

ALL ABOUT THE GREAT EASTERN!

It is so long since we last heard from our friend, Joseph Gould, M.P., that we were extremely delighted the other day on receiving a very luminous account of the *Great Eastern* from our old correspondent. It will be seen that he differs in several particulars from the public at large, and from Scott Russell, her builder, in particular, and as a great authority on every subject about which he speaks and writes, we leave the public to judge between them. His account of the mammoth steamship is extremely opportune, being written just on the eve of her sailing for this continent. It is of additional importance as being the first description of her written by a Canadian, and is therefore without the colouring and exaggeration in which a cockney journalist would naturally indulge.

More-lies hotell in the Strand,
Lundin, england,

My Ansbint frend,

aving arrove in Lundin and seen the grate eastarn, i Wright to giv u an acount of the Saim which i saw on monday last sennite. i shud premise By cemensing that i koncluded to Staddle navil Horticultoor or the Sience which deals in bildin Ships an vessels for sailin on Wawtur; and air not yet perfect, Butt ov wich i am now a proliso (proficient?) Scottard ov. i have observed in lif that too be klevor at anything u must studdy it, bee earnest and knot dawdle ure thyme in idolness an allopathy (apathy we presume Joseph mean.—Ed. G.) Sow i want in a dono accordin, wich accts. for mi Present gawulidge and superlority ov infirmashum, butt 2 mi subjek ov the grate eastarn ov wich u hav or koorse red ov. This giantick phrigait is about sickteen miles ov length moor or less seoperflous mesher an is neerly 2 yeres of old. The fast thing that strikes yur visionary organs is the grate altitudy ov the baloon deck from the sirsafe ov the aquidity (we do not find that word in Johnson, but suppose it means water.—Ed. G.) wich it is a seerous blunder ov the constrictor becos if u phell from the top ov the Levithian a wood bee shoor to be drowned. the the bote air moorover to long in latitude for her brothd lengthways soo she will rowl konsederable and wollop the see 2 match an u will get O sick-Mi feeliak tharfur is shee will bee a phaillyure and no goe. That aro a numerus quantum of curiosities in their phrazins, wich i will depict a fea ov. They hev 3 kab-stands on the dek wich air too go at atpence a mile fur pasingers to traveis fram wan room too a nuther, in consequence of the altitood ov the dek they hist up the travelers bi a kraim an when Jon a mcdonald goes a bord they told mee they wood lift im up bi his neck an sufflicate him with the chane, wich i wood rjoise too servive seein with mi o'lar opticals. The main jib yard is soo wide as that in warm wether they will have a spread on it inlooding shampans and other spirituous lickers, an fullers want got intoxified in caso they may fawl over and annihilate themselves bi axialental soocide, wich are a suttile an sagacious plan 3 prevent ineebriusness. the bow-spritt is 2 mile long and they are to have five telegrafs an 2 post-offices on it to communicate with the bote in kase of ice-bor-goesen or other katistropes wich are fall to the mar-

inear, an they air agoe in' to apint nan but grite to the ophises:

they wil orginise a fire brigand [brigade?] wich wil consist of 6000 men and forty-four ingins: but if a fire gits hold on the phrigait they will tuck a spring and let the burnin' part goe. Their air alreddy fore hundred onlconced grogers in ful blast they hadd a rumpuss in wan lo'other day an they kawled out the polisse and red the Ristary Actt an their Kadise sent 'loven on 'em to wurk at the furnasses a pitchin in wood for a month, wich is harder than Guvner Alaq at his boardin bows; they kaul the grate estarn punishment in latin *ligno-facture*, wich wurd i kopiedd fram their jail-books wich menes piling in of wood.

A big pariters or gardinal of the most eckeque: set exotices, an nther native flowers for pick-nicks, but mutch better than Sunnyside, sum where about Toronto. A tremenjus lot is fensed in fur growing grass for the Ka'le, much bigger nor mi Kow pasture in Ontarier, an a big mountainous plaica for tredin gotes fur growin gote's milk fur invalidated and convalessent peple.

