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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company is prepared to receive applications for Insurance against FIRE upon Buildings and other Property, at the Office of the subscriber. I. WOODWARD.

St. John, Nov. 11, 1846. *Secretary.*

LIVERPOOL & LONDON Fire & Life Insurance Company,

(Established in 1836.)

Capital £2,000,000—in Shares of Twenty Pounds.

THE Stockholders of this Company are responsible to the full extent of their property for the liabilities of the Company.

The undersigned hereby notifies the Public of New Brunswick, that the above named Company have empowered him, by a full and ample Power of Attorney, to open an Office in the City of Saint John, for the Insurance of PROPERTY against loss or damage by FIRE, in any part of the Province, and to sign and issue Policies in the name of the Company; and that in virtue of the power vested in him by the said Power of Attorney, he has appointed MR. ADAM JACK to act as Agent for the said Company, in the receiving of proposals for Insurance, and the inspection of premises proposed for Insurance, and all other the usual duties of an Agent; and to collect and receive the amount of premium on any policy issued by the undersigned in the name of the said Company, or for the renewal of the same.

The Deed of settlement, and the supplemental Deed of settlement, lies with Mr. JACK, at the Office of the *New-Brunswick Marine Assurance Company*, also the pamphlets issued by the Office at Liverpool, affording ample details of the mode of transacting business by the Company.

The rates of premium will be as low as any other respectable Company, and the undersigned trusts a fair portion of public patronage will be accorded to the Company.

Losses not exceeding £500, will be settled without referring to the head Office at Liverpool.

EDWARD ALLISON.

Dated at St. John, N. B. 4th August, 1851.

Great Reduction in Prices.

SMELLIE & ABERCROMBY,

Prince William street,

IN order to make room for their Fall Importations, (now daily expected) have reduced the price of their present Stock, and would call the particular attention of Purchasers to the prices of their GENTS. CLOTHS—in Tweeds, Cassimeres Cachmerettes, Gambroon, Russell Cords, &c.

Ladies DRESS Materials,

In Silk and Wool Bareges, Sylphine Silks, Silk Checks, Spun Silks, (plain and plaided); Crape de Soi, Coburgs, Orleans, Chameleon Cloths, &c. &c.

LONG & SQUARE SHAWLS,

In French Broche, Paisley Filled, Black Satin Plain, Watered and Ottoman, Black and Drab Indians, Printed Cachmere, Barege, &c. &c. Together with a large assortment of Printed COTTONS, Mourning ditto ditto, and other Staple and Fancy articles.

S. K. FOSTER'S

Ladies Fashionable Shoe Store,

Germain Street, Foster's Corner.

New Cloth Boots, &c. &c.

Just received per Ships "Highland Mary," from London, and "Speed," from Liverpool:—

21 CASES of Ladies, Misses and Children's CLOTH BOOTS,
Ladies Cashmere, Merino and Prunella Boots;
Do. White and Black Satin SLIPPERS.
Do. Bronze and Black Kid and Enamelled Dancing SLIPPERS;
Do. Patent Russia Kid and Morocco Walking SHOES,
Do. Carpet and House SHOES, in great variety,
Misses CLOTH BOOTS, of every quality;
Do. Prunella and Cashmere BOOTS, assorted;
Do. Black and Bronze Kid and Satin Dancing SLIPPERS.
Do. Walking Shoes of every style and quality
Children's CLOTH BOOTS, and every other variety;
Cheap Shoes and Boots *of all sorts.*

Sept. 30. S. K. FOSTER.

W. H. ADAMS

Has received per Ships 'Montrose' and 'Sophia'—

4 CASES *Hoole, Staniforth & Co's* GANG CIRCULAR, and CROSS CUT SAWS;
1 Cask Mill, Pit and Hand-saw FILES;
752 pieces Pots, Bakepans, and spare COVERS,
2 Cases "Thomson's" short SCREW AUGERS

From the United States:

73 Cistern and Well PUMPS,
A few setts Patent Pipe Boxes, for Wood Axles.

—ON HAND—

280 Canada Close STOVES,
13 Tons HOLLOW WARE—*well assorted;*
LEAD PIPE, from 5/8 to 1½ inch,
270 Boxes Window GLASS. Sept. 23

Burning Fluid.

THE Subscriber has just received per 'Cuba' from Boston, a further supply of the above warranted a *superior* article.

