

## European Intelligence.

**INVASION OF ENGLAND.**—The Hampshire Advertiser says that serious fears are entertained at Portsmouth and elsewhere, along the coast, of an invading force landing on our shores. During the week the artillery force stationed in the garrison, have all been busily engaged instructing the troops of the line in the great gun exercise, as well as strengthening the batteries. The Commander in Chief of the forces is reported to have demanded an augmentation of 30,000 men.

**Woolwich, Jan. 8.**—The Duke of Wellington has been for some time past in almost daily communication with Sir J. P. Balfour, Inspector-General of Fortifications, and his deliberations have, it is said, resulted in the best means of protecting the metropolis in case of invasion. It is understood that the result has been that several military camps are likely to be formed round London, and the situation will be selected, especially on the Kent and Essex banks on the Thames, and on the banks of the Medway, with the ultimate view of rendering them permanently fortified camps. Orders have already been given to place Shroton in a proper state of defence, and to have ample supplies of ammunition and warlike stores kept in a constant state of readiness at the fortifications already constructed at that point. Seniority lists of the non-commissioned officers of the Royal Artillery have been called for, to be sent to the Adjutant-General's office within the last few days, preparatory, it is said, to an augmentation of that branch of the service. The Royal Marines are also to be increased both in the Royal Marine Artillery and Divisional Companies department, and recruits enlisted for every branch of the land forces are ordered to be sent to the headquarters or depots of their regiments with the least possible delay, that they may be at once instructed in a knowledge of their profession.

**THE FORREST DIVORCE CASE** was brought to a close in New York, yesterday morning, by the rendition of a verdict, which is received with almost universal favor. The jury found "Edwin Forrest was guilty of adultery; that he was a resident of New York, and not of Pennsylvania; that Mrs. Forrest was entirely innocent, and that the amount of alimony to be allowed her be three thousand dollars a year." The plaintiff and defendant were present, as were also their respective counsel, and the result of the trial, as soon as it became known, excited great enthusiasm among the crowd of people who had assembled without the Court House. (Boston Correspondent.)

**Sailing of the Atlantic.**—The New York Express of Saturday says, the steamer Atlantic, for Liverpool, sailed at noon today, with 27 passengers, and \$245,000 of American gold, £28,000 in sterling. In consequence of the ice in and about the wharf, the steamer experienced considerable difficulty in getting out. After working her wheels a few minutes, however, the swell weakened the ice sufficiently to give the Leviathan free egress, and firing the usual salute, off she darted towards the Jersey shore, in order to get round the immense field of ice skirting the New York side.

**TALK ABOUT TOWN.**—The Herald Recorder continues its weekly series of spicy articles under this head—the last "talk" concludes thus: "The talk too is, that Messrs. Mincks, Young, and Tache, accompanied by Mr. Chandler, of New-Brunswick, will be here on Monday, and then a great talk will be held at Government House, and talk to the purpose too, that some practicable scheme will be talked up, which will secure us the Railroad, that if the Delegates can only agree, Old John Bull will have to cram his big fist back down into his old corduroys, and that, pretty quick too, and pony out *à la mode*. The talk is, that Earl Grey himself, and all his opposition, and new constructions upon old speeches, wouldn't be a circumstance in the way of a point made by all the Colonies, by the three Colonial Legislatures. THAT IS THE TALK."

**THE HERRING FISHERY.**—About this time last winter, great quantities of herring appeared in Sand Cove, a little to the westward of the entrance of this Harbour, and a very profitable fishery was carried on for them, until March. We are happy to state, that herrings again appeared at Sand Cove last Monday night, when about 4000 were taken by a single boat; in consequence, an active fishery has already commenced, which bids fair to be as extensive and profitable, as that of last season, and that amounted to several thousand barrels. Yesterday, there was an abundant supply of these herrings in market, large and in fine condition, selling at two pence per dozen, or an English shilling per hundred, these cheap rates enabling even the poorest among us to enjoy them. A bountiful supply of fresh herrings will be a great relief to such of the laboring classes as may not be employed during this inclement and unusually severe winter, and their capture very profitable to the fishermen now without other employment. (New Brunswick.)

**The Liverpool Journal** says: "There is a new reign of terror in Ireland; formerly it was men of authority who inspired dread, now it is the apparently simple peasant, who fills the country with alarm; the famine has driven away the farmers, the assassin has expelled the landlords; the high sheriff levelled the cabin, the midday murderer leaves the mansion tenacious. The weak have become the strong, but without any of the advantages of strength."

## NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia was opened on Thursday 29th Jan., by His Excellency Sir John Harvey, with the following Speech.

