Party considerations. But, alas! d there a solitary exception, none found in the Congress that com- ce this morning. The majority are known to be warm and sel- o will be certain to servilely per- sts of Party, even at the sacri- interests of their Constituency, bidding of the "powers that be," partizan coloring to all they say

Y has *little* to expect—PARTY

gs will be looked for, from day to ing interest. Texas and anti- gon and anti-Oregon men, Peace Tariff' and anti-Tariff men, Polk cripts of all classes, will all alike ceive the Congress news as it

the Administration will be at n the President's Message. All xious to know what grounds he portant matters which demand

ently, calmly; expecting to hear and fully prepared for the worst. Administration, a Locofoco Con- ofoco Cabinet, the *People* have r that will benefit them.—*Albany*

TORY—Advices from Oregon, via the te that the American settlers have the country south of Columbia river, d a Territorial Government, similar to h they elect all the officers. The *em-* Bay Co., are in favour of a separate ction of both England and this com- most influential Americans concur in It requires but the support of a few settlers to determine the question, o issue a declaration of independence, territory in dispute, the Hudson Bay forts and trading posts to the new novement is sustained and justified on lers having occupied and improved a he Hudson Bay Company of London er or temporary resident, and over ernment of the United States nor that cises the rights of sovereignty.—*Bos-*

—It will be recollected by some of it two years since we noticed that the one of the New York and Liverpool een purchased by a house in Provi- all her cabin stores, wines, &c., as , and filled out for a whaling voyage. vidence, Nov. 14, 1843, under the Soule, whose wife was a passenger on dvices received from the Sandwich at the South America arrived at Ho- om a cruise, bound home, with a car- ale, 300 do. sperm oil, and a large whole cargo being valued at $95,000. cent only twenty-one months. The captain had been in the ship during were then enjoying a visit on shore The South America was expected to September.—*Ib.*

e river during Saturday was fill- e. But few vessels were to be e close of the day. The Jonas own about four o'clock, having oops and schooners, heavily la-

e shape of a steamboat has been ervice as a tow boat. The pas- America towed to New York on an 25 boats. The Albany, also rried a fleet south. Between 4 n cleared out with several lake ve sloops and schooners. At 6 and Columbia left laden with as they could convenently stow.— . 1.

mer street, near Trinity Church, ree thousand square feet of land, k for the large sum of $25,000. llars per foot. It is thought that f many years the street of ele- l be improved for stores.—*Bos-*

OBSERVER.

ESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1845.

O NOVEMBER MAIL.

Cambria, with the second No- d at Halifax last Tuesday, but ay was not received here till y-weather in arrival at Halifax! rived at Boston on Thursday al of the latest English papers s city by the steamer Robert ved at an early hour on Sunday vs was thus carried to Boston, ceived in this City, two days in from Halifax!—Is there to be e frequent annoyances?

ot furnish much intelligence of riety of extracts are subjoined. estion is beginning to excite as the time approaches for the esident's Message on the open- It is rumoured—the intelligence nd yesterday by the Hibernia to the statement—that Mr. ground on the question, and en further than in his inaugural

rest Britain had met with another ne upward vox populi, the arms of the unexplained or inexplicable cause hat, for the greater part of the pas- l almost entirely on her sails. She iverpool in about 20 days. mers of the admiralty have at length wich Dock Yard, the first naval and urope, shall immediately be placed en.

t has at present decided not to en to the free importation of

ing great distress from the po- e Government has employed ndley, and Playfair, eminent stigate the disease, with the plans for preserving, as much injured root. In a report to ant these gentlemen recom- atoe be immediately dried in best means of preparing it for f starch.

ute to Mr. O'Connell was col-ously, throughout Ireland, on er, and the amount exceeded ns of the same description. icultural Society has offered best essays on the following the best essay on the remedy se, and on its treatment, with anent extinction; £20 for the disease of the plant: £30 for the disease at the present time o, involving a condensed de- ped by experience. s predicts that the mail will from Bombay to London in

he man is alive, or was thre- membered the first bale of cot- Liverpool from the United 5,000,000 is annually embarked

Wellington has sent out orders nce and all other societies in nents.—*Church and State Ga-*

NGE IN THE MINISTRY.—The says—"We learn from a we place great reliance, that are in course of operation in that there is little doubt that will join the administration: that Lord Stanley will retire Colonial Secretary, and he suc- hn Russell.

NCH PRINCE.—The Princess of one o'clock on Wednesday livered of a prince, who has e of Duke de Penthievre.—

eek, the Bank of England raised t to 3 1-2 per cent.; a move- tendency to arrest all further ay stocks.

