

**IRON VESSELS.**—Mr. John Laird, the builder of the Rainbow steamer, which makes the most rapid passages ever made between London and Antwerp, and *vice versa*, has now laid down at his yard, North Birkenhead, half-a-dozen vessels, which will be wholly constructed of iron. Among them is a steamer of nearly 600 tons. The Ironsides, mentioned in our last, the first iron ship built in this port, sailed on Wednesday for Pernambuco. She looked extremely well as she proceeded down the river. Next day she was seen off the Kish Bank, all well. We have heard that the President, intended as the companion of the British Queen in the New York trade, will be constructed of iron. Her tonnage will, it is said, exceed 2,500 tons, and she is expected to carry 1,500 tons of fine goods!—*Liverpool Paper*.

**COMMUNICATION WITH INDIA, VIA EGYPT.**—A letter from Alexandria, quoted by the *Semaphore*, announces that the regular transport and communications were being rapidly organised between Cairo and Suez. The vehicles destined from the travellers had arrived from England, and had been sent on to Cairo. The construction of a comfortable and commodious inn, on the European plan, in the centre of the desert, half way between Cairo and Suez, was still talked of. The Pacha had given not only his consent to the erection of the inn, but also an assurance that he would assist in expediting the construction of an establishment so eminently calculated to diminish the difficulties and inconveniences of a passage across the desert. Relays were also to be organised, and horses were to be changed three times between Suez and Cairo. The first vehicle is to accomplish the journey in the month of December. Great praise is said to be due to Colonel Campbell for the vigour with which he has urged the execution of these measures, so well calculated to revive the prosperous days of the trade with India *via* Egypt. He is also occupied with the establishment of steam navigation on the Nile.

**GREAT EXPORT OF GOODS TO AMERICA.**—The shipments of manufactured goods to the United States are, the season of the year considered, very extensive. The New York steam packet ships get nearly full cargoes; the Sheridan, which sailed on Wednesday, having had upwards of 1,600l. freight on board. The packet-ship Columbus, which will sail in the morning, has a full cargo of manufactured goods; and the packet-ship George Washington and United States will, it is expected, be quite full also.—*Liverpool Albion*.

**CAPTAIN TULLOCH'S REPORT OF THE SICKNESS AND MORTALITY OF THE TROOPS IN THE WEST INDIES.**—The first and most startling of the facts established by this report is, that between 1803 and 1836 upwards of 33,000 of our fellow-soldiers have perished in the West Indies. This is exclusive entirely of the casualties by warfare, and the deaths which took place in Martinique, Gaudaloupe, Surinam, and the other colonies captured during the last war, and ceded at the peace; it is also exclusive of the deaths of black troops. Consequently, during these thirty-three years, more than four times the whole force has been cut off by disease alone; and the average duration of the life of every soldier sent to that climate has not exceeded seven years and a half.—*United Service Jour.*

**GAZETTE ANNOUNCEMENTS.**—The Right Hon. Stephen Lushington, Judge of the Admiralty sworn of the Privy Council; the Rev. Edward Vernon Lockwood, M. A., late chaplain to the House of Commons to be a prebendary of Westminster, void by the death of Earl Nelson; the Rev. Edward Repton, M. A., late chaplain to the House of Commons, to be a prebendary of Westminster, void by the Death of the late D. H. Ryder, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry; the Rev. Temple Frere, M. A., late Chaplain to the House of Commons, to be a prebendary of Westminster,

void by the translation of the Right Rev. D. J. Allen, late Bishop of Bristol, to the see of Ely; Major John Macphail to be Lieutenant Governor of Dominica.

**SAGACITY OF A DOG.**—A short time ago some of our harbour and bay fishermen were trawling for blockin, &c., near the point of the pier, and succeeded in filling a few baskets of fish, which they left upon the beach, in charge of a well-known dog, named "Bully," who is in the habit of perambulating our quays, and belongs to anybody who will throw him a bone. The fishermen having again embarked for the purpose of having a second draw, the tide began to flow, and was making rapid way toward the baskets. "Bully" now became very busy, and with all diligence endeavoured to draw one of the baskets higher up on the beach; but finding this too difficult a task he began to take the fish, one by one in his mouth, and scampered off to a place of safety with his charge. Upon the fishermen returning shortly after, he seemed quite overjoyed, and upon being asked what had become of the fish out of one of the baskets, which was nearly emptied, he trotted along to the place where he had deposited them.—*Isle of Man Paper*.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.** Mr. A. McKinlay, the President of the Institute, continued on Electricity, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9. The experiments were numerous, beautiful, and highly successful. The labour and time and study, requisite for the production of this and the former on the same subject, are contributions to the Institute, which richly deserve the warmest acknowledgments of the members. Mr. John Naylor, Vice President, officiated as Chairman, during the President's lecture. Dr. Sawers will lecture on PHYSIOLOGY, next Wednesday evening.—*Not.*

**ST. JOHN, N. B. Jan. 8.** Her Majesty's steamship Medea, Capt. Nott, with the remainder of the 36th Regt. arrived on Sunday last, from Halifax. The Medea, we learn, will sail for Bermuda and the West Indies, to-morrow, if the weather is favourable.

The Mail for England, by H. M. Packet Star, will be closed on Tuesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

**MARRIED.**

On Sunday morning last, by the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Mr. Joseph Wilson, to Miss Mary Ann Bolton.

At Windsor, on Sunday the 16th Dec. Mr. John Payzant, to Sarah Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. William Leonard.

**DIED.**

Suddenly, on Wednesday morning, in the 67th year of his age, Mr. Elias Joseph Hobson, an old and respectable inhabitant of this place, leaving a family to lament the loss of a tender and affectionate parent.

On Saturday last, at the residence of Capt. McLean, Charles Moreau, Esq. a respectable Planter from St. Lucia, aged 44 years, who visited Halifax some time since for the benefit of his health.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Adam Grieve, in the 47th year of his age. On Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness, Mr. William Henry Blackadar, in the 41st year of his age, second son of Mr. Charles Blackadar.

**SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.****ARRIVALS.**

Monday, January 7th—Schrs Hope, Kennedy, St. John's 42 and Burgess, N. F., 6 days—dry fish, part of which they were obliged to throw overboard on the 9th ult, off Cape Breton, in a heavy gale, the vessel being holed on her beam ends, put back to Burgess to repair; Cannon Trader, Cann. fish; Eliza, Cann. fish.

Wednesday 9th—Rival Packet, McLean, Liverpool, N. F. The Friday, 10th—Speculator, Young, Liverpool, 12 days—sugar and wine; New Schooner Breeze, Wagon, Barrington, 1 day; brig. Maria, Boole, Weymouth, 15 days—lumber, to N. LeCain & Son; New Brig Susan King, McLean, Yarmouth, 3 days—lumber, to J. & M. Tobin.