

of Upper Canada, for improvements; speak of both Provinces being adequately represented, and trust to the Imperial Parliament for the other provisions. The division in committee on the first resolution in favour of the union was, eleven for, four against. The total number of Councillors who might have been here, is twenty-seven. One or two started from home immediately on receiving the notice last week, and turned back; one arrived from the townships after all was over. The division on the report was eleven to three, one of the minority having set out yesterday for England.—Nov 29.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO GAIN ACCESS TO HER MAJESTY.

WINDSOR, SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 30.—Considerable alarm and excitement was created in this town last evening, in consequence of a report that a maniac had gained access to the private apartments at the Castle; but, upon making inquiries, we have been enabled to gather the following particulars:—It appears that, about half-past ten yesterday evening, a respectably-dressed man got over the high iron gates leading to the Castle, opposite to the Long Walk, where no sentries have hitherto been placed. He then walked across the park to the grand entrance to the Castle, where Smith, the porter, a trusty old servant of the establishment, was stationed. Upon seeing Smith, he thus accosted him: "I demand admittance into the Castle as the King of England." Smith, seeing the sort of character he had to deal with, replied, "Very well, your majesty, but he pleased to wait till I get my hat." The porter then retired within the lodge, and putting on his hat, very quietly introduced him within the Castle, and as promptly to the professional care of Mr. Russell, one of the inspectors of police on duty at the Castle. He was immediately searched, and there was found upon him various papers, £17. 10s. in gold and silver, and a very valuable gold watch. He was then taken down to the station-house, in Church-street, where he was placed under the care of Mr. Gillman, the superintendent, during the night. This morning he was taken to the Castle, when the Hon. C. A. Murray, the master of the household, requested the attendance of William Berridge, Esq., the mayor of Windsor, who promptly obeyed the summons, and the examination of the prisoner was proceeded with. The following facts were elicited:—It appeared that the prisoner's name is John Stockledge, and that he resides at Withygrove, Manchester, in which town he is a partner in an extensive wholesale tea establishment. He has been confined in two lunatic asylums, one at Liverpool and the other at Lancaster, from the latter of which he has been but recently liberated. He was on a journey of business, which was the cause of his leaving Manchester for London. He arrived at Windsor yesterday afternoon about three o'clock, and as we understood took up his temporary abode at the New Inn. He said, in reply to a question from the mayor, that "he was like all other men who wanted wives; he was looking after one."—evidently alluding to her Majesty. When asked how he managed to get into the park at that late hour, he replied that "he bribed the sentinel with a sovereign to let him get over." This could not be, as no sentinel is stationed at this spot. He further stated, that "he once before got as far from Manchester, towards Windsor, as Leicester, but the elements were against him, and so he returned home." He left London by an omnibus yesterday, and thus proceeded to Hounslow, and from thence came on here in a hired gig.—When he was again asked what brought him to Windsor, he replied, rather incoherently, that "he was the King of England, and was impelled by the spirit." He afterwards said, "an unknown power had done it," and that "it was the spirit which helped him over the gates." The examination being concluded, he was sent off to London in the custody of Mr. Russell, inspector of police, who proceeded with his prisoner forthwith to the Home-office, where he will undergo a further examination on Monday, before the head of the metropolitan police.—The Hon. C. A. Murray, intends to communicate with the man's friends in Lancashire, by to-night's post. He appears to be between forty and fifty years of age, and of mild and unassuming manners. He answered all the questions put to him without the least hesitation or reserve, and has no appearance of viciousness about him. We understood that he has a wife and two children, who are now residing at Manchester.

(From the Liverpool Mail, December 7.)

We have given, in another part of the paper, a carefully condensed account of the important intelligence received by the mail packet *Alert*, from Jamaica. It will be seen that the new Governor, Sir Charles Metcalfe, has experienced a most gratifying reception from the House of Assembly, the Legislative Council, and the Grand Inquest of one of the principal districts of the Island, and that His excellency delivered a speech which met with general approbation. There is now a fair prospect that this valuable colony will be saved to us, and again become a brilliant gem in the British diadem. We may thank the manly and independent stand made by the conservative party in the House of Commons for this happy and welcome change in the feeling entertained by the colonists towards the Mother country. Had the policy of the bed-chamber ministry been suffered to prevail, Jamaica would certainly have been driven to desperation, and would have sought relief in separation; and this example would speedily have been followed by all the other British possessions in the West Indies.

Sir Charles Metcalfe, from present appearances, is likely to be a great improvement upon the imbecile, obstinate, and conceited old twaddler whom he has superseded, and whose abilities would scarcely commend him to the notice of the ignorant, swinish, and cod-fed corruptionists of the domestic legislature of Newfoundland. It is surprising that the Whigs could be induced to recal him. We suppose, however, that he had no parliamentary connexion in this country, whom they were bound to recompense for past assistance, and in grateful anticipation of services to be rendered. It may prove a fortunate circumstance for the ministry, the country, and the colonists of Jamaica, that Sir Charles Metcalfe was nearly related to Sir Hesrith Fleetwood, Bart., once a conservative, but now the radical member for the borough of Preston.

SPAIN.

We have received Madrid Papers of the 28th nov.

A circular had been sent by the Minister of the Interior to the Civil Governors of the Provinces, revoking the ordinance published on the 24th October, which ordered the Provincial deputations to be renewed; and those bodies were to retain their functions, lest any change therein might impede the approaching elections.