The state of England since we last addressed our readers has been very peculiar, and extremely exciting. The feeling then was, that, pressed on all hands by the cries of the country and the urgency of the case, Ministers would have opened the ports by an order in council for the free admission of every description of grain. Everything, in fact, indicated such a result. The Cabinet had protracted, and, it was said, angry sittings; the fears of the public were becoming serious; the accounts of the potatoe crop from all parts of the country—we had almost said, from all parts of the world—especially from Ireland, were really alarming; the price of grain, until checked by the prevailing feeling that the Corn-laws would be suspended, was rising daily. All this, combined with the panic in the Share market, and the utter prostration of the buoyancy and speculation which existed only a short time previously in rampant impetuosity, caused the opening of the ports to be looked to with hope and certainty, as a thing that must be. But the quidnuncs have been doomed to disappointment—*the ports will not be opened!* Secrets, hermetically sealed, sometimes ooze out, no one can tell how; and those who profess to be wise in the workings of Cabinets, declare that the opposition came not from the First Minister of the Crown, but from the Conqueror of Napoleon; that the commercial spirit of the Premier was overruled by the constitutional prejudices of the soldier; that the old motto, 'cedant arma togæ,' was in this case reversed. So runs the gossip of the clubs.

The Corn market continues to rise, and the averages to fall. The latter now stand for the week at 14s.; but the belief is now gaining ground, that before the end of the year, with the advancing market, Corn will be admitted at the lowest duty—1s. per quarter. The inferior descriptions continue to keep down the averages, but only for a temporary period. The quantity of flour coming from the United States to this country has been most absurdly exaggerated in some of the journals, and to establish the exaggeration, the Prices Current and Shipping Gazettes of New York and other Atlantic ports have been examined and analysed with critical minuteness.

Trade, in the manufacturing districts, is comparatively prostrated. There is far less business doing, and the state of affairs in the country, owing to the potatoe crop, and the immense speculation in shares, has a tendency to depress the energies of the manufacturers. The Yorkshire and the Manchester markets exhibit this feeling. Stocks are being reduced, and extreme caution in the present state of the country appears to actuate all parties—the dealers as well as the manufacturers.

LONDON CORN MARKET.—The arrivals of English Wheat from the 10th to the 15th Nov. inclusive, have been moderate and of a medium quality. The demand on the 14th was rather sluggish, and rates were not improved beyond the rates current on the 10th. In Foreign Wheat little was doing, and the rates nominal. Few sales took place in bonded Corn; the article was held at very full rates. The accounts from Mark-lane, on the 17th, show that the trade in Wheat remains very quiet, and that sales proceeded rather slowly at the currency of that day se'nnight. Oats had receded in value about 2s. per quarter. The business transacted in Bonded Grain articles was limited, but prices remained unchanged.

The fine weather, too, which has ruled in this country during the last fortnight, has enabled the farmer to take the best precautions for arresting the disease to which the potatoes are subject, and much good has been done in the way of saving what was thought to have been irreceverably lost. Nevertheless, it is clear, from all that has transpired, that the injury to the esculent has been very serious, and as far as the poor of Ireland are concerned, the evil must cause hardship, and its concomitant—disease.

COMMERCIAL.—The business which has been done of late in Shares, either in the metropolis or the country, is prodigiously small. The brokers are in a "fix;" many of them are unable to meet their engagements, or square their accounts either with their fellow brokers or with their clients.—The amount of the business during the height of the mania was so enormous that all recreation was suspended, all the ordinary checks of business were neglected, and now that the revulsion has come, it is attended, as may be imagined, with fearful confusion. On the Liverpool Stock Exchange, the last week, several brokers, who were defaulters, were "read out," excluded, and the same martyrdom is in store for numerous others.

Meetings for the purpose of petitioning Government to open the ports have been held all over the country; and in the following places among others—St Paul's, Covent Garden, Gateshead, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Sunderland, Belfast, Glasgow, Hamilton, Dundee, Hawick, and Leith.

The Cotton market partakes of the depression into which every description of business is for a time plunged. There is little doing, although, as compared with the inactivity of the previous fortnight, the markets were symptoms of animation. Since Friday, the amount of business transacted has not been large—hardly exceeding 10,000 bags, and, as compared with the closing prices of last week, a better feeling may be said to prevail.

The Produce markets remain in a tolerably healthy state. As the merchants do not force their goods to auction, but sell them privately by contract, they are enabled to get better prices. Sugar for home use has advanced upwards of 3s. per cwt., and holders are firm at this advance.

American Wool continues to command attention in the English market, and is competing with the same article from our possessions in the Pacific.

The London Times has published a document relative to the railway interest of the country, which has excited much interest and a good deal of alarm. The document exhibits the astounding number of 1,263 projected companies, to carry out which would require nearly two-thirds of the national debts of England!

The new suspension bridge over the Thames at Hungerford Market, has been purchased by Mr. Jackson and Sir Joshua Wainsley for £250,000.

The Earl of Lonsdale has resigned the post he has held upwards of four years at the head of the Post-Office. His successor is the Earl of St. Germans.