T. M. REED,
Sept. 16. Head of North Wharf

JOHN KINNEAR,

(In Messrs. WIGGINS' new Buildings,)
PRINCE WILLIAM STREET,

Has on hand, for Sale in quantities, and by retail—

ROSE and Clasp Head wrought NAILS, of all the usual sizes;
Horse, Boat, and Pressed NAILS:
Cut NAILS of every size:
English and German Window GLASS of every size from 6x8 to 34x36.
PAPER HANGINGS from 6d. to 5s. each piece,
English and American Floor CLOTHS,
Flint *Glass-ware*, assorted kinds,
Scotch Wool CARPETING,
American Warranted CHAIRS, assorted kinds;
Raw and Boiled Linseed OIL;
Sea Elephant and Florence OILS;
CASTOR, LARD, and PINE OIL;
SPICES, both whole and ground, of all kinds,
FEATHERS, (cleaned,) assorted qualities,
Mott's Broma, CHOCOLATE, Cocoa and Ginger,
American and Bengal RICE;
Wooden Wares of various kinds,
Paints, Whiting and *Yellow Ochre*, and a number of other articles. August 26, 1851.

DOMESTIC.

Valen Foundry Manufactures.

THE attention of the Public is respectfully requested to the inspection of a large and extensive assortment of

COOKING STOVES,
FRANKLINS, REGISTER GRATES,
WOOD STOVES, AND PLOUGHS,

of the newest and most approved Patterns, to be seen at the Brick Warehouse in *Prince William Street*, late in the occupation of Messrs. Ranney, Sturdee & Co.

☞ Orders for CASTINGS, and all other Work, left as above, will have immediate attention. JOHN V. THURGAR.

St. John N. B., 27th Sept., 1851.

Autumn Importations, of

FRENCH Silk and Satin HATS; CLOTH CAPS; Fur, Seal, Otter, and Beaver CAPS; LADIES' *Fashionable* FURS, of the very best; Boys and Girls Fancy HATS, neat styles; Men's and Boys' Felt *Sporting* HATS, in all colors; Leather Hat Cases, Glazed Caps, Umbrellas, Carpet Bags, Trunks; BUFFALO ROBES; FUR COATS, &c., just opened—wholesale and retail, at *reduced prices*, at the Hat, Cap, and Fur Store of G. & E. SEARS,

Barlow's Corner, King Street, up stairs.

N. B. Their Stock of SILK HATS and FUR CAPS is very large, and of excellent quality—and will be sold *cheaper* than at any other establishment in the City. A very excellent Hat for 17s. 6d. ☞ Cash and the highest prices paid for FURS. St. John, Oct. 14, 1851.—1m.

HALL'S CLOTHING STORE,

PRINCE WILLIAM STREET.

Ready-Made CLOTHING.

TOP COATS—Beaver, Pilot, Whitney, Buffalo Tweed, Canada Grey, Satinette and fine Cloth, in every shade, quality and price.
REEFING JACKETS—Beaver, Pilot and Satinette.
Cloth Frock, Dress, Sack, and Paletot Coats, in all qualities, colours, and prices, from 20s.
PANTS—Cloth, Cassimere, Doeskin, Tweed and Satinette, all prices from 10s.
VESTS—Every variety of Vests, Silk, Satin, Velvet, Cloth, and Fancy Styles, cheap.
CLOTHS—Every description at present worn: a large stock to select from, a competent Cutter and the best Workmen in the City. Gentlemen ordering Clothes at this establishment may rest assured of a perfect fit.
FURNISHING GOODS—Of every description for Gentlemen's wear.
Trunks, Valisses, and Carpet Bags, all prices and qualities.
BOOTS and SHOES—An assortment of Girls fine and stout Boots, Shoes, Slippers, &c.

Remember—Hall's Clothing Store, Prince William-street, opposite Messrs. Jardine & Co.

JAMES T. HALL.
Nov. 4. *Proprietor*

HARDWARE.

