

brating the 5th of November, the anniversary of the "Gunpowder Plot," at Vienna, and should the weather be favourable they will be joined by a large number of the brethren from this county.—Divine Service will be held in the village in the forenoon, and in the afternoon the brethren will dine together. Particulars of the celebration will be found in the programme. The brethren from this county will be required to be at Fredericksburg, at six p. m., on the morning of the 5th, should they desire to go with the main body. At Staffordville they will be met by a deputation from No. 170, Vienna, and conveyed to the place of meeting, we hope a very large number of our Norfolk brethren will respond to the kind invitation of those of Elgin and Middlesex, who so nobly turned out to do us credit at our celebration on the 12th of July last; together with the pleasure done themselves, they will be returning a compliment very justly due—a courtesy kindly extended.

**ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT AT BURLINGTON HEIGHTS.**—An inquest was held yesterday, by Dr. Craig, on view of the body of a labourer on the Great Western Railroad, named William Keefe, who accidentally lost his life while descending from a large block of concrete or cemented gravel, which rolled down upon him, crushing him to death almost instantly. A verdict of accidental death was returned. The deceased was a widower, and has left two children to deplore his loss.

**MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.**—An accident of a very melancholy nature occurred yesterday morning on the line of the Great Western Railway, passing through this town. About 7 o'clock in the morning, while several of the men were engaged in undermining the high bank in front of Mr. Finkle's property, it suddenly gave way, and buried under an immense load of earth, a man named Peter McInnes, a native of Scotland, who had emigrated to this country four years ago. Every effort was made to extricate the unfortunate man, but could not be effected until life was extinct. He has left a wife and four small children to lament his loss.—*British American.*

**THE QUEEN'S BENCH.**—His Lordship the Chief Justice allows no time to be wasted, but makes the members of the bar toe the mark as their cases come up on the docket. The result of strictly adhering to this rule has been that, since the commencement of the present Assizes, ten days ago, an immense amount of business has been got through with, at least two-thirds of a very large calendar, both civil and criminal, and the expenses of paying jurymen, clerks, &c., for an additional week has probably been saved to the public. When we write, several important civil and criminal cases have yet to be tried; the latter including one for murder, which will itself occupy a whole day; but it is anticipated that the whole business will be got through with, and a general jail delivery effected, about the middle of next week.—*Kingston Argus.*

**RAILROAD MEETING IN BLENHEIM.** A meeting of the rate-payers of Blenheim, was held at Drumbo, 7th Con. of that township, called by the Reeve at the request of E. Wolverton, Esq., and others, for the purpose of ascertaining the minds of the people, regarding the propriety of the municipality taking stock in the Buffalo and Goderich Railway. The meeting was but poorly attended, and in consequence of the indisposition of J. Jackson, Esq., Reeve, Joseph Laycock, Esq., was called to the chair. When it was moved and seconded that "this meeting do adjourn for one month" which was carried, and the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned accordingly.—*British American.*

The Rev. Mr. Boomer will deliver a Lecture on Education in the Town Hall, Galt, on Thursday evening next. This is the first of the series of Lectures to be delivered by the Clergy and others of this town, during the ensuing winter.

The *Champion* ran a shore in a fog at Salmond Point, about 60 miles above Kingston on Thursday evening. Preparations were making to get her off.

The Town Council of Guelph have petitioned Parliament that the town may not be joined with others in sending a Member to Parliament, but be allowed to remain attached to the County of Wellington.

**COUNTY OF HALTON.**—We believe there is now no doubt that Milton will be selected as the County seat of the new County.

The Provisional Council of the County of Grey met at Sydenham on the 18th instant, and resolved to accept the tender of Messrs. Dougal and Dowling, of Sydenham, for the erection of the County Buildings, at a cost of £3,250. The money was borrowed from Mr. Hewitt, of Guelph, at eight per cent. discount.

**DROWNED.**—An inquest was held this morning before Mr. John Shaw, Coroner, at the house of Mr. Elder, Ontario Street, on the body of a man named Edward Wilson. It appeared, from the evidence adduced, that the deceased belonged to a raft, which was behind Mr. Fraser's wharf, and that, at about half past ten o'clock, as he was proceeding there, he fell through the wharf, which is in a most insecure state of repair. Verdict, accidentally drowned. The Jury highly censured Mr. Fraser's conduct in allowing his wharf, which is a public one, to remain in such a dilapidated state.—*News.*

