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By the Ship Pacific, 14th April from Liverpool, English papers have been received at New York to that date.

The Imperial Parliament re-assembled on the 11th March. Lord John Russel had postponed the consideration of his Tithe Bill for the present; upon what ground it is not stated.

We will pleasure refer our readers to an extract which will be found below, relative to the state of trade and manufactures in Britain. In both branches there is an unparalleled degree of prosperity displayed. The facts which the extract in question discloses, give the lie to the evil augurs, in which the Tory party have so long indulged, of the fate of the country under the guidance of a Ministry acting upon liberal principles. Every circumstance, in fact, in any way connected with her trade, or manufacturing employments, the steady and healthy character of the money market, all go to prove the prosperity of the country and the confidence of the nation in the good faith and abilities of his Majesty's present Ministers.

The news from France, Spain, and other continental countries, is more miscellaneous than important.

Great Britain.

The Parliament re-assembled on the 11th.—The Tithe Bill had been postponed for the present. Lord John Russell has intimated that the Government was about to introduce a Bill granting charters to all large towns at present unincorporated.

The statue of King William the III., which stood in College Green, one of the most public places in Dublin, had been blown up, and totally destroyed by gunpowder. It had not been ascertained by whom the outrage was committed, but investigations were on foot, which it was hoped would lead to the detection of the parties concerned. The statue was entirely defaced by the explosion, and the legs torn away from the trunk. The statue was generally supposed to be of brass, but this is not the case, it being made of wood. An old cat is observable in the neck, which report assigns to have been made by some individual in 1798, who endeavoured to cast off the head. After working a considerable time, he became frightened and desisted from the attempt. When the statue was first put up, the ground, most of the persons assembled in the street passed various remarks on the circumstance. Among the expressions were the following:—"He himself pose fine;" bring him a drop of water;" "bring the doctor, for he has broken his leg;" "he has been long enough up, and it was time he should be pulled down, and lay he never rise again." An old woman, in a tippy state of inebriation, turned up her eyes to the statue, and clapping her hands together, cried out, "Ah then, Bill, my lanety! your insulted before Dan's unseated, and if he's unseated, there's just the place for him." The statue was of enormous weight, from the skill with which its destruction was planned and executed, it is believed that an experienced military engineer must have been engaged in it.

TRADE OF THE COUNTRY.—The quantity of tea imported in 1834, was 54,000,000 lbs.; in 1835 it was 61,190,000 lbs. The tea entered for home consumption in 1834 was 34,982,000 lbs.; in 1835 it was 36,606,000 lbs. The revenue yielded by tea in 1834 was £3,590,000; and in 1835 it was £3,806,000. The revenue, therefore, has gained a quarter of a million; and if we assume the fall on the retail price to be 1s. per pound on an average, since the trade was opened, the saving to the consumer will be 1,500,000. In tobacco, the luxury of the poor, there is an increased consumption of nearly 1,000,000 lbs. Eight, or about one 31st part. The home consumption of cotton wool has increased from 40,000,000 lbs. to 45,180,000, or about one 9th part. Even in sugar, though consumption has been checked by the rise of price, there is a small augmentation. The quantity entered for home use in 1834 was 4,414,000 cwts. and in 1835 it was 4,496,000 cwts. In raw silk the quantity entered for home use has increased from 3,046,000 to 4,151,000 lbs. In the rum entered for home use, there is a small increase, and in brandy a small decrease. The latter is easily accounted for by the consumption of the whole coast called British brandy. In home the increase is from 666,000 cwts. to 686,000. In coffee there is a small diminution equal to one 30th part, owing no doubt to the fall in the price of the tea. In the reports of the British produce and manufactures, the declared value was £36,532,000 in 1834, and £41,350,000 in 1835, an increase of no less than one-eighth part in a single year. The larger imports of wool, cotton, silk, and hemp, indicate the activity of the manufactures; the great increase of the exports shows the prosperous state of the people; and the additional consumption of tea, sugar and tobacco, is good evidence of the improved circumstances of the working classes.