Lord John Russell has recently been presented with the freedom of the city of Edinburgh, on which occasion he made a long speech, in which the slavery of the United States was touched upon and strongly condemned.

The supply of silk from China, during the present year, has been from 11,000 to 12,000 bales.

The French Government are sending 20,000 men to Algiers.

It is proposed to make a tunnel under the Clyde.—The project has been favourably received.

It is stated that medical gentlemen are much wanted in China, and that those who are already there are reaping a golden harvest, having extensive practice and handsome pay.

The hostility to the new colleges in Ireland has not ceased. It is now finally determined that Galway is to have one, Cork another, and Belfast the third. Some names are before the public as having been appointed to the directorship of the latter establishment, but it is useless to repeat them here, as some uncertainty hangs about the correctness of the various and conflicting statements.

The foreign news is unimportant. In France Marshal Soult's resignation of the Ministry of War has been accepted, and a general Saint Yon appointed his successor.

The remarkable change in the tone of the ministerial newspapers, regarding O'Connell and the Repeal Conspiracy, has excited general attention in Ireland.

Elopement in High Life.—The papers are full of details connected with the elopement of Lady Adela Villiers, daughter of the Earl of Jersey, with Capt. Ibbeston. The lady is eighteen, the gentleman six and twenty. The elopement was planned at Brighton. The lovers made their way to Gretna Green, the usual rendezvous of fugitive lovers, where they were married.

A young lady at Clifton, near Bristol, heiress to a fortune of £15,000, eloped a few days ago with a gallant gay lothario many years her senior.

OBITUARY.—In county Roscommon, Ireland, the Hon. and Rev. Lord Hartland, in his 73rd year.

At his seat, High Cliff, on the 6th Oct., Lord Stuart de Rothsay, formerly Ambassador at the Court of France.

The Dowager Lady Holland died in London on Monday. This is the lady that lord Byron introduced in his satire of "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers."

THE NAVY.—Captain Henry Byam Martin, C.B., son of Admiral Byam Martin, has been appointed to the command of that noble 50-gun frigate the Grampus, razzed at Woolwich by Mr. Olive Lang, the master shipwright. She will have a complement of 500 men, and when ready will proceed to the Pacific, to join the squadron under Rear-Admiral Sir George Seymour. Capt. Martin was posted in 1828, for his services at Navarino, in which battle he commanded the Mosquito sloop.

The Retribution, steam-frigate, Captain Lushington, will most probably, when ready, proceed to the Pacific to join the squadron under the orders of Rear Admiral Sir G. Seymour.

IRELAND.—The state of the potato crop continues to be an anxious, indeed, an absorbing feeling, not only with the people of Ireland, but with the whole of the three kingdoms. Several meetings of the noblemen and gentlemen have been held in the Irish metropolis, and elsewhere, to carry out measures for meeting the emergency. At one on Friday week, in the Music-hall, Dublin, the Lord Mayor presiding, a committee was appointed to co-operate with the Mansion house Committee, and to wait upon the Lord-Lieutenant. At this meeting Admiral Oliver impressed upon all present the necessity of applying the repeal rent to the purchase of food for the people. This was very unpalatable to Mr. O'Connell, who assured the speaker that *his* portion of the rent should be returned to him; but the chairman interfered, and interdicted politics. Accordingly, a deputation from the combined committees proceeded to the Vice-Regal Lodge, in the Phœnix Park, where the following resolutions were submitted to Lord Heytesbury:—

'1. That sufficient evidence of the imminence of famine exists to render it necessary for the Government to take immediate steps to provide food for the people.

'2. That the best mode of distributing such food will be by the encouragement of public works of national and local utility.

'3. That the Lord-Lieutenant be called upon to open the ports for the reception of all articles suited for human food.

'4. That the Lord Lieutenant be also called upon to take measures to prevent the exportion of corn from Ireland.

'5. That the Lord-Lieutenant be called upon to take measures for the establishment of public granaries, in convenient situations, into which grain shall be received and receipts given for the same at the current prices; and that in the event of famine being averted from this country, the owners of grain so stored shall be permitted to dispose of it at any higher prices that it may be possible to realize in other markets.

'6. That the propriety of stopping the distillation of spirits from grain be submitted to the consideration of Government.

'7. That the Lord-Lieutenant be requested to take measures for raising at least a million in aid of the purposes recommended; and that the payment of the interest and principal be secured upon the receipts of the Commissioners of Woods and Forests in Ireland.'

The Bank of Ireland has advanced its discounts to four per cent. on English, and five per cent. on Irish bills.

Reports multiply and strengthen, that there is a disease among the sheep and cattle in Ireland; in some parts of Wicklow and Kildare the flocks are said to be dying fast.

The landlords of Kerry have collected £8000 for the relief of the peasantry in that county. Lord Kenmare contributed £3000; Mr. Herbert, of Muckross, £1500; Mr. John O'Connell, of Grena, brother to 'the Liberator,' £500.

