EUROPEAN SUMMARY.

Penny Postage.—It is intended that the Act to carry out Mr. Rowland Hill's plan of uniform penny postage shall come into operation in January next.

Lord John Russell had issued a proclamation, offering two hundred pounds reward for the apprehension and conviction of the leaders in the riot at Birmingham. He has also obtained from Parliament [illegible] in respect to the arrest of 3 thousand [illegible] and a sum of ten thousand pounds to establish a police force in Birmingham.

Lord John Russell had disagreed to the long petition of the Chartists [illegible], arguing clearly and [illegible] every one of their alleged grievances. There was only 46 [illegible] in the House.

Wool.—It appears [illegible] the quantity of 216,000 and the consumption at £14,000.

The French papers take great credit to France for having produced the General who manœuvred the forces of Mehemet Ali, Colonel Sylvan, and they say that to him alone, it is [illegible] indebted for so [illegible] victory.

Parliamentary Printing.—It appears from a late Parliamentary return that the House of Commons has expended in the eight last sessions, for the printing of parliamentary papers, the sum of £973,116.

The beautiful cathedral at Bruges has been destroyed by fire occasioned by the carelessness of some of the plumbers at work on the building.

The Waterloo steam vessel of 128 tons burthen, and 6000 muskets on board, bound from London to Gibralter, took fire off Nab-light, coast of England and burnt to the water's edge, officers and men escaping in the boats.

The friends of Sir Charles Metcalfe, upon his appointment as Governor of Jamaica, gave him a sumptuous banquet, at Willis' Rooms.

During a severe storm at Windsor, in England, a few weeks since, no less than 3000 panes of glass were destroyed in the numerous sky-lights with which the Palace abounds.

Great efforts are making in England for the colonization of New Zealand. The company sold waste lands in one week to the amount of £70,000 sterling, and a new colony will soon be on their way, which will comprise 300 persons among whom are several men of rank and fortune. It is probable that in the lapse of two centuries, more than half the globe will be inhabited by people speaking the English language.

The Liverpool Mercury says that a new light house is in the course of erection at Crosby point, about eight miles from Liverpool. It will be 112 feet high, and finished during the present month.

It is estimated that there are nearly four more than three thousand miles of Railroad completed and in operation in the United States, at an average cost of about $20,000 per mile, employing sixty millions of dollars already expended in these works of improvement alone.

[illegible] Q. — A recent [illegible] in the Seventh Section of the Constitution of the New Republic of Texas, some of the lots sold at Toronto [illegible] York [illegible] Texas—We learn that [illegible] yesterday [illegible] upon the U. S. revenue [illegible] the same this year.

[illegible] they being merely the reputed agents and receivers for purposes of sale.

Rumor gives various amounts as to the value of the goods seized — $80,000 to $100,000. It is, at any rate, the most extensive seizure ever made in Philadelphia.

The goods for proceeding on the part of the Custom House, are said to be, chiefly, making entries at less than the true value. *On dit*, that an importer, for many years a resident of New York, is among the missing.

It is now stated that two or three merchants from Toronto, who arrived by the Liverpool, have been arrested in New York on a charge of being concerned with the alleged smuggling.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

[illegible] explains a circumstance [illegible] which [illegible] was expected, all towns directed to intercept her and take out a passenger who was supposed to be on board, so that he might be kept out of the way of certain persons here, who were believed to be on the look-out for his arrival.—*Com. Adv.*

CANADA.

Montreal, Aug. 23.

At 2 P. M. on Friday last, the ceremony of investing Sir JAMES MACDONELL, with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, was gone through, at the residence of the Governor General.

A communication to Sir JOHN COLBORNE, signed, "Augustus," was first read by the Military Secretary, Major GOLDIE, announcing her Majesty's intention, as a sign of Royal approbation of the distinguished services of Sir JAMES.

The Governor-General addressed Sir JAS. MACDONELL, expressive of his satisfaction in executing Her Majesty's Gracious commands, in favour of an Officer of his merit, enumerating the several countries in which it has been Sir JAMES' good fortune to serve.

Sir James then knelt to receive the insignia; a splendid riband and badge were then placed on his neck. He rose, and retired from the presence, bowing.

A numerous assemblage witnessed the ceremony, and a guard of the Grenadiers, was in attendance.

It was a spectacle gratifying to all, actors and spectators.

UPPER CANADA.

We were struck the other day by the extraordinary appearance of a small field of wheat in the vicinity of the new hospital, on which there were fifty-eight stooks of goodly dimensions. On inquiry we found it belonged to Dr. Sampson; that there is about an acre of it, on which it is expected there will be *Forty Bushels!* The Doctor was the first to introduce it into this part of the country. It is a spring grain called Carraways. Last Spring the Doctor gave to John G. Cartwright and H. W. Parker, Esqrs. and Dr. Teghan, some little wheat for seed. It was thrown out equally well with the second crop, not the utmost consequence, this escaped the fly.—*Niagara Chronicle.*

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