France.

The last root sugar question was yet before the French Chambers, and was creating a good deal of excitement.

On the 9th of April, the Deputies were discussing a proposition for recalling the exiled members of the Bourbon family, and for transferring to France the remains of Napoleon. Petitions for these objects had been presented to the Chambers, and the debates were animated. Mr. Mauguin spoken on the subject of Napoleon's remains expressed a conviction that the French government would make no difficulty in complying with any wish expressed by the government of France, that they should be taken out of their graves at St. Helena and transferred to France. It was the desire of the people that the remains of the man who had confirmed so much "glory" on France, should be deposited in the Place Vendome, under the brass pillar which stands there as a general trophy of his unrivalled and high military genius. In answer to the arguments of M. Thiers against the petition, on the broad principle of policy and expediency, a Deputy (M. Debelo) in an excellent speech, restated the petitions on another ground, namely; that Napoleon had perished in banishment for "wise purposes," in punishment of his ambition and despotism, and that it would be flying in the face of Providence to remove his remains from the spot in which they were interred, and thus condemn unquestionably the military heroes to be delayed from his fate, and obliterate the recollection of the cowardice of the despots who so inglorously avenged themselves. The motion was rejected by the ministers, and the Chamber passed to the order of the day.

The subject of American indemnification was again before the Chamber of Peers on the 9th of April. M. Villon declared that the explanations of the President's Message were so satisfactory that the government had not felt warranted to withhold payment any longer—the first instalment had therefore been paid. M. Dubouchage replied to the observations of the preceding day in so decided a manner, that the Chambers accepted the message of the 1st December as conclusive, and no thought further explanations on the part of government were due to the Chambers. He did not, however, charge the government, however, with paying the instalment until they had received those satisfactory explanations. As evidence of the returning confidence between France and the United States, it is now said that M. Serurier was about to set out for Washington, to resume his functions as French Charge d'Affaires in that capital.

Spain.

Some further details of petty movements, and trifling rencounters between the rival factions, are received, but they are scarcely worth reporting.

The Madrid dates are to the 1st of April. Great rejoicing took place in that capital, in consequence of information from the British minister, that England had decided upon direct naval co-operation with the cause of the Queen.

The *Memorial des Pyrenees* of Pau of the 5th ult. has the following:—"They write us from St. Jean Pied-de-Port, that since the 1st Augui has been occupied by the Carlists to the number of 7000 men, who are believed to have the intention of forcing the line established by Gen. Cordova. Great alarm prevailed at Valcarlos on the 2d, whence the people were emigrating with their effects to Aruegny."

Extract from the address proposed for presentation to the Cortes, in answer to the speech from the throne:—"The Deputies express their loyalty to Isabella II. and declare their reliance on the wisdom and noble intentions of the Queen Regent. They receive with gratitude the promise of the new electoral bill, in virtue of which the fundamental laws of the kingdom shall be revised and matured. They will devote particular attention to the difficult question of the emancipation of Spanish America, consulting only the honor of the nation and the rules which the progress of civilization has established. They will proceed with promptitude to the discussion of the budgets, and the Deputies will be happy to see the Queenish Alliance have given fresh proofs of their friendship and power, in order to put down the factious and rebellious. They congratulate her Majesty on the continuance of the friendship and good will of the other governments of Europe, the Emperor of Brazil, and the United States of America."

Germany.

The Emperor has sanctioned the endowment by the patrician Albertini, of a Jesuit seminary for the education of youth, at Vercel.

The coronation of the Emperor was to take place at Prague, in June. Preparations were going on for the ceremony, and the sum of 30,000 florins appropriated for the coronation of the Emperor, and 25,000 for the Empress.

The winter in the north of Europe has been one of great rigor. At Moscow the mercury had been as low as 38 below zero of Reaumur. On the 23d of January, the day of the greatest cold, a sentinel was frozen at his post, and a sledge arrived drawn by four horses, but the driver of which, with two travellers, had been frozen on their journey.

