Mr. D., corrected an apprentice boy, named Campbell, for some misbehavior and told him he would punish him again next morning. The boy arose about daybreak the next morning, loaded a double barreled gun, went to the bed where Mr. D. was lying, and deliberately fired off the contents of both barrels into his victim's head, blowing out the brains and shattering the entire head into atoms. He then went out into the yard, hauled a small sled, which was used for hauling water, into the house, placed it alongside the bed and rolled the body off the bed on the sled. It being too heavy for him to haul off, he went out and caught a horse, harnessed it, brought it to the door, and by means of a long rope fastened to the sled, hauled the body off some three-quarters of a mile from the house to a swamp, where he left it, and returned to the house. His next effort was to fire the house, but he was prevented in the act by an old negro woman, a slave of the murdered man.

He then hid her remain silent about what had happened, and left the house. Soon after a neighbour came in, to which the woman told him all she knew about the affair, who immediately got together several other gentlemen, and started in pursuit of the youthful murderer. They had not proceeded more than three or four miles before they came up with him. He confessed that he had committed the crime, entirely by himself, without any assistance from the woman; was taken back, examined before a magistrate, and committed to prison. The bed was covered with the brains and blood, and presented a most revolting sight. His body was respectfully interred by his neighbors.

The unfortunate man, thus unceremoniously and suddenly hurried from this world, without a moment's notice or preparation, was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him. He formerly lived in or near this place, and has relations residing near here and at Hernando at the present time, to whom this melancholy news will come like a thunder-clap, casting sorrow and affliction upon them in a moment when least expected. Mr. Campbell, the father of the youthful murderer, also removed to Arkansas from this portion of the State, having formerly resided at Germantown. A more awful, cold-blooded murder we do not remember of ever having heard of, especially as having been committed by a boy so young, and we hope it will never be our duty to chronicle a similar one.

RESIGNATION OF MR. HINCKES.—We take the following notice of a probable change in Canada, consequent upon the resignation of Mr. Hincks as leader of the Government, from the Quebec Mercury. The same information has reached us from other quarters, and there seems to be some foundation for the rumor. It is also said, that Mr. Hincks is to be the principal manager and financial agent of the Colonies, for Messrs. Jackson, Petit, Betts and Brassy.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES AT HAND.—The rumor of Mr. Hincks being on the point of retiring from the political arena, has been again revived and is at this time very generally believed to be correct. It is stated that the Hon. Inspector-General will be at once appointed managing director of the Grand Trunk Railway, with an allowance of some two thousand pounds per annum.

The withdrawal of Mr. Hincks from the Administration will undoubtedly be followed by a reconstruction of the Cabinet.

The persevering activity of Mr. Hincks as a politician is at length, it seems, to receive its reward in the respectable competence of private life. Ever since Mr. Hincks has been in the present cabinet, even his opponents have given him credit for the gift of keen calculation, his exit will by no means diminish this prevailing impression.

HEAVY FAILURE AND FORGERY.—A letter was received in Town on Saturday, stating that a certain Mercantile House had failed in Halifax for the sum of £35,000. The Hon. Alex. Keijh was on paper amounting £11,000 all of which is secured to him. His name was also forged to paper in the Bank of B. N. America, by the same party, amounting to £11,000 more. The gentleman left a letter behind him stating particulars, and also informing his friends that by the time they

had read it, he would himself be either out of the City, or out of the world altogether.—[St. John News.]

## THE STANDARD.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1853.

CHRISTMAS—That season of festivity and interchange of kindly feeling, is fast drawing nigh; and as our next paper will not be issued, until it has been numbered among "the days that were"—we take the present opportunity of wishing our Readers one and all "a Merry Christmas" with the best of good cheer, and that they may enjoy many happy returns of the season, which has been a prosperous one for the Province generally.

A friend, whose verses have occasionally graced our columns, has handed us the following, which are suited to the season:

### HURRA FOR OLD CHRISTMAS!

Hurra! Hurra! for Old Christmas draws near,  
Hurra! 'tis almost at hand;  
For all may be brought the best of his cheer,  
And gladden each dear Fatherland.

Hurra! let us greet his frosty old face  
That bequeath such gleeful mirth,  
With the glow of yore, and with olden grace  
The Yule-log burn bright on the hearth.

Hurra! let the Evergreen festoon our walls  
With Holly and Ivy entwined;  
Let the mistletoe hang in our humble halls  
And our hearts unite joy be inclined.

Hurra! let us fill up the old Wassail bowl,  
When Christmas shall come, fill it high;  
Then let the toast be, "The Fov of the soul,  
And may we all live till we die!"

