

suspended. A number of Railway shovels were very ingeniously used to form a palisade on top, and were grouped in various ornamental figures. To the right of the Pavilion were a number of tents for various bodies; to the left, and a little to the rear, a large ladies' gallery, capable of holding 1000 ladies, and in front were the stands for the Directors of the Company, the Engineers of the Railway, and the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute. Near this was a little platform on which the magic first sod was to be wheeled, on it stood the beautiful wheel-barrow of richly carved Walnut and Bird-eye Maple, made by the Messrs. Lawrence for the occasion, and in this lay a shovel richly burnished and the handle mounted with silver to be used on the occasion.

Near these also, a large stone was suspended ready to be laid in its place, as was to be done by the Grand Master with the assistance of his brother Masons with all Masonic honours.

The entrance to the grounds was through a handsome ornamental arch, put up for the occasion, and on the whole the preparations were most complete and much praise is due to the Committee for their exertions. A prepared way led from the road to the fence and along it on the outside. There the various bodies as they arrived on the ground took up their position.

But after all nature did what no art could do, and formed here a magnificent amphitheatre where tens of thousands could assemble; and from the commanding heights look down upon the plain and have a full view of all that was done in the valley beneath. These heights were occupied long before the procession arrived at the grounds by persons of all classes, crowded in some spots, in others scattered in groups, among the rocks and brushwood.

And when the entire multitude were gathered there, the scene was one of grandeur and beauty quite indescribable. Men who had seen vast assemblages in different countries and on different occasions were incessant in their exclamations of wonder and delight, and it seemed as if they could never sufficiently express their admiration. The Pavilion and Lady's Gallery were fully occupied, a large body of Military was placed between the Pavilion and the Grand Entrance; a body of Artillerymen, with their guns, on lower ground some distance in front of these and as the procession approached the several bodies took up the various positions assigned them, the Freemasons on the little knoll, where the Pavilion stood, to be in readiness to lay the stone. The Band of the 70th took up its position to the right of the body of soldiers.

About one o'clock, His Excellency, Lady Head, and suit arrived, and were received with the usual honours. The Band played God Save the Queen, the soldiers saluted, &c., and as soon as they reached the Pavilion the Artillery fired a royal salute of 21 guns. His Excellency who, on this occasion, appeared in full dress as Governor of the Province, was accompanied by Commodore Shubrick of the United States Navy and the other officers of the Princeton, and attended by Col Hayne, Mr. Dury, his Private Secretary, &c. &c. &c. Nearly all the men of note in this Province, and many from the neighbouring Provinces and from the United States where then assembled there together, Executive Councillors, Legislative Councillors, Representatives of the People, Clergymen, Civic Bodies, Military Men, Sailors and beyond above them all Railway Contractors and Projectors. Never was there such an assemblage of talent and rank and great names gathered together in this Province before, and never was there so great an occasion. Neither were there ever before so many assembled together. It was the general opinion that within view of the Pavilion there were 25,000 people.

The President and Directors of the Railway Company first approached and presented His Excellency with an Address, which was read by the President, R. Jardine, Esq.

They then proceeded to the ceremony of turning the first sod, Lady Head, conducted by Hon. R. L. Hazen, leading the way, the Governor, Commodore Shubrick, &c., following; Dr. Gray (Episcopalian) delivered an short prayer. Lady Head raised the first sod and deposited it in the wheel-barrow; then the Governor dug a sod and deposited it by the other; the President of the Railway Company, the Mayor, the President of the Mechanics' Institute, all performed a similar ceremony. Then his Excellency rolled the barrow along the platform and dumped his load; amidst the cheers of the spectators. The cry raised by the few, who in the pressure that then took place about this spot witnessed the operation, was caught up by those around and repeated by the crowd on the heights, the hills reverberating with the glad sounds such as never broke their echoes before.

The Band played the old psalm tune, "praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the New Brunswick Regiment of Artillery, posted on the heights, fired a salute of 20 guns.

The Governor, Lady Head and the others then returned to the pavilion, and the Mayor sent Comm. Council of the city presented an address to his Excellency.

In the meantime, the Hon. Alexander Keith laid the foundation stone with Masonic honours.

The Governor then retired and the assemblage dispersed, the several trades, &c., returning and marching through Portland Dock Street and King Street, to King Square, where they were met by a display of fireworks under the management of Messrs. Foster and Funder. The St. John Hotel and Waverley House were illuminated.

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**ACCIDENT IN THE BALL ROOM.**—At the Ball given in the evening, in honour of the Celebration, an accident happened which might have proved fatal to some of the parties present. It appears that a stick of timber which supported the Orchestra, (and which was rotten and defective,) snapped in two, which precipitated the Band to the floor, a distance of nearly twenty feet. Mr. Rainford, a clerk in this city, was struck by the falling beam, and is not expected to survive; a Bandman was much bruised, and several ladies received injury.

**NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.**

In circles, believed to be well informed, at Berlin the opinion entertained is said to be that the Russians will not retire from the Principality before an indemnity is paid or secured to them. The Russians and Turks both continue their warlike preparations. The Egyptian fleet and forces have arrived, and the troops are encamped at Beyrout, on the Bosphorus. The Sultan has, it is said, received an autograph letter from the Emperor of Austria, praying his friend and brother to accept the last project of a treaty, that, if rejected, (the Emperor) will retire altogether from the question.

In proportion as the Oriental question assumes a more pacific aspect, the difference between Switzerland and Austria gain in importance, and offer a variety of difficulties for solution. Although desirous of peace, the Swiss people show no disposition to make further concessions to Austria, and the Bund has approved of the policy of resistance recommended by the Diet.

From Rome we learn that the plot organized by the Mazzinians for Assumption-day is still the object of attention on the part of the authorities, and some further arrests have taken place, but nothing fresh has transpired.

The *Giornale di Roma*, of the 24th ult., contains a long Papal decree in Latin, suppressing the Sixtine College.

Of "home news," the important item is that the Bank of England has again put on the screw by making the minimum rate of discount 5 per cent—more attributable to an enormous increase in the business of the country, and a consequent increased and rapidly increasing demand for money.

The Queen had paid her long-promised and anxiously looked-for visit to the metropolis of Ireland on the 1st instant. Her Majesty landed at Kingstown at two minutes past ten, and immediately started in the train for Dublin, welcomed at every point with the most enthusiastic rejoicings. In the evening the city was lit up brilliantly illuminated.

It is gratifying to find that the Queen paid a complimentary visit to Mr. Dargatzis, the Greek Consul, on the 10th inst. Her Majesty's visit to the Exhibition owes its existence, and the manner in which it was paid, without notice, and amidst a heavy fall of rain, which gave a more friendly and endearing character to the visit than, if the most imposing state ceremonial had been introduced on the occasion.

The Gallant Sir C. J. Napier is dead. Few officers in the British army had seen more service, or suffered more from the casualties of war than this most distinguished Soldier. His body is said to have been literally covered with wounds, and his hand-breath escaped amid dangers from which he never shrunk would require a volume to enumerate.

But long and arduous as his military services had been, he found time for the more peaceful pursuits of literature, and was the author of works on the colonies, on colonization, and military law, &c. Sir Charles was born in 1782, and consequently was seventy-one years of age. The gallant General expired under the old colours of the 22nd Regiment; for his son-in-law, Major M. Murdo, seized those glorious relics from the corner of the chamber, and fastened them to the head of his open bedstead before breathing ceased. The colonelcy of another regiment, the 23rd Cheshire Foot, now falls to the disposal of Lord Hardinge.

On Saturday a return to the House of Commons showed that there were on the last registration list in England 46956 parliamentary voters, 11,455 in Wales. In England and Wales, 55,879 were freeholders or members of the old corporation, 335,534 were registered as £10 householders, and 10,200 in both capacities.

Mr. Frigate Leander arrived home in 14 days. The Committee on communication between London and Dublin, recommended a steamer of a large tonnage, capable of running at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour, between Holyhead and Kingstown.

An important letter has been received by Wyndham Gould, Esq., M. P., from three of the most influential and enterprising merchants of New York, stating that it is their intention to send a first-class steamer to the Shannon upon a trial trip, for the purpose of testing the capabilities of the Port of New York for a transatlantic Packet Station.

By a new law, just passed by the British Parliament, every infant born in England and Wales, after August 1st, 1853, must be vaccinated, (under a heavy penalty, payable by the parents,) within three months after its birth.

Miss Elizabeth Gibson, a young lady of considerable personal attractions, twenty-two years old, the daughter of a deceased major, entitled to a prospective right of some £200 or £700 per year, eloped from Dublin to America lately with Anthony Flannigan, a hater of just laws. A relative of the lady pursued them to Liverpool, where they were seen fleeing together. They were married, and the lady signed away her right for a round bridal portion in hand. They took passage in the ship *Emerald* for New York.

Mr. Horner, who was chancellor of the exchequer for a few months under the Goderick ministry in 1852, and was president of the board of control under the late Derby government, has resigned his seat for Stamford, with the view, it is understood, of quitting political life.

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—The number of deaths to-day were 95; died of fever 10. Sept. 7.—The number of interments to-day including deaths by fever, were only 52.

Later news from Mexico has been received. Great dissatisfaction exists against Santa Anna. Several of the States, it is reported, have pronounced against his administration.

CARE SHIPPERS.—Locomotives and cars have been constructed on the Railway from the Sydney wharf to the shipping port of New Sydney, for the heavy tonnage which is employed.

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be materials, and lay down to sleep. The fire spread, enveloping the barn, and so severely burning the unfortunate victims that they expired shortly afterwards.