Even in Italy the winter has been unusually cold. We have an interesting letter from our correspondent at Naples, which we shall publish tomorrow.

The Venetian *State Gazette* announces that Charles X. will proceed in the beginning of May to Foplitz, the waters of which have already done him the greatest good. He will then leave Schonbrunn for Salzburg; his residence will be in the fine chateau of Miradell, the property of Berry, who for some time has not left Gratz, is going shortly to Brandlitz.

Russia and Turkey.

The question of the evacuation of Silistria, the key of the Danube and the Balkan, has been decided in favor of the entire independence of the Porte. Conformably to a convention concluded through the mediation of Mr. Ponsonby, of the English embassador, Russia will evacuate this important fortress, upon the payment by the Porte of the remainder of the contribution agreed to under the treaty of Adrianople.

Greece.

A letter from Athens, of the 20th March, given in the Augsburg Gazette, states that king Otho had appointed his brother, Prince Luitpold, to the throne of Bavaria, and has deputed the act of renunciation to his father's hands. The news of this had given great satisfaction to the Greeks.

Egypt.

A malignant fever is raging in Upper Egypt with great violence. Mahomet Ali was intending to go to that country in person, in order to put down the rebellion, but has changed his mind. The finances of the country are in such a state of embarrassment that he is obliged to dismiss a great many of the Europeans who have been employed by him. No doubt is as yet entertained as to the importance attached by England to the retention of the Sultan's throne; but it is believed that the Porte will not submit till driven to the last extremity.

SIR JOHN COLBORNE and family left this city early yesterday morning, for England.

A paragraph appeared in the *Herald* of yesterday, reflecting upon Sir Gaspard Gaspe, one of the Royal Commissioners, in a style the most coarse and vulgar, and in a spirit that is an outrage upon civilized society. Let Sir Gaspee's merits or demerits be what they may, as a stranger here he was entitled to courteous treatment; and no gentleman could consistently withhold that, which the virtues even of savage life are ever ready to accord.

If this gentleman has indulged in any sneering allusions respecting this community, of which, however, there is no sufficient proof—if his political principles differ materially from those of some of our fellow-citizens—we should have shewn the former to have been undeserved by our conduct while the latter cannot be reckoned as any apology for the exercise towards him of indecent language.

That the paragraph in the *Herald* is disgraceful to its author, is a matter of small public moment; but by silence or hon-evidence the disgrace is certainly shared in by those of the community by whom the paper is supported. We repeat that whatever are Sir Gaspee Gaspe's merits, whatever his principles, the situation he holds, his character as a gentleman, and his claims as a stranger, would have rendered an adherence to the advice of the *Herald* an indelible stain upon the generosity and good breeding of Montreal society, and would have given Sir Gaspee a mighty advantage over those who conceive that he has slandered them.

We regret that Montreal is about losing the able and valuable services of Dr. HARTNELL, who completed a few days ago a two months' course of Gymnastic Exercises, from which all who fortunately for themselves attended them, have derived the greatest benefit.

Dr. H. we understand proceeds immediately to Toronto, where he intends opening a gymnasium, and remaining for some time.

The residence of Dr. CHARLES DUNCOMBE, M. P. P. in Burford, U. C., was destroyed by fire about a week ago. The loss is estimated at between three and four thousand dollars.

The foundation stone of a new Methodist Chapel in Brantford, U. C., was laid last week. The Rev. W. BYERMOR delivered a sermon after the ceremony.

One of the Alpine mastiffs, from Mount St. Bernard, that have been long remarkable for a wonderful sagacity in finding and succouring travellers lost in the snow among the Alps, is now exhibiting at New York. He is, it is said, but a puppy, and is nevertheless as large as an ordinary lion, and of the same colour and appearance. He weighs one hundred and fifty pounds; and one hundred and fifty dollars are asked for him.

Intelligence from Canton to the 26th Jan., has reached New York. Several more fires had occurred in that city, one of which destroyed eighty houses.