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**The Atlantic Steamers.**  
Steamers to arrive from Europe  
Europa ..... Liverpool ..... Jan 21  
Canada ..... Liverpool ..... New York ..... Jan 31  
Pacific ..... Liverpool ..... New York ..... Jan 23

**THE STANDARD.**  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1852

In another column we give the Speech of Sir John Harvey at the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature. From this document we gather, that before any thing further can be done respecting the Halifax and Quebec Railway, it will be necessary to re-consider the Acts providing for its construction. The Delegates from Canada and this Province, with a view to meet the existing difficulty, have made propositions to the Executive of Nova Scotia, which will be submitted for the consideration of the Legislature. An extra Royal Gazette, issued at Halifax on the 24th ult., contains recent despatches and correspondence on Colonial Railways, a synopsis and review of which appears in the New-Brunswick of 31st ult. Earl Grey's despatch of the 27th of November, having been placed in the hands of the Hon. Mr. Howe, by Sir John Harvey, Mr. Howe offers his explanations upon this document. We have only room for the following extract from the New-Brunswick, which we deem nothing but justice to Mr. Howe to circulate:—

Mr. Howe commences by saying, that as the main for England closes this evening, he feels it a duty he owes to the Right Hon. Secretary of State for the Colonies, to offer such explanations as appear to be demanded by the tenor of the despatches of the 27th Nov. Mr. Howe then says:—

"That I have read that Despatch with regret and deep mortification. I cannot conceal from your Excellency."

That a question of such vital importance to the success of the policy of which I have been the advocate, I have misinterpreted the views of Her Majesty's Government, and for six months, have misinterpreted them to the detriment of the Colonies. To what extent this has been occasioned, or aggravated by the representations of the Colonies, I am not in a position to say. You will be gratified to hear that the Governments of Canada and New Brunswick have promised their co-operation to the representation of these Colonies, and you may securely calculate on my approval of any well devised measures that will give to any interest so important, effectual protection. A report on this subject prepared by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of 1846, will be laid before you. The Act for the encouragement of Education will require on 1st May. Your attention will be directed to a measure combining with the clause of the old law which gave power to the Colonies, such improvements as the Government of Education is prepared to recommend. That officer's report shall be laid before you, and I trust that you will see the propriety of placing our Common Schools on a more efficient foundation, by establishing a Normal Institution, in which teachers may be trained. That Nova Scotia may reap the full advantages of her insular position it is very desirable that further encouragement should be given for the establishment of effective lines of steamers to connect important points on the Gulf and Atlantic shores, with as and surrounding States and Colonies. The proceedings and practices of the Common Law have been carefully revised by Commissioners appointed last year.

Their report will be laid before you, and I confidently hope may prepare the way for greater simplicity in the forms of Law, and a more speedy and certain distribution of justice. The probability of continuing the equity jurisdiction of the Supreme Court is now under consideration, and I hope to be able to submit the Commissioners' report upon that subject before the close of the Session.

[From the Ministry of Gazette, Jan. 19.]  
It has been that arrangements have been suggested by the government of the United States for the transmission of merchandise from Boston and New York to Canada, and of produce to the same ports from Canada by railway. Goods being landed from ships, and then transferred to a railway train, and the packages being numbered, attached to, and transmitted to the frontier, say at Rouse's Point, where the Customs lock being removed they are sent on to Montreal, without warehouse or detention. In the same way, produce can be loaded at Montreal, by the Customs lock placed on the car at Rouse's Point, and sent on forthwith to Boston or New York to be put on board a vessel, or sent to warehouse, and that can be done.

The value of this excellent arrangement will be appreciated by those engaged in trade; and they will thank Governor Fay as the gentleman on whose representations it has been effected.

We also understand that Governor Payne with a liberal view to the accommodation of commerce in Canada has succeeded in prevailing upon the Post-Office authorities at Boston and New York, to forward a mail to Montreal every morning and evening, irrespective of the fact that the Railway is not yet open; and these mails he will distribute by carrying to Rouse's Point for Lower Canada, and the other to Quebec for Upper Canada. But in order that the benefit of this arrangement may be fully obtained, it is necessary that the Champlain and St. Lawrence Road act with equal liberality in taking charge of the bags on arrival, and forwarding them to their destination.

By this arrangement Southern correspondence will be delivered from 12 to 14 hours earlier than the regular mail. We hope that the good offices of Governor Payne will

## WESLEYAN TEA MEETING.

We are requested to state that the members of the Wesleyan Methodist congregation, worshiping in this Town, intend holding a Public Tea Meeting shortly, for the purpose of raising means toward paying off the debt due on their Chapel. Arrangements are being made, to carry this desirable object into effect, and no doubt the meeting will be both agreeable and instructive as the Committee are sparing no pains to have the affair pass off satisfactorily. We trust that their fellow Christians, of other denominations will come forward with their usual liberality, and aid the Methodist in their pious efforts. In our next advertisement of the time and place of the Tea Meeting will be given.