The wust trouble will be, that the bote is soo long that it will bee sunday at the'ough and atterday at the stern, and they'll be singin psallums and hymns in the folkell, while they is patin juby and singin nigger songs on the quarter deck; wan good thing they been and doo, they aint goin' to allow no lawyers, nor attorneys, nor bailiffs, nor no uther Filistines of that sort: the only honest lawyer i ever new was the Onable Mowatt, an i don't no alltogether about him, least ways yet a wile. Wal, i guess i better draw my lubrications (lububrations?) toa koncloosin, becos yer readers will be tired of my diertubes and prolongthead discours, wich i hav exosted a nite in composing of it. I'm troo to the party as the needl to the south pole, and wicy werys. Kepe me posted up on awl questions' of the day, and don't let me slip behind on nary one. Mi afeking regards to inkuring frends, an my luvto yere gal, Misses Grumber as is to be, wich i hope will be a prosperous matrimonial spekieration. e plorribus urum dis majorum genturum vi et armis [wich i cogged from the lating gramer.]

Yuro and sotery,

Jo. Gould.

pe. es.—I yere that hed ls going hum, wich i hav from respectful sources, wich i am glad, and soo Good Bye. poke up The dishonest modrates.

Jay. Gee.

GRAND SCOTTISH GATHERING.

One of the greatest events of the present week was the Grand Scottish Gathering in Toronto.—Prompted by the duties we owe the public we wended our way to the scene of the games, and hasten to lay before our readers as concise and graphic account as is consistent with the truth. After paying a fee of 25 cents we were admitted into an enclosed field containing a great number of people, principally sons of auld Scotia, a few of whom had donned their holiday dress by *doffing* their breeks; this to some may appear absurd, but we have it from reliable authority that it is the truth. The fine manly health-giving games were being proceeded with enthusiastically though slowly.

Amongst the competitors for honours we noticed a great number of our Provincial politicians and not a few of civic dignitaries of Toronto. The contests were all spirited, and the eagerness of the contestants was only equalled by the enthusiasm of the spectators. Neil O. McIntyre, Patron of the Society distributed the prizes to the successful aspirants to athletic fame, accompanying each presentation with appropriate and judicious remarks.

To Geo. E. Carrier was awarded the prize for the Paabourchier, or grand Skirl—the pipes of this player were unapproachable in their shrillness and continuity of tone and deserved the prize, a picture of the tea table at Windsor.

George Brown—was the only successful man at tossing the caber and a hot scotch at the same time; both were clearly thrown, "bottoms up," with ease. Prize, a mutchkin of whiskey.

For high leap, J. Sheridan Hogan was winner, as was generally anticipated from his well-known facility in jumping the fence, acquired during last season.

In vaulting, Mr. John Watson, the wine cellarer, earned the laurel—his vaulting was very superior.

Palten, the City Bellman, beat every one at quoiting, *ringing* his quoit every throw.

The prize for curling was awarded to Bantley, hair cutter, who used the brush with such dexterity he lead the rink almost every time. The ice was rather inferior.

In Archery—Jno. Duggan drew the longest bow, Angus Morrison and the junior editor of the *Leader* contesting keenly with him, *all three shot well over the mark.*

Speaker Smith, who carried off the palm for the best dress, was superbly clothed in the Smith tartan and the other habiliments proper to the full equipment of a Highlander, and looked the embodiment of what a perfectly dressed man should be.—Prize, three peacock feathers.

No further prizes were awarded, except for Scotch Poems, in our next issue the successful poem and the most worthy of the rejected ones will be published, as well as all other interesting items concerning this grand gathering.

THE R. CANADIAN RIFLE BAND.

We understand that in a week or two the R. O. Rifles will be removed to Montreal, and of course the band will go with them. During their stay in Toronto, we have been considerably indebted to the latter for the readiness with which they have come forward to perform in public, whether for charitable purposes or for the entertainment of the public at large. We have heard that, previous to removing from Toronto, they have some intentions of giving a farewell concert. Some of them have large families and can ill afford the expenses which are incidental to their removal, and which are of course only partially defrayed by the military authorities. We trust that they will give the citizens this last opportunity of hearing them, and that the people of Toronto will come forward handsomely to testify in a substantial manner their thanks for the pleasure we have so often derived from their excellent performances.