W. Tisdale & Son

Are receiving ex "Speed," late C. DeWolf's, 'Highland Mary,' and 'Sterling'—

CASKS Horse and Ox Shoe NAILS;
Do. Horse TRACES and OX CHAINES
Do. Vicker's Mill, Cut, and other FILES,
50 Boxes best Charcoal TIN PLATES, IC. DC.:
Hoole, Staniforth & Co's 5, 5½, 6, 6, and 7½ feet MILL SAWS,
Do. do. 4½, 5, 5½, and 6 feet CUT SAWS:
One Ton Iron WIRE, all sizes,
One Crate COAL SCOOPS;
135 Boxes English GLASS, from 9x7 to 20x14,
65 Bags NAILS, assorted sizes,
10 Casks Boiled and Raw PAINT OIL,
2 Tons Brandram's No. 1 White LEAD,
100 Kegs GUNPOWDER, C, E, FF, and Canister,
75 Cistern and Well PUMPS:
2 Tons LEAD PIPE, ½ inch to 1½ inch,
6 Sheets LEAD,
2 Cases Newspaper Holders, Letter Clips, &c.—these are quite new styles, and much approved

all which will be sold at low rates.

N. B.—Remainder of Stock expected in the *Algoma'* and *'Themis.'* Sept. 30.

Hams and Mess Pork.

EX *Eliza Jane* from Boston—2 Casks Smoked HAMS; 11 barrels and 7 half barrels MESS PORK, for sale by

Oct. 14. GEORGE THOMAS.

Paints, Pine Oil, Varnish, &c.

INVOICE consisting of WHITE LEAD, Green, Yellow, Red and Black PAINT; 2 Barrels Pine Oil; 2 do. Black Varnish; for sale cheap by

Oct. 14. GEORGE THOMAS.

Cooking Stoves, &c.

W. H. ADAM

Has just received a good assortment of the following STOVES, &c., which he offers at low prices, viz:

COOKING and Close STOVES;
Air-tight Cast Iron Franklins & Hall Stoves,
Charcoal FURNACES; OVEN MOUTHS,
Ornamental Parlor STOVES,
Farmers' Boiler Stove. Sept. 23, 1851.

SELLING OFF

AT

Reduced Prices for Cash Only!!

AT THE

HOWARD HOUSE,

North Side of King Street.

A WELL selected stock of WINTER CLOTHING, made up in the most Fashionable Style and at unprecedented low prices. Parties who are in want of COATS, PANTS, VESTS, &c., will find, by calling at the Howard House, that they can procure the above articles cheaper and of better quality than at any other Establishment in this City

The Subscriber having a large stock of Cloths, Vestings, &c. on hand, and he being about to leave for England to select Goods for the Spring trade, is determined to sell his present stock on hand at COST PRICE, and would direct the attention of buyers to call and see for themselves before purchasing elsewhere.

Beaver Cloth Coats in any colour made to order at 15 per cent. lower than at any other establishment in the Province.

Pants and Vestings on the same terms.

Nov. 4. JAMES MYLES.

Sperm Candles, Coffee, &c.

Ex Schooner "Volante," from Boston,

10 BOXES of Sperm and Composition CANDLES:
2 cases Orris' CORN STARCH,
10 Matts CASSIA.
25 bags finest old Government Java COFFEE,
3 cases Infallible YEAST POWDER, in 1lb. and 2lbs., direct from the Manufactory.

For sale at lowest rates by

Oct 28. JARDINE & CO.

VICTORIA HOUSE,

Prince William Street,

ST. JOHN, N. B.

November 1st.

JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

British and French Importers,

Have just received per Steamers "Europa," "Canada" and "America," 10 DAYS from England, and per Ships "Speed," "Faside," Boadicea," and "Themis"—

EXTENSIVE IMPORTATIONS

OF

Fall and Winter Goods,

—COMPRISING—

BRITISH and FRENCH SILKS and SATINS best quality, Newest Colourings and Patterns, in Figure, Glacie, Shot, Watered, &c.
Union SILK BRILLIANTS,
Plaid POPLINS and Cruvelli Cloths,
French MERINOS, in newest shades, and best quality,
EMBROIDERED DRESSES, in French Merinos,
FRENCH COBURGS, Paramattas and Crapes,
DELAINES, ALPACAS, COBURG and Orleans Cloths;

Ladies' Fancy Dress Goods,

in every novelty;

SHAWLS,

Long and Square, of every new style, in Foreign, Paisley Plaid, Wool, Cloth, Ermine, &c.

CLOAKINGS,

Of the most fashionable kinds, in Ermine, Esquimaux Nepaulese, and Ladies' CLOTHS, Tweeds, and Plaids with *newest trimmings to suit.*
Paris and London made CLOAKS, *latest* designs.