Some of the Irish journals publish a clever imitation of O'Connell's style, in a letter in which he states that he will not exact the 'rent' this year; on the contrary, he will give £500 to the suffering peasantry. Many persons regarded the letter as genuine, and hoped that it was so.

The meeting of the Repeal Association on the 3rd inst. was stale, flat, and unprofitable. Mr. O'Connell and most of the other speakers touched upon the potato disease, the most practical suggestions respecting which came from Mr. Smith O'Brien, who desired, by letter, that a prize might be offered by the association for the best means of arresting the rot. The rent for the week was £3186

ITALY.—It appears that the spirit of insurrection is not dead. There were outbreaks in the Papal States, which have been suppressed. It is said that the Continental Powers have represented to the Pope the necessity of adopting a milder rule over his subjects.

RUSSIA.—The latest news from the Caucasus is not of a more favourable character than had previously been received. The Emperor is in Italy, with his wife and daughter, and during his absence nothing of importance can be transacted.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—By the steamer *Robert Rankin*, from Boston, we received files of Boston and New York papers, containing the Message of President Polk to the United States Congress. We have furnished our readers with the most interesting portions of the Message, which was communicated to Congress on Tuesday last. The language of the President, with respect to the Oregon question, will, we apprehend, produce much excitement in Great Britain; he will there find, that his claims to the *whole territory!*—particularly after the repeated *American* offers of compromise—will be met by the British Government and people with a becoming *national* spirit. Mr. Polk will not be allowed to have it quite his own way.—He recommends forthwith giving to England the required year's notice of the termination of the joint occupancy of the territory, prior to exercising exclusive jurisdiction over it.—The President is likewise disposed to be a little crusty with both France and England, on the score of alleged opposition by the Governments of those countries to the annexation of Texas.

The views of the President on the Tariff question, and more particularly such as relate to the "protective" system, which we have also given, appear to comport with those of a large and influential mass of the American people, and are such as were anticipated would be advanced by the President. The reduction recommended, if carried, will be very acceptable to Great Britain and other European nations.

The Hon. John M. Davis, (Locofoco,) of Indiana, was chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives, on the first ballot, by a large majority.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Mr. Tell delivered a very interesting Lecture on "Poland," last evening, to a large and attentive audience.

The Courier says—"We are much gratified in learning that the Board of Directors of this Institution have, in consideration of the excellent Lecture delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wishart, last Monday evening, on "The Peculiarities of Science," requested him to repeat the delivery of the Lecture *next Friday evening*, and that the Rev. gentleman has kindly acceded to the request. Many who were prevented from attending that delightful evening by the unpleasantness of the weather, or by other necessary engagements, will thus have an opportunity of hearing one of the best Lectures ever delivered in the Hall of the Institute."

☞ We refer our readers to Mr. Sharp's advertisement in another column, of a "Philosophical Entertainment and Splendid Exhibition," to be given at the Mechanics' Institute, on Thursday evening next. A rare treat may be anticipated.

☞ We understand that the Anniversary of the New Brunswick Auxiliary BIBLE SOCIETY will be held about the 7th or 8th of January next.

LORD METCALFE, Governor General of Canada, &c. has taken his departure for England, in the steamer Britannia, accompanied by Dr. Crawford, and five military gentlemen. He left Montreal on the 26th ult., the particulars of which are given below.—The New York Albion remarks:

"We cannot view the departure of this great and good man without the strongest feelings of sorrow and regret. His loss to the public service is great, and the loss to the province still more so; it is indeed a misfortune, that the province should be deprived of one who has done so much for it—who has been able to reconcile parties—allay animosities, and bring about a state of tranquillity that has not before existed in a whole generation."

MONTREAL, Nov. 26.

DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.—The Mayor and Council met, as previously arranged, soon after eight o'clock this morning, at the Exchange News Room, St. Joseph Street, whence they proceeded to the wharf, accompanied by a large body of the citizens, to await the arrival of His Excellency. Notwithstanding the extreme coldness of the morning, as the hour drew nigh, the whole line of route by which His Excellency was expected, from Monklands, commencing at the Hay market, became crowded with people of all classes, who assembled on the wharf and quays, anxious to testify the regard in which His Excellency was held by individuals of all ranks and denominations.

The streets were lined with the military, from the Hay-market to the point of embarkation. The 93d Highlanders were stationed in open column from the Hay-market, along Great St. James' street to the Place d'Armes, from whence the line was continued by the 53rd Light Infantry, down to the wharf, where a guard of honor, for the reception of His Excellency, selected from the latter Regiment was stationed. Four pieces of Artillery were placed on the wharf opposite the Barracks, from which a salute of nineteen guns was fired during His Lordship's embarkation.