We copy the following extracts from an article in the last *Miramichi Gleaner*. How careful a writer should be, in giving his views upon an important subject, to be free from sectional feeling and jealousy. From latest advice it appears, that no particular route has been decided upon; consequently, Mr. Howe, instead of having been betrayed by the Government of this Province, has actually (though not intentionally) betrayed the Government himself, as admitted in his letter to Sir John Harvey. It never entered the brains of any sane man in the Province, that the North Shore route was to be adopted. We know sufficient of the Hon. Attorney-General to feel satisfied, that he sees, thinks, and acts for the benefit of the Province. The *Gleaner* knows full well, that he, the Attorney-General, is not the man who would permit himself to be "blind-folded" or "swayed" by certain parties; and that there is now as there always has been, that independence and honesty of purpose in his composition, which would not permit him to swerve from the course which he knows to be for the benefit of the Province. With reference to the objects which the British Government have in view with respect to the Railway, we had only to say, that in no way could these views have been carried out by adopting the North Shore route.

**THE RAILWAY AND THE GOVERNMENT.**—I will be seen by a Telegraphic Despatch, published in another column, that the Governments of Canada and New Brunswick have decided upon the route by the Valley of the St. John, for the proposed Quebec and Halifax Railway.

We cannot but think that the Executive of this Government have betrayed the Hon. J. P. Howe, and the Government of Nova Scotia in coming to this conclusion, as we are informed it was at first and second by all parties, that the North Shore line, as recommended by Major Robinson, was to be adopted.

We are not surprised, however, at this proceeding on the part of our Government, as it is in keeping with every act of theirs—dishonest and vacillating. How the Attorney-General has allowed himself to be so manifestly blind-folded, we cannot imagine; but that he has been swayed by certain parties, there can be no doubt. Had he displayed but a small portion of the energy and perseverance, in this instance, which characterize him in his profession, we are sure his decision would not have been so active.

**P. E. ISLAND.**—The Legislature of Prince Edward Island, was opened on the 22d ult. by the Lieut. Governor, Sir Alexander Banner, knight. The state of the revenue is said to be satisfactory. Reciprocal free trade with the United States is discussed in the Speech; and allusion is made to the address of the Legislature in 1849, praying Her Majesty to abrogate so much of the Fishery Convention of 1818, as prevented foreigners from fishing within three miles of the land, for certain equivalents. With the advice of his Council, the Lieut. Governor has renewed the correspondence, with the British Government. The New-Brunswick adds, that in P. E. I., and the Government lays before the Legislature estimates of the various sums required to be raised by that body, a practice not yet introduced in this Province.

**KEROSENE GAS.**  
The town of Windsor, Nova Scotia, is now lighted by Kerosene gas, manufactured by Dr. Gesner, from Trinidad asphalt, or the Hillsboro mineral. The cost of making Kerosene gas, from either of these minerals, is said to be three shillings and six pence per 1000 feet. The light from this gas is said to be more brilliant than from the common gas, and without any unpleasant smell.

**SEVERE SNOW STORM AT THE S. U. R. R.**—*Halifax, Jan. 19.* The cars that left Washington at 5 o'clock on Sunday evening, did not reach Baltimore until 10 o'clock, owing to the snow storm. The locomotive ran off the track at the Annapolis Junction, and the engineer, John Shackel had his leg cut off, and the train was cut off. The engine and cars were considerably damaged.

The cars did not leave Philadelphia at 5 o'clock, the morning, are not yet in. There is a heavy snow storm, and the cars have not yet reached here. The cars of the Western Railway, which left Philadelphia last night, have not yet arrived. The mails have failed in all directions.

## LATEST FROM FREDERICTON.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]  
To the Editor of the Standard.  
Fredericton, Feb. 3, 1852.  
The Boston Convention closed yesterday morning, four hours today. Fredericton nine ahead.

**Legislative Summary.**  
On the 25th Capt. Thompson presented the report of the committee on the petition of the Merchants, Wm. W. Jones, and Capt. H. B. Jones, &c. This Committee recommended that these bills be referred to the operation of the Revenue law—that goods, covered by such a license, to be extended on the improvement of the place, where it is held, and that the Licensee should have all the necessary notices given to the results of the operation. A bill to extend the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 29th, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 30th a variety of business was transacted in a legal manner, with comparative little discussion. A bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 31st, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 1st of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 2nd of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 3rd of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 4th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 5th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 6th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 7th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 8th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 9th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 10th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 11th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 12th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

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On the 14th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 15th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 16th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 17th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 18th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 19th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W. Jones, and Mr. N. Jones.

On the 20th of February, the House was split up by a Committee, and a bill was introduced for the purpose of extending the term of the Commission of the Hon. Mr. P. P. Jones, and supported by the Hon. Mr. W