**WRECKED.**—On Monday night last the small schooner, Highland Mary, of this port D. McCarty, master and owner, foundered in Lake Huron. The propeller *Kent* took off the crew and passengers. The gale was very severe

but we have not heard of any other casualties.—*Simcoe Standard.*

**DROWNED.**—On Monday morning, an elderly man named George Grant, was unfortunately drowned while attending to his duties as keeper of Lock No. 11. He had gone out at midnight to commence the lockage of vessels on the Canal, and at about five o'clock his wife looked out for him; and not finding him about, she gave the alarm. Presently his hat and the oil can were found floating on the water, and at ten o'clock his body was recovered. It is believed that he had fallen from the plank crossing the waste weir, in the act of letting on the water mills below.—*St. Catharines Journal.*

**MELANCHOLY AND FATAL ACCIDENT.** A painful Accident took place in Walsingham on Thursday last, by which a respected young man was instantaneously hurried into eternity. It appears that on the day above mentioned the deceased William Craig, in partnership with his brother Mr. Robert Craig, was engaged in taking out saw logs, went to a portion of the woods for the purpose of cutting a large pine tree into logs, in company with Joseph Hill, one of his hired men. The tree had fallen across some logs and was partially in a cramped position, consequently before they had sawed through it closed upon the saw, and it was necessary to put in some wedges to free the saw. They continued cutting till but a small space remained, when Hill took an axe and attempted, to cut the rest. While engaged the wedge came out and the deceased (Craig) reached over to get it, having to stoop across the log, when the log gave away and carrying the deceased with it, literally crushed his head to pieces against an adjoining piece of timber.—Hill endeavoured to roll the log from the body, but only partly succeeded; but on assistance arriving it was extracted and found to be quite dead.—*Simcoe Standard.*

**TORONTO TOWNSHIP FALL FAIR AND SHOW.**—This Agricultural, mechanical, and manufacturing demonstration took place at Cooksville on Friday, the 15th instant, and though the attendance was not by any means so great as might have been anticipated, it might have been worse. The display of stock, produce and implements was on the whole respectable, and the awards of the judges appeared to give general satisfaction.

We trust that greater interest will be manifested by the denizens of our Township at the next recurrence of this bucolic festival. If our resources were properly developed we could produce a show which few quarters of the Province could excel.—*Streetsville Review.*

**GALT FAIR.**—This Market, on Thursday, notwithstanding the extreme coldness of the day was pretty well attended, and the quantity of Stock offered for sale was greater than usual. The Sheep were particularly plentiful and good, and many were sold at from 6 to 9 dollars a head. The distributing of such numbers of splendid rams throughout the country will soon cause a wonderful improvement both in the wool and the mutton of the County of Waterloo.—There were some good ox teams, but they were generally in poor condition; and the fear of a shortness of food for them during the ensuing winter prevented very many else. The horses and young cattle were almost unsaleable.—*Galt Reporter.*

**County of Wellington.**—A gentleman who has just returned from a tour in the back Townships, describes the Roads as in a dreadful state; it took him three hours to traverse four miles. He was surprised and delighted with the aspect of the country, and the improvements made by the enterprising settlers, especially in Peel and Maryboro. A new village is starting into existence (under the auspices of Mr. Clarke,) which bids fair to advance rapidly; most of the settlers around having large clearances, and good land. The want of roads is the great drawback, but this evil the Elora and Saugenee Road will almost entirely remedy.—*Elora Backwoodsman.*

**BELLEVILLE AND CAPE VINCENT.**—A public meeting was held in Belleville on Wednesday last, to take into consideration the expediency of putting on a couple of first-class steamboats between Belleville and Cape Vincent, to connect at the latter place with the railroad. The following resolution was adopted by the meeting.

That this meeting, having heard R. B. Doxater, Esq., Superintendent of the Rome and Cape Vincent Railroad, on the subject of building the proposed steamers, approves of his views respecting the same, and that the said Boats should not be of a less speed than 17½ miles per hour, and to cost about £9000 each; and in furtherance of the project, that subscription Stock books be at once opened at Belleville, River Trent, and Stirling; and this meeting requests the co-operation of the inhabitants of Picton and the County of Prince Edward, and the other places on the Bay.

**A VETERAN PEDESTRIAN.**—Mr. Elsworth, who resides at East Zorra, Co. Oxford left home the beginning of last April, on a business tour to the interior of Vermont, and from thence to Washington, arrived here this week, after travelling the whole distance on foot, except the distance from here to Lewiston. He states he has seen 73 summers and is still capable of walking 40 miles in one day.—*Hamilton Spectator.*

On Wednesday last a meeting consisting of some four hundred of the enterprising and intelligent inhabitants of Otonabee, was held at Keene, for the purpose of Petitioning

Parliament to give a charter of the Cobourg and Peterboro' Railroad Company. The Chair was taken at one o'clock, by the Rev. Wm. Laing.