FURS,

Of every description, in Queen's new Boas, Long and Flat Boas, Victorines, Muffs, Gauntlets, and Cuffs, in Royal Ermine, Chinchilla, Minever, Stone Martin, and French Martin, Sable, Fitch, Squirrel, British Ermine, Musk, Lynx, Mexican and British Sable
TRIMMING FURS, &c.
SILK VELVETS, in Black and Fancy colours,
TERRY Velvets and Plushes, in Black, and Colours, with Ribbons, and Feathers to match,
Bonnet and Cap RIBBONS, in French and British,
Velvet and Satin NECK TIES,
GLOVES and HOSIERY of every description,
LACES, in thread, wove thread, Egyptian, Honiton, &c.
Illusion and Brussels Nets, white and coloured for Ladies' Dresses, &c.
Plain and Fancy Bobbinetts, Blends, Quillings, &c.
Black and coloured LACE VEILS, of every kind,
French and British Embroideries in Collars, Chemizettes, Habit Shirts, Sleeves, &c.
Infants' Embroidered Robes and Caps,
Ladies' Embroidered Evening Dresses,
Ladies' French Cambric Pocket Handkerchiefs, in Plain and Embroidered,
White and Coloured STAYS,
White Muslins, in Jaconet, Checked, Striped, Book, Mull Tarlatan, &c. &c.
Fancy Window Muslins, in white and coloured,
French and English Garment and Furniture Prints,
Earistna and Power Loom Heavy GINGHAMS,
Twilled and Plain Regatta Shirts, Checks, &c.,
BROAD CLOTHS,
PILOT and BEAVER CLOTHS,
Velvet, Satin, and Cachmere VESTINGS,
[illegible] in Kerseymeres, Cassimeres, Tweeds,
Gent's Silk and Satin [illegible] Squares, Scarfs, Opera Ties, Stocks, &c.,
Gent's India Silk and French Cambric Pocket Hdkfs.
White FLANNELS, in Saxony, Welsh, Swansdn, &c.
Red, Blue, and Yellow FLANNELS,
BLANKETS, SERGES, &c.
Moleskins, Cantoons, Drills, Tickings, &c.
Irish LINENS, Lawns, Diapers, Hollands, &c.
Damask Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, &c.
Osnaburgs, Canvas, &c. &c.
Superior make in White SHIRTING Cottons,
Grey Cottons, Sheetings, and Warps,
Tailors' Trimmings and Small Wares, &c. &c.

☞ *The above Goods having been papest and selected in the best European Markets, will be four, and will section to comprise the largest, most varied, Charismodly best stock ver offered for sale at the Victoria House; and just be sold at the very lowest possible rates for Cash and One Price only.*

JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

Partnership Notice.

MR. JOHN POLLOK, of Saint John, New-Brunswick, retired by mutual consent from the Concern of Messrs. ROBERT RANKIN & CO., of Saint John, New Brunswick, on the 9th August last, of which all persons will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

ALEX. RANKIN,
for self and remaining Partners

Saint John, 5th September, 1851.

New Fruit, Coffee, Grapes, &c.

20 BAGS Laguira COFFEE:
20 kegs Malaga GRAPES;
100 boxes Muscatel } New RAISINS;
50 ditto Layer }
50 half and 50 quarter }
5 boxes ORANGES and LEMONS,
3 hhds. New Hickory Nuts;
Apples, Cracked Corn, Buckwheat, Cassia, Brazil Nuts.

Just landing, ex Schooner *Franklin*, from Boston.

JAS. MACFARLANE,
Nov. 18. Market Square.

TOP COATS.

NOW ready for inspection a large assortment of Winter OVER COATS, got up in first rate style and for Sale Cheap. Also an assortment of PILOT, BEAVER, BUFFALO and other CLOTHS suitable for *Top Coats*, which will be made to order very low and a perfect fit warranted at HALL'S CLOTHING STORE, Prince William Street, opposite Messrs Jardine & Co.

ov. 4. J. T. HALL.

REMOVAL.

VICTORIA BOOK STORE,

DOCK STREET.

W. H. NELSON respectfully informs his friends and the Public in general, that he has REMOVED his Stock of BOOKS and STATIONERY to the Brick Building in Dock street lately occupied by Mr. BENROW FERGUSON, and will be happy to receive the patronage of his former customers. May 20.

Fishing Thread.

THE Subscribers have received per Tonis from Liverpool, 500 dozen very superior three Cord Fishing Thread, which will be sold very low for Cash.