Colonial party-politics are remarkable for the factiousness and violence of politicians, the prevalence of demagogism, the roughness and even brutality of the newspapers, the practice, in carrying on public differences, of making war to the knife, and always striking at the heart. When colonists differ on such a point, for example, as the amount of a proposed duty, or the direction of a road, both sides treat the question as if it were one of life and death; and, instead of compromising their difference, or giving a quiet victory to the preponderating weight of votes or influence, they instantly set about tearing each other to pieces with tongue and pen, after the manner of the late Daniel O'Connell. A solitary man who meddles with public matters should have a skin of impenetrable thickness. But it is not the skin alone that suffers. Frequent caricatures render most colonial skins so impenetrably thick that the utmost vituperation makes hardly any impression upon them. Rumour is therefore had to something sharper than Billingsgate.

**HASZARD'S GAZETTE.**

Wednesday, September 21, 1853.

We again beg to enter our protest against this continued recurrence to personalities. We are requested to take notice of the improper conduct of a gang of boys at a funeral, we do so, and we are immediately told by one who calls himself "a reformer" that it puts him in mind of "Satan reproving Sin," and that "a call is better than a preach," and much more to the same effect, all very good, but rather out of place, as his endeavouring to lug politics in by the head and shoulders. This is the course of the colonial press. It has become a sore grievance and is very properly deprecated by Edward Gibbon Wakefield as well as by the present Editor of this Gazette. A solemn and worthy of attention in another part of the paper. The allusion to Liberals as contrasted with upper crust (as he calls them) was wholly uncalled for, there was not a word about the upper crust and the Liberals in our whole article nor the slightest allusion to them.

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(For Haszard's Gazette.)  
To the Editors of the "Royal Gazette" and "Advertiser" Newspapers.

"Those who live in glass houses, should be careful not to throw stones."  
Being a Mechanic myself, and consequently compelled to earn my livelihood by "the sweat of my brow," I have often wondered myself with the notion—whether true or false I cannot tell—that in America, at least, honest labour was deemed honorable; and the only individual to be shunned and despised was the idler, or the fellow who is too lazy to work and too proud to beg for subsistence. I have, however, of late, been somewhat staggered in this opinion, from observing in your respective papers—the self-guardians of the People's rights and liberties in this Colony, if we are to believe your own statements—what I can view in no other light than an attempt on your part to discredit and vilify, of course—to disparage or undervalue the humble yet honest and industrious class to which it is either my misfortune or my privilege to belong.

Now, I must confess that I have felt somewhat "nettled" at this apparently strange and inconsistent conduct on your part. Being of a somewhat aspiring disposition and turn of mind, I cannot exactly reconcile it to my notions of propriety to be doomed exclusively to the pleasing occupations of "taking the dimensions" of even a lady's foot—wielding the broad axe—or preparing the "nether garments" for my neighbours—many of whom, by the way, are not one jot better than myself; and I fear that the same kind of weapons with which you have so frequently assailed at least one of our fraternity of late, may, some day or other, be turned against myself. Perhaps this alarm may be altogether owing to my ignorance. At all events, it might have a tendency to allay my fears on this head if you would not condemn, as early as possible, to define exactly the precise amount of respectability or otherwise which, as a matter of course, attaches to the several trades, professions and occupations at present pursued by my fellow-townsmen and myself. You can begin, if you please, with your honorable selves—the mighty "Wentworths," the "Purshes," and tell us how vastly superior the type-setter or "printer's devil" is to the miserable wright who is compelled to serve an apprenticeship to learn the art and mystery of dealing out a pen'orth of pins, a yard of tape, a gill of whiskey, or a gallon of molasses. And after going through the whole catalogue of "arts, trades and mysteries" doing, of course, ample justice to each, you might sum up the whole by contrasting the respectability of the Brewer and Distiller—the slayer of inoffensive men, women and children, with that of the Butcher, the slayer of no less inoffensive sheep, oxen and pigs!

But enough of this! Let me now revert to the matter which has more particularly given rise to these observations. Mr. George Beer, the newly elected M. P. for the First District of Queen's County, is, as everybody knows, by trade a Butcher. Well, what of that? Is there anything in that simple circumstance to warrant those unseemly attacks, continued in very plain prose, at others in very heroic verse, with which your columns have been so profusely decorated of late! Can any one charge Mr. Beer with having acted dishonorably whilst pursuing his lawful avocation? Has he ever been known to pack up and sell diseased and unsound meat, or to adulterate any of his goods with cheap foreign customers? If so, why not speak out, like honest men. For my own part, all I can say, with reference to that gentleman, is, that I have never heard even a whisper of anything of the sort. But I can tell you what I have heard, and what any one may read, too, if he will but take the trouble to consult the Records of the Supreme Court of this Island, viz: that a certain gentleman, whose arrogance and presumption were particularly conspicuous in the last Nomination Day, not a hundred miles from Charlottetown, whilst pursuing precisely the same avocation, some years ago, was not then quite so scrupulous in these respects as your friend, Mr. Beer, appears to have been. Should I be misunderstood, any so, and I will endeavour, in my next, still further to enlighten you on this interesting subject.

In the meantime, I remain,  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
A MECHANIC.

Charlottetown, Sept. 17, 1853.

**Port of Charlottetown.**  
ARRIVED.  
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