Upwards of thirteen hundred passengers arrived at New York, from Europe, on Sunday last.

A young man of the name of PARKER, a cabin passenger on board the *Robertson* from Greenock, was unfortunately drowned in the *Richelieu*, by falling from the bow of the vessel. He was 22 years of age, and is represented as a very fine young man. His parents were on board the vessel.

We are glad to find that the Committee of the Exchange News Room have made arrangements to send off by every steamboat for Quebec, a locked letter bag, which will be closed half an hour before the boats leave. A similar arrangement has, we understand, been made at Quebec.

J. T. BANGHAM, Esq. of this city, and Capt. TANSCOMB, R.N., and lady, of Toronto, were passengers in the London packet ship *Gladiator*, arrived at New York.

An action of a novel character is in this community, was on Wednesday last brought under the consideration of a Special Jury. The Hon. Mr. Justice Rolland presiding.

The Plaintiff, a young lady of considerable personal attractions, and of an unblemished character, sought compensation in damages at the hands of the Defendant for the breach of an alleged promise of marriage.

The Plaintiff's case was opened to the Jury, by Mr. Driscoll, in a most able and powerful appeal to their sympathies. The parties had become acquainted with each other in the year 1832, and were in habits of frequent intercourse during the subsequent years. The Defendant, however, upon more than one occasion had betrayed a spirit of fickleness, and upon two occasions withdrew his attentions. He resumed them nevertheless a third time, and went so far as to bring down the lady from Upper Canada, under an expectation that he was prepared to fulfil his vows; upon this last occasion he proposed marriage, in a letter addressed to the Plaintiff, enclosing one to her father, which was accepted. He subsequently, however, sought to postpone the marriage, upon the ground, that an definite time had been appointed for the celebration of the nuptial vows, and finally absented himself from a compliance with the expectations which his previous conduct had created by impressing the constancy of his affianced wife. Many letters written by the respective parties, and a number of corroborative circumstances, were offered in evidence on the part of the Plaintiff.

Mr. Day, with whom was associated Mr. Scott, addressed the Jury on the part of the Defendant, and appealed in their consideration in an able and argumentative speech, which was replied to by the Plaintiff's Counsel.

In charging the Jury, the Honorable Judge drew their attention to the fact, that the last time a case on action of a like character was brought under the notice of a Court of Justice in the district, it was impossible not merely with respect to the parties immediately before the Court, but as interesting to the public at large. Under the ancient French law, no claim of this description could be sustained; but he entertained no doubt that the existing jurisprudence of the country would look out the action.

This point once established, it first devolved upon the jury to satisfy themselves if the promise of marriage was sufficiently established; in other words, if an understanding, such as alleged to the Plaintiff, existed. This was to be collected from the letters produced. It was essential that a reciprocity of promise should be shown; a contract of this nature must partake of the "*Contrat equallagmatique.*"

The evidence on the part of the Defendant, applied as Attorn, with respect to which the Plaintiff had partially failed. Assuming then the existence of a contract, it was for the Jury to say if such had been violated, and lastly to determine the quantum of injury sustained.

It had been urged by the Defendant's Counsel, that the Plaintiff had omitted to invoke a fulfilment of the Defendant's promise before bringing her remedy to law, and that the latter consequently continued in connection of a refusal to do that to the performance of which he had not been invited.

This argument was devoid of any plausible legal support, and it was for the Jury to judge if the circumstances established in evidence, justified the objection. Upon the point their opinion would be aided by the documents and proof adduced.

After an analysis of the facts proven, and an exposition of the legal questions which had arisen, his Honor concluded his charge to the Jury withdrew, and after an absence of three quarters of an hour, returned into court with a verdict in favour of the Plaintiff, for £75 and costs.