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We have been politely sent a copy of *The Advocate*, a Dublin paper, which we have perused. A letter from the Hon. J. H. Gray, of this Province, to the Editor, contains some important information respecting New Brunswick, which may be useful to intending emigrants. We observe that Mr. Gray has sent the Editor a copy of the agreement with Messrs. Jackson & Co. for the construction of the European and North American Railroad, and Mr. Gray observes, "that operations are to be commenced immediately." But not the most distant allusion is made to the St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad, the works on which have been inactive operation for the last two years, and ten miles are now in working order—the locomotive running daily; and in the course of a few months fully twenty miles will be traversed. The contract he knows has been taken to complete the line to Woodstock, a distance of 80 miles, why, not allude to this "fixed fact," as our railroad has been justly termed by one of the St. John papers. We expected better things from Mr. Gray.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—While two young men, William Boyd and William M. Roberts were returning on Wednesday last from a Brig on the Ballast ground, the boat was upset and after many struggles and ineffectual efforts to save themselves, W. M. Roberts son of Mr. George M. Roberts an amiable and excellent young man 18 years of age sunk, alas! to rise no more. W. Boyd was rescued soon after in a state of insensibility. Should the body of the deceased or the lost boat be found by any one who may see this notice, it would confer a great favour on the bereaved relations to make it known at this office or to any public man in Saint Andrews.

THE HON. JOSEPH HOWE.—The Halifax papers announce that this gentleman is expected from England, by the steamer which will arrive at Halifax next week, and they confidently anticipate that he will be able to give a good account of his mission. Our own impression is, that Mr. Howe will conclude a bargain with Messrs. Jackson & Co., on terms similar to those entered into by New Brunswick. [New Brunswick.]

Our impression is, that the bargain has been already concluded with Messrs. Sykes & Co., on lower terms than those entered into with Jackson & Co. in New Brunswick. The talk is, there is a *serena* base among the Contractors Jackson & Co., the truth of which is not vouched for, nevertheless there are some strong suspicions. More cannot be given at present, as the telegraph wires were down.—[Standard.]

THE FISHERY QUESTION.—We notice that a Public Meeting has been called, by requisition to the High Sheriff of St. John, "to consider the propriety of Memorializing Her Majesty's Government on the subject of the Fisheries, and to protest against any negotiations being completed with the United States, without the concurrence and approval of the Colonies." Rather late to effect any great good. Every seaport in the Province should have held Meetings on the subject, ere the present time. Still, "better late than never."

The list of Prizes from Campobello, will appear in our next number.

We are in a position to state most positively that Messrs. Sykes & Co. have entered into no contract with the Government for the construction of our Railroads; and also that Mr. Jackson, in his offer to the Government, named no price for the work—that would depend upon the survey—to be made early next spring.—[Halifax Colonist.]

MR. COLONIST.—your position is a false one: at all events, so far as Mr. Jackson naming no price for the work. Look into the Government archives, and our word for it, you will see his offer for the moderate sum of £6,500 per mile! Try again, you'll come at it by and bye, with a little management and fair play; you will also be surprised to see a return of Survey of the Lines of Railway—won't you?

The Eastern Mail Stage was upset at Groom's Bridge, near Hampton ferry, on Wednesday last. The coach was filled inside and out, with boys from Sackville Academy. Two of them, D. Travis and P. Tuck, from Indian Town, were severely injured. The driver, Crabbe, received a serious injury, rendering his recovery doubtful.

The new Cunard screw steamer *Andes* was to leave Liverpool on the 8th inst. for New York.

We have received the Agricultural Census of Upper and Lower Canada, for 1852, the crops being those of 1851. The census has been carefully prepared by Mr. W. Crofton, Secretary of the Board of Registration. In Upper Canada there are 99,860 occupiers of land, and in Lower Canada 94,449. Upper Canada produces 12,692,552 bushels of wheat, Lower Canada 3,975,588. Upper Canada has 194,672 oxen, 236,924 milch cows, 251,985 calves, 203,330 horses, 965,622 sheep and 569,257 pigs, and Lower Canada 111,819 oxen, 291,514 milch cows, 180,317 calves, 226,077 horses, 629,827 sheep, and 256,219 pigs; and as there are more animals in Upper than in Lower Canada, so there are more farm produce and more home-spuns.—Quebec Chronicle.

A more extraordinary season than the present, which is surely drawing to a close, is not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Of rain there has been abundance, in the spring causing much mischief here and elsewhere by ebullitions or avalanches, and in the fall causing floods of unexampled extent, both on this continent and in England. There have been here over eight months of navigation. On the 6th of April three small steamers from Isle aux Coudres arrived at this port, reporting no ice in the river, the ferry-boats left their winter quarters on the 7th, and on the 15th of April two square rigged vessels had arrived from sea.

Ploughing is being vigorously carried on by the farmer and the trees and shrubs are actually budding. Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, the thermometer marked 40°, while at the same time last year it stood at 4° below zero. What great evil can such extraordinary weather portend? Wonderful signs in the heavens, it is admitted, indicate worldly mischief.—*Ibid.*

THE KRELMANS.—We are pained to hear a report brought by passengers from Newfoundland per Steamer *Merlin*, that the Krelmans, who sailed from St. John's, for Demarara, in the scho. *Tringa*, have been drowned, together with the entire crew and passengers of said vessel. We sincerely trust the report may yet be contradicted.—*Halifax B. N. American.*

In pursuance of a Letter from the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, I have to request a Meeting of the Habitual Attendees at All Saints Church, in this Parish, on Thursday Evening next, at half past six o'clock, in the Sunday School Room, to take into consideration the expediency of establishing Diocesan Synods in this Province, for the management of the affairs of the Church.