The Union, Alliance, Neptune and Hero Fire Companies, and the Hose and Hook and Ladder Companies, assembled on the wharf, in uniform, accompanied by the bands of the Union and Hose Companies, and all their respective flags and banners. The different companies formed an open column through which His Excellency's carriage passed.

The British Order of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, of which his Excellency is a Member, assembled in the Place d'Armes in considerable numbers, and marched in procession to the wharf, in order to bid farewell to their distinguished brother, headed by the district band and accompanied by the banners and ensigns of the different lodges. From the want of time to convey the requisite intimation, the procession was scarcely so numerous as might have been expected, and the greater part of the brethren were present as private citizens, who would gladly have availed themselves of this means of expressing their esteem, had they been aware that a demonstration of the Order was in contemplation.

On His Excellency's arrival at the wharf, he was received, on descending from his carriage, by Earl Cathcart, Major General Sir James Hope, His Worship the Mayor and Council, and the heads of departments in full uniform. His Worship then advanced and presented the following address from the Mayor, Corporation and citizens of Montreal:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Theophilus Baron Metcalfe, Governor-General, &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency—

We, Her Majesty's devoted and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Montreal, beg leave most respectfully to approach Your Excellency on the eve of your departure from among us, for the purpose of expressing the deep sympathy which, in common with our fellow subjects throughout this Province, we feel for the cause which has necessitated Your Lordship's retirement from the Government of British America.

The munificent liberality experienced by the charitable institutions of the Province, and your truly Catholic contributions to all philanthropic objects, will long be remembered and duly cherished by the inhabitants of Canada.

In approaching to say farewell to Your Excellency on your unexpected departure from the country, permit us most respectfully to tender to Your Lordship the expression of our sincere good wishes for the permanent recovery of your health, and that the remainder of your useful life may be spent in peace and tranquillity.

(Signed) J. FERRIER, MAYOR.

City Hall, Montreal, November 26, 1845.

To which His Excellency was pleased to reply in the following terms:

"I thank you, gentlemen, for your kind and loyal address.

"I feel so entirely overcome, that I am unable to give expression to my feelings.

"I shall always retain a grateful sense of your kindness, and shall carry the recollection of it to my grave.

"May God bless you all!"

During the reading of the address, his Excellency leaned on the arms of Earl Cathcart and Captain Higginson, and was visibly much affected. He was compelled to pause at intervals during his reply, and whilst giving utterance to the prayer with which it concludes, his feelings overpowered him, and he burst into tears. He was then escorted on board the Prince Albert, and as the steamer moved off, the bystanders with uncovered heads all joined in the fervent ejaculation—God bless him!

At three o'clock in the afternoon, Earl Cathcart took the usual oaths of office at the Government House, and assumed the Administration of the Government of Canada, until the arrival of the successor of Lord Metcalfe, concerning whom rumour is nearly equally divided between Earl Sa Germain, and Sir Henry Pottinger.

Boston, December 1.

RIGHT HON. LORD METCALFE, late Governor General of Canada, who left Montreal on Wednesday last, arrived in the city this evening in the train cars from Albany. He is attended by Dr. Crawford, Captain Brownrigg, his aid and acting Secretary, Capt. Campbell, 93d regiment, Capt. H. Brownrigg, 52d regiment, Capt. Tyron, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and Capt. Henderson, of the Royal Engineers. His Lordship and suite will occupy apartments at the Tremont until Monday, when they will embark on board the Britannia for England.

HALIFAX, December 6.—The Steamship Britannia arrived from Boston on Thursday morning, in 49 hours.

His Excellency Lord Metcalfe, having resigned the government of Canada, returns to England by the Britannia. His Lordship is accompanied by Dr. Crawford, and five military officers. His Lordship was able to sit up while the Britannia laid in this port, but received no visitor besides Lord Falkland.

NEW-BRUNSWICK ICE COMPANY.—We have been informed that a number of persons have recently associated themselves together, for the purpose of procuring, and shipping from this port, large quantities of pure Ice, to such markets where the same may be in demand. It is to be cut and stored by the agency of machinery, by means of which under favorable circumstances, it is said that three men, and as many horses, can obtain from a suitable surface, and storage, at the rate of four hundred tons per day.

This business has been pursued to great advantage in Boston, for some years past, and we are informed that during last year, the gross receipts for ice shipped from Boston amounted to upwards of two millions of dollars.—*Chronicle.*

Fatal Accident.—On Wednesday last, as Mr. John Morrison was returning from this City to his residence at the Oromocto, his horse took fright, and becoming unmanageable, ran off with the carriage attached at full speed. Mr. M. was in a short time thrown forward toward the horse's heels, his feet still remaining in the waggon, and in this position his skull was fractured in several places. The horse ran furiously across the Oromocto Bridge, and was with some difficulty secured: his owner was quite dead.—*Fredericton Reporter.*