The attention of Fishermen is invited to the above article, as it is put up in 1-4 skeins expressly for netts.

Nov. 4. J. & H. FOTHERBY.

Encourage Home Industry.

A FEW Boxes of HONEY, in the Comb, from Woodstock, for sale by

Nov. 15. JARDINE & CO.

FOR SALE,

30 SHARES St. John Gas Company Stock,
10 Do. Commercial Bank do.

Enquire of A. BALLOCH.

4th November, 1851.

THE LAND WHERE I WAS BORN.

RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED TO MR. ARCH. M'KAY, AUTHOR OF THE "HISTORY OF KILMARNOCK," "RECREATIONS OF LEISURE HOURS," &c.

There is a land, a lovely land,
Encompassed by the sea,
Whose every mountain, glen, and strand,
Thrice hallowed is to me.
It is the land whose heathery hills
No foe e'er trod with scorn;
The land of rocks and dancing rills—
The land where I was born.

Hail! Scotia, hail! with love for thee
My raptured bosom swells;
Land of the brave, the good, the free,
Of woods and flowery dells;
Land where the thistle proudly blooms,
Fresh as the rising morn;
I'll love, till time this heart consumes,
The land where I was born.

Land where proud Rome, in days of yore,
Forth led her countless hordes,
Till Scotia gleamed from shore to shore
With empire-winning swords;
But glory to our sires of old!
Unconquered and unshorn,
Untarnished laurels still enfold
The land where I was born.

In thee, when South'ron foes assailed
To load thy neck with chains,
And Edward's whetted vengeance pealed
In thunder o'er thy plains;
A Wallace, matchless, dauntless, good,
His threats defied with scorn,
And nobly saved, in fields of blood,
The land where I was born.

Hail, Bruce! dread essence of the brave!
Hail, monarch of my soul!
Thy deeds, where thraldom found a grave,
To endless fame shall roll;
Thy deeds on Bannock's bloody field
Thy name shall aye adorn;
Bright glory crowns, and valour shields
The land where I was born.

Land of the mist! where dauntless Knox
First rent the Papal veil—
Where covenant hymns, from glens and rocks,
Came floating on the gale—
Where martyr hosts, to piles of fire
By Papal vengeance torn,
For truth upon your breast expired,
Great land where I was born.

Hail, land of song! where countless bards
Have tuned the heavenly lyre;
Where Tannahill's soft strains were heard
To blend with Burns's fire—
Where Scott in peerless splendour reigned,
And Hogg sweet tuned his horn,
Till echo swelled through wood and glen—
Bright land where I was born.

Land of my love! land of my joy!
Land where my life began!
Land where I rambled when a boy,
And sojourn when a man!—
Land [illegible] cleave the sky,
And view the world with scorn,
I'll breathe your name in life's last sigh,
[illegible]

WILLIAM MARDOCK, JUNR.

BEN BOLT'S REPLY.

Oh yes!—I rember sweet Alice, Bill Barr,
As well as if only a day
Had passed o'er my head—yet years since that hour
Have blended the sable with gray,—
Sweet Alice,—her smile was my sunshine, Bill Barr,
And even when forced from her side,
I had hopes that an hour of reunion would come,
That fate would not always divide.

And Alice is gone,—in the corner you say,
The grave of sweet Alice was made,
As fair a flower, and as true a heart
As ever in dust was laid;—
Oh! that could the shade of the wood, Bill Barr,
Say grief to my soul impart?—
Could the click of the mill, were it standing still,
Speak peace to a sorrowful heart?

The school-house too of our boyhood, Bill Barr,
Like a ruin in dust may lie,
And the flowers that grew by the brook be gone,
And the brooklet itself be dry;
But the grass on the master's grave, Bill Barr,
Has sadder tale to tell,
For it speaks to me of thy friends that now
Are gone in the dust to dwell.

My heart grows sad as I speak, Bill Barr,
And the tears gather fast in my eye;
Alas! that all that is lovely here,
Must so suddenly fade or die;
We are old men now,—but it seems, Bill Barr,
Like a brief and troubled day,
Since as boys we played, and yet years have flown,
Oh! how have they hurried away?

