

With that common sense which distinguishes the Queen, she has sent him to this continent, rightly judging that it is highly important for the future ruler of the British Empire to see with his own eyes the working of the great system on this side of the Atlantic.

On the 9th July, the Prince of Wales embarked at Davenport on board the *Here*, ship of war, and sailed for America on the following morning.

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*St. John's, Newfoundland, July 17, 1860.*

THE "OSPREY."

In order to secure an efficient communication with Newfoundland and a prompt delivery of the mails, matters have thus been arranged by the Imperial Government. The Cunard steamers, which each fortnight leave Boston, call at Halifax, where they connect with the *Osprey* for St. John's. The *Osprey* is a small screw steamer of about 150 tons burthen; built upon the model of the *Europa*—in fact a small edition of that noble vessel in all things save the paddle-wheels. She belongs to Messrs. Cunard, is well fitted up, and is a capital sea boat. On Thursday afternoon the sailing of the *Europa* from Boston was telegraphed, and about twelve o'clock, p.m., the gun from the citadel announced that she had entered Halifax harbour. Upon the wharf a crowd of people were gathered awaiting her arrival; gradually her huge form became more and more distinct, and soon she took her place near the little *Osprey*, which by the contrast appeared to lose half her size. The first thing accomplished was the landing of the mails. By a cart kept in readiness they were speedily conveyed to the post-office, the letters intended for Cape Breton and St. John's quickly sorted from the mass and brought down to the *Osprey*, which immediately proceeded on her voyage. The whole of the next day and night but little was seen of the land; oftentimes it was completely out of sight, sometimes it was dimly visible, like a huge cloud upon the horizon.

It was not until Saturday morning, when Cape Breton was rounded and Sydney harbour made, that aught distinctive of *terra firma* could be seen. Sydney is a small town situated on the eastern coast of Nova Scotia, on the eastern side of the south-