Resolutions strongly in favour of the Cobourg and Peterboro' line were passed. A petition was unanimously adopted and ordered to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary on behalf of the meeting.

ENGLAND.

The Glasgow Bulwark announces in terms of great triumph the conversion of the Rev. James Forbes, Roman Catholic Priest in that town, to Protestantism. Mr Forbes is spoken of as a man of talent, in the prime of life, frank and energetic, of irreproachable character. "Many others" are stated to be likely to follow his example. The reverend gentleman has offered his services to the Irish mission, in a letter giving the history of his life, and progressive doubts of the Roman Church. He was born in Aberdeen in 1822 of a Protestant mother; his father being a Roman Catholic. At 16 years of age, he left for Paris, to be educated for the priesthood, and received the tonsure, minor orders, subdeaconship and deaconship, from the late Archbishop of Paris. Returning to Scotland, he was ordained priest, in 1848, by Dr. Kyle. Doubts set in, or appear rather to have run on, from early youth, as to the non-agreement of Romish errors with the Bible. Ultimately he determined upon seceding, which he accomplished last week.

**ARRIVAL OF AUSTRALIAN GOLD.**—The last few days have witnessed the most extraordinary arrivals of gold from Australia. The close of last week brought four or five ships into the Thames, with cargoes of gold dust of various amounts, up to £100,000. But all these vessels were outstripped by the *Medway*, which arrived on Saturday, with a cargo of gold dust valued at upwards of £270,000. This does not appear to include the quantity of the precious metal in the possession of the passengers on board. The whole store of Australian produce brought into port by this ship is estimated at half a million sterling. There seems no reason to doubt the accuracy of the reports received lately from the Australian diggings, which are more like the fabulous wonders of romance than real sober realities. The import of gold may be expected now almost weekly to increase, for the accounts from the Colony represent both the population employed at the diggings to be growing rapidly in number, and the diggings to be increasing in comparative productiveness.—*Glasgow Mail, Oct. 5.*

**SCENES AT THE DIGGINGS.**—A letter in the *Hobart Town Courier* gives rather a forbidding account of matters at the Victoria Diggings:—"Near our country seat, as we call it, *alias* dog-kennel, a vagabond went into a man's tent and demanded his gold. The rascal being told by the man that he had none, drew a pistol and fired at him. The ball knocked out his front teeth, cut away part of his tongue, and lodged in the back of his neck. The diggers at hand immediately captured the scoundrel, gave him a good drubbing, and let him go; since which his unfortunate victim has died. They were not aware of the extent of the injuries received by the deceased, or they would have hanged the murderer upon the first tree. The next night another poor fellow was found lying dead on a sofa in a public house at Bullock Creek with a contusion behind his ear. Suspicions were entertained that the deceased had met with his death unfairly. A husband had found that he had a faithless wife. He cut her throat, allowed her paramour to escape, and gave himself up to justice. It is reported at the diggings that twenty-one dead bodies had been found at Black Forest, where very many scenes of blood, not yet, or ever by human being to be know have occurred. There are six mounted highwaymen on the road. Several cases of stabbing had occurred at the mines. Great numbers have left lately, being fearful of the winter setting in; in fact, the air is very keen morning and evening."

**DARING LEAP.**—The *North British Mail* states that a gentleman belonging to Ayrshire, no less distinguished as a fearless horseman than a man of letters, made a daring leap a few weeks ago, which deserves to be recorded. When exercising in a field a celebrated steeple-chase mare, his own property, he found it necessary to rush her at a hedge to save himself being runaway with. The mare boldly rose at the hedge and took it: the height of the leap when afterwards measured, being found to be no less than eight-and-a-half feet, the rise being about nine feet, and the fall on the other side being about seven feet.

The wooden walls of Old England will be rendered unless ere long, if all that we read of the feats performed by our French neighbours is correct. An aspiring aeronaut at Paris has effected an ascent with a steam engine attached to his balloon, which enables him to steer his course in any direction he pleases; and a Dr. Payerne, at Cherbourg, has discovered the art of navigating under water with a submarine steamer, which may duck under in any of the dockyards of France, and not show its nose again till it reaches the English coast.

The *Times* of the 5th states that the National Debt of Britain is at present £782,869,382 sterling, which costs annually for interest £28,017,127. In 1822, the debt was £832,811,295, at an annual cost of £31,443,531.

**ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER "WASHINGTON."**

**NAPOLEON DECLARED EMPEROR.**  
New York, October 27.  
The "Washington" arrived to-day at half-past ten, A.M., with four days later news and 13 passengers.

Liverpool cotton market on the 11th was a shade higher. Sales 5000 bales. Breadstuffs firm. Consols had an upward tendency. Trade in Manchester active and prices firm.