WEST INDIA STEAM PACKET COMPANY.—The annual meeting of this company was held last week. The company has eleven fine-built steam ships, of 1400 tons and 450-horse power each, besides two of 1000 tons and 300-horse power each, and three schooners, for casual transit from the different islands. Should the negociations be completed that are being carried on for the scheme of forming a communication across the Isthmus of Panama, from Chagres to that port, so as to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, by means of a railway, plans and estimates of which are at present in London and Paris, and every probability of being carried out by the formation of a joint company, a most beneficial opening to the commercial and mining interests in Chili and the whole line of the South Pacific will be accomplished, as there will be a regular communication established by the South Pacific Steam Navigation Company, from Valparaiso to Panama and Lima, and by the Royal West India Steam Packets to and from Chagres and Southampton. A new era is issuing forth in South America, which, in a few years hence, will render that portion of the new world, once under the despotism of Spain, one of the most flourishing parts of the globe, by the general adoption of railways, and the benefits of steam intercourse with Europe. In our West India Islands, Jamaica, Barbadoes, &c., the benefits of railways are beginning to be duly appreciated, as well as in the Havana, and even in Mexico, a line is being established, as well as in the Brazils, which in all probability, will lead to the formation of a road being established across the Cordilleras to Santiago, the capital of the republic of Chili, opening a grand intercourse between the two seas, instead of going round Cape Horn. A railway is projected from Valparaiso to Santiago, which will be of great importance to that great commercial port.—*Mining Journal.*

FIRE!—Between four and five o'clock yesterday morning, flames were discovered issuing from the large wooden building on the corner of Duke and Sidney Streets, formerly used as a place of worship, by Mr. Ambler, under the name of the "Tabernacle," but latterly known as the "Prince of Wales' Theatre." The fire had made so much head-way inside before it was discovered, that the houses on the opposite side of the street were in flames ere the engines and apparatus could be got in operation, and the double house on the opposite corner of Duke-street, owned by James Robertson, Esq. and occupied by Mr. Henderson, shop-keeper, Mr. Sutton, shoe-maker, Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Devine, dress-maker, and others, fell a prey to the flames; while the one adjoining owned by Mr. James Travis, and occupied by Mrs. Swymmer, was almost completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is not positively known: there had been a performance in the Theatre on the preceding evening, and stoves having been used to heating the building, the fire is generally supposed to have originated in the careless and inefficient manner in which the pipes were put up.

The occupants of Mr. Robertson's buildings had a narrow escape with their lives, and therefore saved but little of their effects—some of them only had time to cover themselves with their bed clothes and rush into the street, with their almost naked children.—Mrs. Swymmer's furniture was much injured.

The Theatre, we understand, was a joint-stock concern, and was under lease to Mr. H. W. Preston. But little, if any of the effects of the performers was saved.—Mr. Travis was insured for £200.—*Courier.*

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting on Monday evening, the former Office-Bearers were re-elected for the ensuing year—viz:—William Parks, Esquire, President; Henry Porter, Esquire, Vice President; William Hutchison, Esquire, Treasurer, and Mr. William Mills, Secty.

MARRIED.

On Thursday, 27th ult., by the Very Rev. James Dunphy, V. G., Mr. Edward Kennedy, to Miss Margaret Denny, both of Quaco.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Hugh O'Brien, of Mahogany, to Miss Margaret Stinnot, of Musquash.

On Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Enoch Wood, Mr. John Hoey, to Miss Mary Ritchey, both of this City.

On the 1st instant, by the Rev. Robert Irvine, Mr. John Mulhery, to Miss Catharine Graham, both of this City.

At Carleton, on the 26th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Rice, Mr. George J. Stackhouse, to Miss Mary Clarke, all of Carleton.

In the Parish of Sussex, on the 20th ult. by the Rev. H. N. Arnold, Mr. George Teakles, to Miss Mary Ann Graves, both of that Parish.

In the Parish of Johnston, Queen's County, on the 27th ult. by the same, Mr. Charles Murray, of Studholm, to Mary, third daughter of Mr. John Secord, of the former place.

DIED.

On Wednesday, the 3d instant, James Simonds, youngest son of the late Thomas Millidge, Esquire, in the 21th year of his age.

This morning, at his father's residence, Main-street, Morris Dashwood, second son of John M. Robinson, Esquire, aged nearly two years.

On Thursday night, 27th ult., after a short illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude, Mr. John Haviland, aged 60 years, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, leaving a wife and two children to lament their loss.

On Sunday evening, Mrs. Sarah Reed, second daughter of the late Mr. William Melick, in the 51st year of her age.—Funeral To-morrow, (Wednesday,) at 3 o'clock, from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. G. D. Dunham, Union-street.

On Sunday last, Mrs. Cain, aged 53 years.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., after a short and severe illness, Mrs. Ann Smith, wife of the late George Smith, in the 70th year of her age, leaving five children to lament the loss of a kind and affectionate mother.—Funeral on Wednesday, at 3 o'clock, from her late residence, Mains-street, Lower Cove, when friends and acquaintance are requested to attend.