JEROME ALLEY, Rectr.

St. Andrews, 20th Dec. 1852.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Church Society, in this Parish, will be held in the Sunday School Room, on Thursday evening next, at 7 o'clock, to elect Lay Delegates, to represent this Parish at the ensuing General Meeting at St. John.

Dec. 20, 1852. G. D. STREET, Secretary.

### DEATHS.

Saturday morning, at the residence of James White, Esq., in St. John, Alice Burton, eldest child of Thomas B. Wilson, Esq., of Saint Andrews, in the 7th year of her age. At Fredericton on 17th, after a protracted illness which he bore with pious resignation to Divine will, Mr. John B. Payne, in the 83rd year of his age. Mr. Payne came to this country in the year 1833, during which period he has borne a most exemplary character both in public and private life.

### SHIPPING JOURNAL.

#### PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

—ARRIVED.—

Dec. 18th.—"Anchor Crown, Lord, Saint John

—northward.

Dec. 20th.—Schr. *Ulica*, Melaney, Boston,

—thence.

Dec. 20th.—Schr. *Defiance*, Clark, Boston,

—thence.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

To be Sold at Public Auction, on the 25th day of Dec. next, at 1 o'clock, at the COURT HOUSE, St. Andrews.

By the Sheriff, right, title and interest of SARAH CONNICK and THOMAS MASK CONNICK, to and to the following described lands, privileges and premises, situated at and near to Waverig, in the County of Charlotte, to wit:

The Farm Lot purchased by Samuel Connick deceased, from William McKay, containing 330 acres more or less, and on a part of the Jones lot so called, lying on the Western side of the River Waverig, in the said County, both above and below the main road leading to St. Stephen; which said Samuel Connick died seized and possessed of. Also 100 acres of the land purchased by the said Samuel Connick from Colin Campbell, lying on the south side of the old Fredericton road, in the said County, and bequeathed by the former in his last Will, in reversion to his son Samuel Also, all the land of which the said Samuel Connick died seized and possessed, situated on the Eastern side of the Waverig river in the said County on both sides of the Fredericton road, with the Buildings thereon. Also, the strip or gore of Land lying on the Eastern side of the said Waverig river below the bridge, bounded Easterly by the road leading to St. Andrews, Southerly by the Ross Lot so called, in the Penobscot Grant, and Westerly by the said Waverig river, except one acre sold to the widow Abernethy. Also, the Carding Machine and Water Privilege joining the saw Mill at Waverig aforesaid, with the privilege of drawing water for the same. Also, the Saw Mill and Grist Mill above and near the Waverig Bridge, with all their privileges and appurtenances. Also, all the lands which the said Samuel Connick died seized and possessed, lying on the Eastern side of the Turner's Ridge Road, consisting of the Meadow Lot so called, about 200 acres; one half of the Lot called the McKenny Lot; the remaining half of the Lot called the Fountain Lot; and the remaining half of the Razor Lot so called.

The same having been seized and taken to satisfy an Execution at the suit of Richard M. Andrews, indebted to levy £51 9s 9d, besides Sheriff's fees, &c.

THOS. JONES, Sheriff of Charlotte, Sheriff's Office, St. Andrews, Dec. 18, 1852.

### Sheriff's Sale Rostponed.

The sale of William K. Reynolds's property, advertised to take place at the Court House, this 18th day of December, is postponed until Saturday next; the 25th inst. and then to take place at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, as aforesaid.

THOS. JONES, Sheriff of Charlotte, St. Andrews Dec. 18th, 1852.

## NOTICE.

AN APPLICATION will be made at the next Session of the Legislature, for an Act to assess the lower Village of St. Stephen, comprising the District from the Dennis Street Bridge to Hurlings' Corner, and extending back one mile from the River, for the purpose of procuring a Fire Engine, building an Engine House, &c.

St. Stephen, Dec. 16, 1852.

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## SALE AT AUCTION.

ON FRIDAY, the 29th JANUARY, next, there

will be sold at Public Auction,

The HOUSE at the corner of King street and Water street, St. Andrews, at present occupied by A. W. Smith and others, as Printing Office, Barrister's chambers, and Tin plate Manufactory. This building occupies the most desirable business stand in the Town. It comprises an excellent cellar, and is detached from other buildings.

Terms easy, and made known at time of sale.

Possession given on the 1st May next or immediately should the purchaser desire to retain the present tenants, whose leases expire on the 1st May 1852.

JOHN KERR, St. John, 6th Dec. 1852. 4w

## MASSONIC.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

The Brethren of ST. MARK'S LODGE No. 739, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of

En stand, intend celebrating the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, at their Lodge Room, on Monday the 27th inst., at 5 P. M. Refreshments on the Table at 6. Tickets for the latter to be obtained of the stewards, Brother Charles Kennedy, Transient and Visiting Brethren are invited to attend.

By order of the W. M. PHEASANT, Sec'y.

St. Andrews, Dec. 13, 1852.—4w