

SUMMARY OF NEWS

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Papers have been received from this colony to the 5th August, which announce that Pretorius had completely cut off and surrounded Major Warden at Bloemfontein, on the 17th July. Pretorius had offered him terms of capitulation, which as he had only a force of 57 men, and was encumbered with about 200 women and children, against about 1200 Boers, Major Warden deemed it prudent to accept. The terms were to respect life and property, and to supply Major Warden with wagons, &c., to transport himself and forces to the Cape Colony. The military movements of the Government were progressing with promptitude. The progress of this Excellency towards the seat of the disturbances is said to be marked by manifestations of the most satisfactory character. In reply to an address presented to him, he assured the colonists that he was determined to make an example of all whom he found in arms against her Majesty, and that he would certainly hang every man whom he found exciting the people to revolt from their allegiance.

DENMARK AND THE DUCHES.

To have been so lately the theatre of war, the intelligence received during the week is gratifying.

The Provisional Government of Schleswig-Holstein (Besler, Reventlow, Schmidt, and Bremer) have taken up their official abode in Schleswig, "important state reason" having compelled them, reluctantly, to quit the fortress of Rendsburg. Nothing certain is known as yet respecting the future members of the new Government, but it is understood the all but final arrangements with regard to the modifications of the conditions of the truce are concluded between the Danish commissioner (Von Reedtz) and the representative of the central executive in Frankfurt, Herr Stedtmann and Herr Pratzke. The latter has left Kiel for the above free city.

According to the Kiel journals, the new Government *ad interim* (the one which will replace the Provisional Government of the anti-Danish Schleswig-Holsteiners, and the 'direct commission' of the Danes) will be composed of the following individuals:—Preussner, Boysen, Von Heinze, and Reventlow, their fifth colleague and president to be selected by them from a list of names drawn up by the Kings of Denmark and Prussia.

Indian Corn has now become so popular in Ireland, as food that the potato deficiency will not be felt as in 1836. The revenue returns show favourably; and all reflecting men, if they will only exercise their reasoning powers, will perceive there is no foundation for the excessive despondency which exists.

DEATH OF MRS. ARMITAGE.—This lady, pronounced by the Duke of Cambridge to be the most magnificent woman in her Majesty's dominions, died very suddenly on the 6th instant, at Birmingham. She had been suffering from a slight disposition for about a fortnight, and it is supposed that disease of the heart was the cause of death. She belonged to Norwich, and was 36 years of age. She weighed 31 st. 11 lb., measured 4 ft. round the waist, 6 ft. round the bust, 7 feet 1 in. round the hips, and 22 in. round the upper part of the arm.

THE EUROPEAN CLUB.—It is with much pleasure that we announce the establishment of a club house at the west end of London for the banking, mercantile, and manufacturing classes, both of the metropolis and the provinces. Such a place of reunion for those classes has long been wanted, and will prove a source of great advantage and gratification to them. That it will be most effectively supported we have not the slightest doubt, though this conviction would not dispense with an early opportunity of pointing out to our banking and mercantile readers in the city the great service it will render to them.

The *Times* states that the British Government cannot attack Austria, if that power insists on retaining the Lombard Venetian kingdom. What good comes, then, of frequent interference in foreign affairs, which can never be followed out?

EMIGRATION.—The Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners have appointed six

vessels to sail with emigrants during the ensuing month of November for Sydney and South Australia. During the present month the following vessels will leave Plymouth, each carrying from two to three hundred men, women, and children:—namely, the *Candahar*, and *Trafalgar*, for South Australia, the *Thomas Morris*, *Walter Arbuthnot*, and *Harbinger*, for Sydney, and the *Duchess of Northumberland* and *Phetis*, for Port Phillip. The New Zealand Company will also despatch a vessel on the 1st proximo, with emigrants, to Otago, Wellington, and New Zealand.

A beautiful gold teapot, which once belonged to the late Duke of Sussex, was forwarded to the Swiss Nightingale while in Newcastle-on-Tyne, by one of her emigrant admirers.