Messrs. Driscoll and Armour, for the plaintiff. Messrs. Day & Scott, for the Defendant.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, of the Amateur performance on the 4th instant:—

Amount of Gross Receipts		£51 7 6
Disbursements.		
Cost of Theatre—		
Rent	£10 0 0	
Proprietor's Super-intendent	1 0 0	
	£11 0 0	
Band 32d Regiment	5 0 0	
Lighting	2 15 0	
Printing	1 15 0	
Scene-shifters, Lamplighters, Servants, &c.	2 3 0	
Door-keeper	0 15 0	
Contingencies	1 0 4	
	£7 6 6	
Net proceeds	£23 12 0	

The Band, in the most handsome manner, returned the five pounds paid them for their services.

Lower Canada.

Letters have been received in town by the Liverpool packet of the 9th April, which state on good authority, that the command in Ireland has again been offered to Lord Aylmer, with the full confidence of the Grand Cross of the Bath, to whom it is certain indication that His Lordship's conduct in this Government, notwithstanding all the calumnies which have been uttered against him, has met with the approval of His Majesty's Government.—*Quebec Mercury, May 17.*

We are happy to say that the apprehensions which were entertained of the Ottawa having been blocked up, were proved last evening by the arrival of Captain Boyd and the passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Orkney and Mr. M'Ivor, who were left at St. Anthonli by the Chevalier. The Steamer had to feel for some days unsuccessfully before she could force her way through the ice, and at last, let them not at their peril, commemorate in any shape, the crying abuses which have been allowed to exist in the Montreal Harbour for so many years, for whenever this shall become apparent nothing can save the unworthy Commissioners from the full vengeance of the injured. The absence of our Officials have generated the disease, and while the cause is suffered to exist a cure is impossible.

We were also gratified to learn further, that it had been determined to put in force the original scheme, and establish a Steam Ferry between the Quebec Suburbs and Point Levi. This will be a great convenience to the public, and as this District was the birth place of the principal operations of the assembly, and which by the Constitutional Act was entitled to have two members returned to represent them in the Commons House of Assembly, in this case, that he would at once call upon Mr. Felton for his declaration, as to a writ having been submitted for, that this District had suffered most severely from the injudicious conduct, to call it by no harsher term, of persons holding official situations, and the inhabitants here long and loudly complained of these abuses. At the last and general Election, they were content to put up with the principle that the present was not the time for them to complain, but that the proper time was for us then unanimously fully redeemed their pledge, and nobly done their duty in this respect, and are entitled to, and we have no doubt they will receive, the most cordial thanks of their Constituents. But how have they been repaid by more than one public Journal, professing constitutional principles, and a desire for the redress of actual abuses. The *Montreal Herald* particularly has been most bitter in its epithets against Mr. Gugy, for his activity and unwearying exertions in endeavoring to bring to light, the hidden things of darkness, and to expose the mystery of iniquity practised by certain Officials. The Quebec Gazette too has taken a course in this matter highly prejudicial to our best interests, and we are sorry to say, shows a disposition to screen the delinquents.

We had supposed that the object of Constitutionalism was not only to aid in the Crown and Constitutional, but to endeavor to effect the redress of every real tangible grievance in the country, and these at once to disarm those who are endeavoring not only to destroy the Constitution but to establish upon its ruins a totally different form of Government to that which at present exists. It was upon these principles that the Constitutional Association was formed in this County, and we should exceedingly regret to see any thing like a Democratic spirit manifested at the ensuing election. We should in borne in mind in Constitutional, late in the Districts of Quebec and Montreal, that their brethren in the Townships have quite sufficient to contend with at best. Stanstead and Drummond Counties appear to be unanimously armed with Radicalism, and the latter, notwithstanding it cast boast of one of the most ably conducted and loyal Journals in the Province, is at present but half and half. Shefford is at the last election, was only saved from utter disgrace by the noble stand made by Mr. Sheppard, and individuals, and by holding out assurances that the Government were disposed to do away with every thing which could be shown to exist.

We say thus much lest the Gaspe Case in view, it is highly desirable by the Constitutional Journals, late, let them not at their peril, countenance