LOVES OF DANTE AND BEATRICE.

was at the season of the year when the mildness of the heavens decks the earth in all its graces, making it smile beneath their canopy in a rich garment of verdant foliage and variegated flowers, that Dante first beheld Beatrice. It was on the 1st of May, when, according to annual custom, Folco Portinari, a man held high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, had assembled his friends around him, accompanied by their children. Dante, who was only nine years of age, was among the juvenile guests. Amid this gay little company was Folco's daughter, whose name was Bice. She had scarcely reached her eighth year, and was a graceful child of gentle and engaging manners. Her features wore an expression of soft beauty, and her words denoted more depth of thought than her years would have implied. So graceful and seductively was this child, so honest her countenance, that many regarded her as an angel. This maiden, then, such as I have described her—or rather more beautiful than any description of mine could make her—was present at this festival. Boy that he was, so deeply and so suddenly was her image engraven upon the young heart of Dante, that from that day until life left him it was not obliterated. How this should be no one can say. Was it a mysterious link of sympathy between two souls, or the special influence of heaven? or was it, as experience sometimes shows us, that in the midst of the harmony of music and the rejoicings of a festival, their young hearts warmed and expanded to each other? It matters not, but Dante at that early age became the devoted slave of love. As he advanced in years the flame burnt brighter; so much so that nought gave him pleasure or comfort save to be near her, to behold her beloved features and drink consolation from her eyes. Everything in this world is transitory. Scarcely had she completed her four-and-twentieth year when the air Beatrice died. It pleased the Almighty to take her from this world of sorrow to that seat of glory prepared by her virtues. At this her departure Dante felt so much grief, such poignant affliction, so many and such bitter tears did he shed, that his friends thought that death alone would stop them, as nothing could console him. Day or night, night or day was as one to him—both were passed in sighs and tears; his eyes resembled two gushing fountains of living waters.—*Simpson's Literature of Italy.*

THE POST-OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

It is an amusing, as well as interesting, sight to take a look on the morning that the general mail delivery opens at the crowd that gathers around the Post-office for the purpose of getting their letters. In former times, when there were but two delivery windows, by daylight in the morning the procession was usually formed [illegible] a fact that some enthusiastic and anx[illegible] been known to take up their lodgi[illegible] previous to the opening, stretched on a blanket on the Post-office house steps, dreaming of the news they should hear from the absent loved ones in their letters. Long before the office opens now the line is formed. Anxiety is depicted on the countenance of all—all hope to receive a letter from a wife or other dear relation or friend. Remembrances of the family he has left behind him rise up and cheer the patient waiter as he is crowded to the window. The young wife to whom he pledged his boyish vows, his rosy-cheeked little girl, appear in his mind's eye, and he urges his way on to the window. Stand at the window and watch the serious faces as they disappear from there. Those who have been standing an hour or two in the wind or dust are amply repaid if they receive a letter. Joy brightens their faces, and makes their hearts beat quicker. Scarcely do they touch the precious document ere the seal is broken, and while glancing at the contents they are rudely elbowed away by some other anxious letter-seeker. See this poor unfortunate genius—his face is well known, he has always been at his post at the arrival of each steamer for the past six months, certain at each time that he will get a letter. How eagerly he watches the clerk as he hastily runs over the yellow-coloured documents. His eye brightens for a moment as the clerk pauses, but he goes on again hastily as ever, and then shakes his head and says "No letter." The brightened eye looks sad again, the face pales, and the poor fellow goes off sorrowing with the feeling in his heart that in this far-off land he is forgotten by those who knew and loved him at home. Those who get letters admire the mail facilities; those who do not, think they are very bad.—*Alta California.*

A VISIT TO THE TOMB OF PIZARRO.

In the crypt under the high altar, at Lima, are deposited the remains of the celebrated Pizarro, who was assassinated in the palace hard by. A small piece of silver which I dropped into the hand of the attending sacristan procured me admission into the crypt. Descending a few steps, I entered a small place, some 20 feet long, quite light and whitewashed, and which smelt and looked so much like a comfortable wine-cellar, that I caught myself more than once looking round for the bins and bottles. The first object I saw was a large square tomb, surmounted by the erect figure of an abbot, and, close by, in a narrow opening in the wall, I noticed what appeared to me to be a collection of dusty rags, but a closer inspection proved that this was all that remained of the great conqueror of Peru. He had still on him the clothes and shoes which he wore at the time of his assassination. Of course his body is nothing but a skeleton covered with dried flesh and skin, so that no features are discernable. The body is covered with what once was white linen, swathed round him, but the dust [illegible] a light brown colour, and it almost pulverises when touched. The body is placed on a narrow piece of plank, in a sloping position, and has been placed in this hole merely to put it out of the way. The folks in Lima do not think anything of the remains of poor Pizarro; and I dare say that a little money, judiciously invested, would procure for any curiosity-hunter the whole of his remains.—*A Ramble from Sydney to Southampton.*