At Carleton, on Saturday the 22d ult., Mrs Simeione Ketchum, in the 76th year of her age, an old and respectable inhabitant of that place.

On the 7th inst. at Carleton, Sand Point, in the 17th year of his age, George, second son of Mr. George Whelan.

At Annapolis Royal, on the 20th ult., in the 74th year of her age, Mrs. Elizabeth Sneden, relict of the late Lawrence Sneden, Esq.

Suddenly, at Annapolis Royal, on Friday morning, the 5th instant, Henry Goldsmith, Esquire, Sub-Collector of H. M. Customs at that port, in the 60th year of his age.—In private life he was one of the best of men, and the kindest and tenderest of husbands and fathers; in public, he was a man of the strictest honour and integrity. His loss is universally regretted by all classes, and his death has cast a deep gloom over the whole community.—The circumstances of the death of this worthy man, were strikingly sudden. Rising on the morning of Friday in his usual good health he partook of breakfast, and going into his garden, was seized with a fit, and expired in a few minutes.—His remains were committed to the grave on Monday the 8th, followed by a large number of persons, who paid this last tribute of respect with unaffected regret.

On the 8th ult. at Bath, England, Catherine Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late William Parker Ramsay, Esquire, in the 26th year of her age.

At Keswick Ridge, Parish of Douglas, on the 20th ult. in hope of a blessed immortality, Mr. Samuel Clark, aged 75 years, leaving a wife and eleven children, to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and tender parent.

MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN—ARRIVED.

Wednesday—Ship Caledonia, Wishart, Liverpool 50—John Wishart, coals, &c.

Charlotte, Moran, Newry, 43—Master, ballast.—On the 25th Nov. in lat. 40 40 N. long. 66 40 W. the wind blowing a heavy gale, passed the wreck of a vessel of about 200 tons, mainmast gone, foremast, fore-yard, bowsprit and jibboom standing—apparently abandoned some time.

Barque Frederick, Gover, Liverpool, 41—S. Wiggins & Son, coals, &c.

Prince of Wales, Brown, London, 40—Wm. & Jas. Lawton, ballast.—Experienced very heavy weather: Nov. 9th, lost Edward Hayes, seaman supposed to have been washed overboard from the forepart of the vessel, as he was last seen there; Nov. 29th, long. 52, spoke barque Albotsford, from Plymouth, for St. John.

James Moran, Dundalk, 40—Master, ballast.—On the 21st Nov. in lat. 45 9, long. 55 6, passed the wreck of the sloop Jane Charlotte, of Prince Edward Island, abandoned.

Falcon, Savage, Liverpool, 40—Jas. Kirk, ballast

Woodstock, Henry, Gloucester, 40—James Kirk, ballast.

Henry Duncan, Kent, Cork, 43—Allison & Spurr, ballast.

Brig Sarah, Shaw, Yarmouth, (N. S.) 2—Charles McLauchlan, ballast.

Schooner Brothers, Coffey, Boston, 4—Master, assorted cargo.

Friday—Ship St. Martins, Vaughan, London, 54—D & T. Vaughan, ballast.

Favorite, Leitch, Liverpool, 45—John Wishart, merchandise.

Saturday—Ship Speed, Grundell, Liverpool, 35—S. Wiggins & Son, merchandise.

Barque Argonaut, Betts, Trinidad, P. S., 19—J. D. Purdy & Co. ballast.

Sunday—Steamer Robert Rankin, Whitney, Boston, 2—I. & J. G. Woodward, assorted cargo.

This Morning—Barque Sutton, Cann, Glasgow, 35—C. McLauchlan, coals.

Brig Rebecca, Pickance, Dublin, 19—John Wishart, potatoes.

New Brig Tweed, Delaney, Parsboro, N. S.—James Robertson, bound to England.

In the offing, a Ship and a Brig.

CLEARED.

Dec. 2d—Ship Orwell, Colburn, Hull, timber and deals—N. S. Demill; Barque Fergus, Marina, Hull, timber and deals—James Kirk; Richibucto, Reid, Cork, timber and deals—James Kirk.

3d—Barque Lord Lyndoch, Faremouth, London, timber and deals—S. Reynolds & Son; Brig Brothers, Nowell, Bantry, timber, &c.—John Mackay.

4th—Barque Royal Adelaide, Smith, Fowey, timber and deals—John Robertson.

5th—Barque Ann, Hall, Liverpool, timber and deals—James Barber; Brigantine Fidelia, Small, Eastport, grindstones—L. H. Waterhouse.

6th—Barque Duke of Wellington, Willard, Boston, lumber—Master; Hingston, Craig, London, timber and deals—R. Rankin & Co; Brig Yucatan, Baker, Philadelphia, plaster—Easy & Black; Brookline, Pettengall, Eastport, plaster—George Thomas.