The "Pacific" and "Canada" had arrived out. The whole Russian army had been ordered to go in mourning for the Duke of Wellington.

**ENGLAND.**—The *London Observer* denies that the Derby Cabinet will call the Parliament together before the middle of November.

The Queen had left Scotland for Windsor Castle. The owner of the yacht "America" has challenged the yatches of all nations except America to sail for £500 or £1000.

**FRANCE.**—Louis Napoleon was to return to Paris on the 16th, and extensive preparations were made for his reception.

It is supposed that the President will proceed at once to the Tuilleries. He had already been proclaimed Emperor at the town of Sevres by the Mayor. At Bordeaux his reception was most enthusiastic; he made a speech indirectly accepting the Empire.

**ARRIVAL OF THE "NIAGARA."**  
Halifax, October 29.

The "Niagara" arrived at an early hour this morning. She left Liverpool on 10th and brings three days later news, and 96 passengers.

Cotton a shade firmer. Sales of the week 74,000 bales. Breadstuffs firmer, with a fair demand. Provisions firm. Consols closed at 100½.

Mr. Lawrence, ex-minister of the United States to England, came by the "Niagara."

The Earl of Derby has been elected Chancellor of the University of Oxford.

**ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER "PACIFIC."**  
New York, October 31.

The *Pacific*, which left Liverpool on the 20th, arrived to-day. On the 25th she passed the steamer *Canada*, on the 30th the *Baltic*. The *Africa* arrived at Liverpool on the evening of the 17th.—The *Pacific* brings four days later news.

Cotton without change. Trade at Manchester satisfactory. Flour without material change—less demand. Supply of wheat good—market scarcely so firm. Corn unchanged.

**ENGLAND.**—Parliament had been called to meet for the despatch of business on the 1th November. It is stated to be the intention of the opposition to test the government on the subject of free trade by a direct vote before Christmas. This is a subject upon which all the Liberals agree, and they will have the support of Sir James Graham and other members of the Peel party.

The funeral of the Duke of Wellington will take place on the 17th inst.

The Hon. J. R. Ingersoll had an audience with the Queen on Saturday the 16th ult., and presented his credentials as minister of the United States. He was introduced by the Earl of Malmesbury.

In addition to the parties already mentioned, Lord Lonsboro' has accepted De Blaquiere's challenge, and has offered to run his yacht against the "America" for £1000 in September next, against a schooner of 100 tons, which he is having built at Poole.

It is noticeable that the Irish Catholic papers exult in the prospect of the establishment of the French empire.

The subject of reviving the convocation of the Church of England is exciting the religious world. Petitions for and against its removal are in circulation among the clergy.

A rumour *via* Paris says that the Pope has just appointed Dr. Dickson, R. C. primate of Ireland, in place of Dr. Cullen.

The Queen held a court and privy council at Windsor on Saturday, at which Parliament was prorogued from the 21st inst to the 4th November, and then to assemble for the despatch of business.

**SPAIN.**—Government had received despatches from the Captain General of Cuba, dated 14th September, announcing all quiet. The Steamer "Antonia D'Ulloa" will be immediately despatched to Cuba in place of the "Pizarro."

**ITALY.**—By a decree dated 6th instant, vessels from the United States ports are for the present subject to quarantine of observation at Leghorn of six days. The late political executions at Sinigaglia will be followed up by similar butcheries at Urbino &c.

The funeral services in honour of Wellington were celebrated at Verona on the 12th ult.

**FRANCE.**—After virtually accepting the Empire by his speech at Bordeaux, Louis Napoleon has returned to Paris to await the more formal declaring of his new position. His entry into Paris on the 16th passed off with the greatest eclat; even making abatement for the very florid description in the French papers. The display is said to have been especially imposing. Triumphant arches bearing transparencies, gilded eagles, deputations, processions; the army and citizens in their holiday clothes, all exhibited their splendour to the best advantage, under a cloudless sky, and the weather as fair as could be wished. The inscriptions and devices exhibited a remarkable uniformity of sentiment, so that one might consider they were mostly got up by the government. The *Moniteur*, however, states that the reception was the spontaneous tribute of the people of Paris. The grandest of the arches was one spanning the Porte D'Austerlitz, and dedicated by the City of Paris to Louis Napoleon, Emperor. The prince entered the city on horse-back by the Porte D'Austerlitz, and proceeded to the Tuilleries. The troops and an immense crowd following, with cries of "Vive Napoleon." He was surrounded by a numerous staff among whom were several foreign officers, but it was remarked that none of the foreign ministers took part in the proceedings.

Abdel Kader, the Arab chief has been liberated, and is to receive a pension from the French Government.