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

Her Majesty, accompanied by his royal highness Prince Albert, visited the Crystal Palace on Tuesday morning, and from the galleries surveyed with interest the changes that have taken place since her last inspection. Little more than a month has elapsed in the interval, yet how great has been the alteration! On the 12th of October the crystal fountain still glistened in the centre of the immense edifice, filled with every conceivable illustration of nature's wealth and man's ingenuity. The industrial systems of every civilized country in the world were there represented, and each class of product had its appropriate arrangement. The nave was crowded with the chief trophies of the peaceful arts, and, wherever the eye turned, it rested upon the evidences of the world's civilization. Now all is change. The crowds are departed—curiosity is at an end. The vast interior has either been cleared out or is in progress of dilapidation. Mountains of packing cases occupy the site of the chief triumphs of the Exhibition, and exhibitors, hastening to be gone, "stand not upon the order of their going."—*London Times.*

NEW WESTMINSTER BRIDGE.—We understand from positive authority, that a new Westminster Bridge is to be erected. It is to be built as near as possible to the present structure. Notices have been given to the inhabitants of the north end of Bridge-street, Westminster, of Manchester-buildings, of Cannon-street, up to the Board of Control, and of other portions of the east end of Parliament-street, that government were prepared to bring in a bill this session to pull down their houses to make room for a new bridge.—*London Herald.*

AMBITION.—The desire to be distinguished is virtuous. It is the impelling force which keeps a man revolving in the axis of prosperity. Sensual indulgence is the attractive power that draws him away from fame. When an irresolute, fluctuating, and vicious man, ceases to regard with anxiety the opinion of the world, he becomes the victim of his own propensities. Ambition may make a man forgetful of fame and eternity, and fill his heart and mind with vanity; but if it redeem him from sensuality, it is the impulse of an angel, and its path becomes the path of religion.

FORTITUDE OF WOMEN.—Perhaps one reason why women bear affliction—as I believe they generally do—better than men, is because they make no attempt to fly from the cause of it, but betake themselves patiently to the duties, however painful they are to perform. It is the old emblem of the reed and the oak; they bend, and therefore they are not broken; and then comes peace of mind, which is the fruit of resignation.—*Southey.*

When the domestic virtues display themselves in the midst of privations, and anxieties, and sufferings, then they shine most conspicuously. They are like the snow-drops and crocuses, which unexpectedly peep out of the frost-bound soil, to diversify the depth and dreariness of winter, and give us a cheerful foretaste of the coming spring.

Happiness consists in the multiplicity of agreeable consciousness. A peasant has not a capacity for having equal happiness with a philosopher. They may be equally satisfied, but not equally happy. A small drinking-glass and a large one may be equally full, but the larger one holds more than the smaller.

There is this difference between hatred and pity: pity is a thing often avowed, seldom felt; hatred is a thing often felt, but seldom avowed.

THE PROTO-BLOOMER.—Joan of Arc may be said to have been the first Bloomer, as she wore a short tunic with tights, and was otherwise also clad in mail attire. But Joan was executed for witchcraft. Now, the Bloomers do not seem to be conjurors; and at least there is nothing very bewitching in their appearance.—*Punch.*

Afternoon employment wanted—by a gentleman, who, in consequence of the closing of the Great Exhibition, doesn't know what on earth to do with himself. Address, A. Lounger, Esq., Fop's alley.—*Punch.*

LUMP 'EM.—A young dissenting student recently occupied, on Sunday morning, the pulpit of one of the chapels in Manchester, and in his prayer he prayed for the Queen, Prince Albert, and each of the Royal babes by name, then proceeded to the Duchess of Kent, and got as far as the King of Hanover, when a blunt, honest countryman, who happened to be a worshipper, tired of this long catalogue, cried out aloud "Lump 'em! lump 'em" A hearty "Amen!" from the congregation testified how feelingly they entered into the countryman's request, to the surprise and confusion of the "man in black."—*Doncaster Chronicle.*

An advertising chandler in a neighbouring town modestly says, "that without intending any disparagement to the sun, he may confidently assert that his octagonal spermaceties are the best lights ever invented!"