Sloo—Ship Ann Hall, Hubert, Dublin, timber and deals—James Kirk.

9th—Ship James and Mary, Sinnott, Connor, Glasgow, timber and deals—S. Wiggins & Son; Barque Canton, Nichol, Glasgow, timber and deals—R. Rankin & Co; Brig Corin, McMinn, Barbadoes, boards—J. & T. Robinson; Schr. Yarmouth Packet, Clements, Bermuda, fish—James Alexander; Catherine, Hilton, Bermuda, fish—James Alexander.

The Ship reported ashore on the Eastern Wolf Island, proves to be the John Bentley, Capt. Disbrow, from Bristol, bound to this port, with a cargo of coal, &c. She was driven ashore on Tuesday morning last, and has become a wreck—crew saved. The John Bentley was owned by Mr. N. S. Demill of this City, and was insured for £4000.

Brigantine Thomas Edwards, Doane, hence, for Halifax, loaded with limestone and herrings, was totally lost on Cow Ledge, near Briar Island, on Sunday night, the 30th ult.

WRECK.—The Schr. Tyro, Capt. Greenwood, of Granville, from P. E. Island and Cape Breton, bound to St John, went ashore on Sunday Point, (near the entrance of this harbour), during the gale from the South East, last evening, and became a total wreck. Her cargo, consisting of 800 bushels of Potatoes and 26 chaldrons of coal, came out through the bottom, and was sold this morning, as it lay in the water, for 25s. The hull is a total wreck, materials saved in a damaged state. There was no insurance on either vessel or cargo, which were owned by the master, and constituted his whole property.—*Yarmouth Courier.*

ARRIVALS FROM ST. JOHN.

Oct. 29, Richard, off Portland, for Antwerp; 30, Tynemouth Castle, at Berwick; Nov. 2, Warrior, Crookhaven; Alfred, Leith; 3, Caroline, Dublin; Mary Harrington, Fleetwood; 5, Argo Gravesend; 6, Esweetta, Hull; 7, Leviathan, Baltimore; Chester, Liverpool; 8, Caroline la Seur, do; Samuel, Dublin; 9, Nahant, Flushing; 10, Warrior, Drogheda; 11, Augusta, Bristol; 12, Themis, Liverpool; 13, Velocity, Waterford; 16, Malta, Gravesend; Sea, Cork; 17, Tuskar, Liverpool; Emerald, do; 18, Pluto, do.

Vessels Sailed for St. John.—Nov. 5, Mary A. Peters, Liverpool; Drake, Newport; 12, P. Alice Maude, Dea; 13, Caithness-shire, Belfast; 16, Caroline, Dublin.

Notice to the Public.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
St. John, 6th Dec. 1845.

THE MAIL FOR ENGLAND, to meet the departure of the Steamer from Halifax on the 15th, will be closed at this Office on Saturday next, the 13th instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

J. HOWE, *D. P. M. G.*

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES.

At a Meeting of the Members of the St. John Mechanics' Institute, held at the Hall, Dec. 8, 1845:

IT WAS RESOLVED, That all Members in arrears to the Institute, who shall take out their Tickets for the present Lecture season, before the first day of January next, shall have their arrearages remitted; and all such as do not comply with the above proposal, shall have their names struck off from the list of Members.

☞ The READING ROOM is open to Members every evening, from 7 to half-past 9 o'clock.

JOS. W. LAWRENCE.
Dec. 8, 1845. *Rec: Sec.*

[City Papers.]

Philosophical Entertainment,
AND
SPLENDID EXHIBITION.

MR. J. G. SHARP has the honor of announcing, that having just received from London a magnificent collection of PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS, for the optical illustration of various branches of Physical Science, including *Dissolving Views on various subjects of illustration* never before exhibited in this Province, it is his intention to give a series of superb

Scientific Exhibitions!

accompanied by appropriate LECTURES and EXPLANATORY REMARKS, by a literary gentleman of this City, whose friendly assistance for that purpose has been obtained, at the

Hall of the Mechanics' Institute,

on *Tuesday* and *Thursday Evenings* in each week; commencing on THURSDAY NEXT, the 11th instant, at EIGHT o'clock.

A PROGRAMME of the whole will, as soon as possible, be published; but Tickets will be issued for each evening, separately.

The first evening's entertainment—on Thursday next—will comprise a Lecture on ASTRONOMY, (*the first of a Course on that Science*) illustrated by means of a splendid OXY-HYDROGEN MICROSCOPE, after which, a number of superb *DISSOLVING VIEWS* will be exhibited; and the whole will conclude with the brilliant and unequalled display of the CHROMATROPE.

☞ TICKETS for the evening can be obtained at *Mr. Shaw's store*, corner of North Market Wharf. Price, 1s. 9d. each.

*** Admission by Ticket only, as no money will be taken at the door.

December 9.

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