Letters have been received from Teruel, stating that upwards of 200 of the recruits lately levied by Cabrera had gone over to the Christians. The same letters announced that Gen. O'Donnell had just left Fortunate, when it was entered and burnt by the Carlists.

Reports were prevailing at Madrid that the Cabinet was about to be recognised, as it was under the administration of Martinez de la Rosa and Toreno.

Great complaints had been made by the liberal party against General Alaix, who had prevented some Custom house officers from visiting his carriage, as they had the undoubted right of doing, and had even employed his escort to

drive them off. This unwarrantable conduct would have caused disturbances in Granada, had it not been for the active and energetic measures that were immediately taken by the proper authorities.

Several of the Madrid Papers were engaging the Government to employ the *Chartist* soldiers, who had returned home in virtue of the amnesty, in making new roads, canals, and other works of public utility.

FIRE IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE, DUBLIN.

EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

On Monday last a fire broke out in the Custom House, but was fortunately discovered and extinguished in time sufficient to prevent the destruction of property, to, perhaps, a still greater amount than even that upon the occasion of the burning of the Custom House stores some years ago.—From the trivial nature of the damage the matter did not obtain publicity at the time, but circumstances connected with the case having transpired led to the supposition that the fire was the act of an incendiary. In consequence an inquiry was held at the Custom House on Saturday, and a number of workmen attached to the establishment were brought forward and examined. The matter elicited on the investigation led to the arrest of two individuals on the same evening. Their names are James Ryan, formerly store keeper in the Custom House, and discharged from his situation in July last; the other John Reilly, a workman about the establishment.

The most material evidence obtained was from a man named Wright, a dockman. He stated that between 2 and 3 o'clock on Monday last, the 25th ult., as he was proceeding down the stairs leading from warehouse 28, no. 1 store, he observed Ryan and Reilly in the store; they were in conversation together. None of the men whatever were employed in the store that day. In a short time after (it was 3 o'clock) he saw James Ryan leave the Custom House; Reilly remained in the store. There was stowed in the latter a considerable quantity of bark. At 4 o'clock a dense mass of smoke was seen issuing through the windows of the store, and an alarm of fire was given.

It appeared, from further statements, that on the place being entered a portion of the bark was found on fire. Notice was with all possible promptitude forwarded to several of the insurance offices for the attendance of their engines. The men employed in the docks, however, anticipated the service of the engines, and extinguished the flames. Beneath the portion of the bark, the floor, to the breadth of about six inches, was burned downwards to the cross beam. A quantity of grease, the appearance of which evinced as if previous ignition of it to some extent had been on fire. The quantities of teas and sugars, and other merchandise, stored in the immediate vicinity of the store in question, were to a great amount.

Immediately after the hearing at the Custom House, Mr. Inspector Prendeville proceeded in search of the two persons already named as implicated, and succeeded in taking Ryan at his house in Meckleburgh street, and Reilly at his lodgings in Mary street.

The prisoners subsequently underwent a brief examination before Mr. Duffy, at Henry street office. On that occasion Reilly stated that Ryan had merely passed him on the 25th in the Custom-house-yard, and said "How are you, Jack?" But a dockman, named Parker, deposed that he had seen Keilly and Ryan in conversation for five minutes on the same day.

We have the pleasure to state, that the Duke of Wellington daily improves in health. The Duke left Apsley-house yesterday afternoon for Strathfieldsaye, for a few days only.—Standard, Thursday.

The *Ayr Advertiser* states, that the subscription to prevent a piece of plate to the Earl of Eglintoun, in commemoration of the late tournament, now exceeds 1,600 guineas.

The Queen has, through Sir Henry Wheatley, forwarded the sum of 400 guineas to the West Cornwall Diocesan Church Building Association.

Mr. Solomon Heine, of Hamburg, the most eminent Israelite banker in that city, has just subscribed 80,000 marks banco (£5,700) towards the erection of an hospital for the reception of the Jews.

There are said to be no less than 3,664 known languages in use in the world; 937 are Asiatic, 587 European, 276 African, and 1,624 American languages and dialects.

TURKEY AND EGYPT.

It will be seen by the following letter that the war between the Sultan and the Pacha is at an end:

"Malta, Nov. 16.—The Confidence steamer arrived here yesterday, with despatches from Admiral Stopford, having left Vourla Bay on the 10th inst. She brings the intelligence that the Turkish fleet was on its way from Alexandria to Constantinople.

The *Moniteur* of Saturday contains the following account of the explosion of another infernal machine in Paris, but providentially without injury to human life:—On Thursday evening, about eight o'clock, a loud explosion was heard in the Palais royal; it was found to be occasioned by a large carriage, contained a large number of bullets, which had just exploded in the rue Montpensier, before the Passage Potier. Several windows of the neighbouring houses were broken, and a wall was thrown down. Upwards of 50 bullets were picked up in the street, and a large sheet of paper, which probably contained the powder. By a most fortunate chance, no person happened to be passing at the moment through this usually frequented spot, and this new infernal machine did not attain the murderous object of its diabolical constructor. The author of this abominable attempt still remains undiscovered.

The *China Trade*. On Saturday, a communication was received from Lord Palmerston by the East India and China Trade Association, relative to the China trade. The committee of this association wrote to Lord Palmerston to be officially informed what steps her Majesty's government have directed to be taken by Captain Elliott towards the Chinese, for the destruction of the opium, in order to enable the merchants to communicate with their agents abroad, as to the best course to be