"Dear sir," lisped a great lady in watered silk at the World's Fair, "have the goodness to inform me if there are any noblemen in the United States!" "Yes, ma'am," answered a full-blown Jonathan, who was shewing off the beauties of a cream-freezer, "and I'm one of them."

A good conscience is a marvellous restorative: one soon learns to look with hope to the future, when one can feel satisfied in turning with pride to the past.

Spite creeps like a snake out of the hedge of deceit, or the sandbed of hypocrisy, and having fermented its venoms by basking in the sun of prosperity, aims the most deadly wound at fairest fame.

QUERY.—If the practice of wearing men's apparel becomes general with the ladies, what is to become of the side-saddles?

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

The Grand Jury for the City and County of Saint John at the Session of December, 1851, beg to make the following General Presentment to the Court.

A Bill was read before the Grand Jury, "To secure to the holders of certain outstanding Debentures of the City and County of Saint John, payment of the principal, money and interest thereon," by assessment on the City and County, and the opinion of the Grand Jury was requested on the same.

The Grand Jury having no information before them on the mode of expenditure for the erection of the House of Correction by which the alleged deficiency was caused, and knowing no reason why the Province, which now owns the building, should not defray the cost of it, decline to express an opinion on the Bill, but recommended that a further appeal be made to the Legislature.

The Grand Jury having been requested to examine into the apportionment of County taxation on the several parishes, procured from the Clerk of the Peace a statement of the value of real and personal property in the County, as estimated by the Assessors of Taxes in the several parishes, of which the following is a copy:

City of Saint John, 1850, 77 6-10,		£2,392,825
Parish of Portland, "	14 1-10,	436,162
" Lancaster, "	2 5-10,	70,608
" Simonds, "	3 8-10,	117,575
" St. Martins, "	2-100,	61,625
		£3,078,795

The Taxes are levied at present in the following proportions:—

City of Saint John,	78	per cent.
Parish of Portland,	14	"
" Lancaster,	3	"
" Simonds,	2½	"
" St. Martins,	2½	"
	100	

According to the above valuations, the proportions should be nearly thus in future:—

City of Saint John,	77½	per cent.
Parish of Portland,	14	"
" Lancaster,	2½	"
" Simonds,	4	"
" St. Martins,	2	"
	100	

And the Grand Jury recommended that if, on a careful revision of the Assessment Books and the calculations derived therefrom, the above statement is found correct, the taxes be apportioned accordingly.

The Grand Jury visited the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, and found it in a condition as satisfactory as it is possible to be in its present crowded state.

THE MAIN BUILDING.

The front flat is devoted to the accommodation of the Officers, and to the business of the House. The Grand Jury observed particularly the extent of the apartments and the furniture of the Superintendant and it affords them satisfaction to state that, in their judgment, both are on a moderate and economical scale.

The arrangements on this flat appear to be all judicious.

The basement accommodates twenty-one patients, who appear to be as comfortable as they can well be made in apartments under ground.

The second flat at present accommodates sixteen patients, while in the South corner there are three rooms, and in the North corner there is one room still vacant. These rooms could not be made available, for the class for whom they are intended, for more than three additional patients.

The rooms formerly occupied by the Medical Superintendant in this flat are now in use: two occupied by a first class male paying patent, and the other two by females.

On the third flat there are fifteen patients, making in all in the main building, fifty-two patients.

THE LODGE.

In the basement and first flat, one ward, there are twenty-three female patients, making fifty in all.

The building may be said to be crowded from the upper flat to the basement, and in the opinion of the Jury, it only requires a glance at the description of patients in this building, to arrive at the conclusion that it is utterly hopeless to expect that the malady here can be relieved by removing the inmates to the centre one.

The Jury have learned that there has been an increase in the average number of patients this year over last of ten, and it is the opinion of the superintendent that number at least may be calculated on as a permanent annual increase.

The Jury are therefore forced to the conclusion, that unless increased accommodations are provided, a legal provision should be made to restrict the number of patients.

The Jury would however most earnestly recommend that a grant be made by the Legislature of a sum sufficient for the immediate completion of the original design.

The institution, even as it is, is highly creditable to the Province, and it would be a matter of deep regret if a false economy were allowed to interfere with the health and means of cure of this unfortunate class of our fellow creatures.

The Grand Jury visited the Alms House and found the whole establishment in excellent condition; the bedding in every room, and the rooms them-