During the last four years, ending January, the amount of Government stocks standing in the books of the Bank of Ireland has been increased by five millions sterling, and this increase of funded property was greatest in the year of famine—the ever memorable 1847.

Public Meeting—Dissolution of the House of Assembly.—It is contemplated to call a public meeting in this City, for the purpose of determining the propriety of addressing His Excellency upon the subject of dissolving the present House of Assembly. To this proposition we are inclined to the opinion, that there will not be a disinterested opposing voice. The present coalition executive is not what the people bargained for. Its formation of such discordant materials surprises and disgusts the country. Let the British principle of responsibility be carried out in all its integrity. The Crown has proclaimed it in New Brunswick, and the only opposition it meets with, is on the part of those who are still anxious to perpetuate that loathsome corruption, which has too long bowed down the best energies, and disgraced the character—political and social—of this injured Colony. Until the Executive here has the initiation of money grants, and exercises all the functions, which legitimately belong to it, the Lower House will continue to be justly suspected of time-serving, jobbing and pandering to a false and fleeting popularity.

We sincerely trust that the patriotic and public minded individuals, who are now exerting themselves to remove our present obnoxious, and bastard imitations of British rule, will not relax their endeavours in securing this desirable object. Our worthy Lieut. Governor is, we believe, not only instructed; but is anxiously desirous that the Government of the Province should be essentially British, in every phase, in which it can present itself.

St. John Albion.
The following is an abstract from the log of the R. M. Steamship *Europa*:—
Left Liverpool on Saturday 14th Oct. 1848, at 12 noon, fine clear weather, Wind E.N.E.
Sunday, 15th.—Running along the coast of Ireland, fine clear weather, Wind N.N.W., at noon passed Cape Clear, distance 300 miles.
Monday, 16.—Fine clear weather and smooth sea, Wind N. N. E., lat. 51 29 North, long. 17 33 W., distance 293 miles.
Tuesday, 17.—Fine clear weather and smooth sea, Wind S.S.W., lat. 51 14 North, long. 25 18, distance 293 miles.
Wednesday, 18.—Fine clear weather and rough sea, Wind S. S. W., lat. 60 59, long. 32 46, distance 252 miles.
Thursday, 19.—Fine clear weather and heavy swell from S. W., Wind N. W., lat. 49 51, long. 39 35, distance 269 miles.
Friday, 20.—Heavy weather and moderate swell, Wind N. N. E., lat. 48 51, long. 46 25, distance 284 miles.
Saturday, 21.—Foggy weather and smooth sea, Wind S., lat. 46 21, long. 52 49, distance 289 miles.
Sunday, 22.—Foggy and Rainy, smooth sea, Wind S. S. W. and S., lat. 45 5, long. 59 46, distance 302 miles; after part strong gale and heavy sea.
Monday, 23.—Arrived at Cunard's wharf at 7 A. M., having been detained 5 hours off the harbour, distance 172 miles.

SURVEY OF THE SAINT JOHN AND SHEDIAC RAILWAY.—This Survey has been prosecuted very diligently, notwithstanding the extreme wetness of the season, and is now drawing to a close. The whole line from Shediac to Lakefield, ten miles from this City, has been examined and levelled, and the Surveying party are now encamped near the Church at Gondola Point. A trial line has been run from the Hammond River, by the head of Forrester's Cove, and through the Lakefield Valley, to Salmon Creek on the Kennebecasis, near the residence of Sheriff Drury. Another trial line is now being examined, from Forrester's Cove, by Gondola Point. The Survey will terminate to the northward of the City line, in the valley at or near Wright's farm, where there is ample space for the terminus and depot.

So far as we can learn, no engineering difficulties or serious difficulties, have yet been discovered on the whole route; but on the contrary, very great advantages and facilities have been found to exist. It only remains for the people of this Province, and in particular those inhabitants of Counties which will be especially benefited by this railway, to set to work in earnest, and with hearty good will, to induce the Legislature and the Government to take such steps as will lead to the commencement of the work next season, and its entire completion in good time.

"Wherever there is a will, there is a way"—let us, therefore, resolve to "go ahead."—[New Brunswick.]

A MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT occurred on the 13th inst. at Hamsted, about 7 miles below Gagetown. Two young men were out shooting, and while in the act of climbing a fence, the gun of one of them, named Hugh Cameron, went off, and the whole charge lodged in his neck, causing instant death. The deceased was a very young man.

TARGET PRACTICE.—On three gun detachments of the New Brunswick Regiment of Artillery, in this city, comprising in all, 32 men, proceeded for target practice to the sea shore in front of the barracks. The guns and target were placed on either side of a rocky cove on the shore, and the distance supposed about 450 yards. Considering that this was the first time the men were brought out for such a purpose, and that most of them were totally unacquainted with the method of "laying" field pieces, the practice was generally good. Four shots were placed in the target, two of which were very near the centre, and most of the remainder either struck or passed in the immediate vicinity of the target; indeed, we believe but one really wild shot was made. The firing was for a medal, presented by Major Foster, and was awarded to Sergeant Wm. Rodgers, of Capt. Stewart's company. The other three shots, in the target were placed by Sergeant John Morris, and private Wm. D. Robinson and Robt. Moore.

The Company of "Irish Royals" belonging to the First Light Infantry, also held their annual meeting for target practice on Thursday. The medal was awarded to Sergeant Thomas M. Gee.—[Chronicle.]

FROM MEXICO.—An express had arrived at Vera Cruz from the city of Mexico, bringing information that Tanpico had declared itself independent. The state of Tamaulipas seeks annexation to the Union States.

YUCATAN.—Battle with the Indians.—10,000 Indians attacked the garrison at Yucabca, and killed 200. Loss of the Indians not known.

"Mother," said a lad, "is it wrong to break egg shells?" "Certainly not my dear," replied the mother; but what do you ask such silly questions for?" "Because I have just dropped the basket with all the eggs in it," replied the promising child.

EXTRAORDINARY SPEED.—Recently in England, on the Great Western Railroad, seventy-seven miles were passed over by an express train in 78 minutes 29 seconds, including stoppage of five minutes thirty-five seconds. Fifty-three miles of the journey were performed in forty-nine minutes thirteen seconds. The speed in some cases was kept up at seventy, seventy-two, and seventy-seven miles an hour. This rate of speed, was attained, it will be observed, on a broad gauge track seven feet wide, and with engines having driving wheels eight feet in diameter. How long will it be before Yankee ingenuity will rival this extraordinary speed?—*Boston paper.*

To Correspondents—too late for insertion to THE ST. JOURNAL ON WEDNESDAY BY A. W.

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ST. ANDREW'S, WEDNESDAY

TAP COURT.—The of Oyer and Termine livery, was opened here by His Honor Mr. Honor's Charge to the and effective. There sses on the calendar for were entered for trial, yesterday.

The weather during been of every variety, a large proportion of days. The ground is extent, as to render it

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. Public that this interesting place this Evening. T. decepted, and the repairs one. We trust overflowing. Get your

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The season for ons is now about e banded by a friend. reports of these Soci which exhibit many ment of agriculture destined at no very United States. A emulation is abroad that Province, which the Lower Provinces rally known, that Canada receives for times the amount of subscriptions of A. strict Society, (an he tation to the lot of e ceives £500 in a a show in the State o titers from the Cam prizes. A Canadi prize.

The Quarter Division. Some of quenced at St. John continued its labour when it closed. V important matters body, which were money prevailed, w societies.

INDIAN CORN.—V from the Wpstock goes far to establish adapted for the suc Corn.

We have been ad hors in Northampton season between five Corn, of a good qua mount which has be vale, which is not q Mr. Shea's field for dred bushels. These adapted to Corn, as readily absorbed tha that the cultivation more than pay exp in those seasons wh this year the return

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