

son attending declined giving it as they appeared to have had enough. She gave three glasses of the liquor eventually, and then induced them to leave the house, and fastened the door. They broke the windows, effected an entrance, ill-used several of the inmates, and beat to death a man named B. Coyle who belonged to the house. Three of the parties implicated had been arrested.

No renewal of disturbances appears in Canada. The question of Responsible Government caused much Newspaper skirmishing. One party, contends that Colonial responsibility is only a reasonable extension of the British system, and that it would perpetuate British connection,—another, that it is incompatible with Colonial dependency, and would cause separation from the parent state. The chief feature of the Responsibility contended for, appears to be, that the executive Council in the Colonies, should be acted on by the votes of the representative body, as the Ministry in England.

Defence of B. North America. Active preparations are being made, to place every part of British North America, in the most ample state of defence. The Bermudas are to be fortified—permanent barracks are to be built at Laprairie, Canada, with stone towers to defend them—Martello towers are to be erected at Montreal—Fort Wellington, at Prescott, is to be completed—Fighting Island is to be fortified; and government has purchased several pieces of land, in various parts of the suburbs of Kingston, with a view of commencing public works, for its defence, on the largest scale, early next spring.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Fishery promises to be generally successful this year.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Vice Admiralty Court of Halifax, Monday, 5th August, 1839.—The cases of the four American vessels, the "Java," "Independence," "Magnolia," and Hart, seized at Yarmouth for breach of the laws relating to the Fisheries of this Province, came on for trial.

The Judge having heard the affidavits of Joseph E. W. Darby, the seizing officer, and the papers thereto annexed, also the depositions of witnesses resident at Yarmouth, by Interlocutory Decree pronounced that the said vessels, with their cargoes, stores, &c., be forfeited to the Queen.

RACE.—A race for 100 guineas, between the Hon. F. Villiers's Br. G. Shamrock, and Capt. McLean's B. G. Uncle Joe, came off last Wednesday week. Mr. Villiers rode his own horse—Joe was ridden by Captain Franklyn. Shamrock took the lead, maintained it, and won easily.

Launched from the ship yard of the Hon. R. M. Cutler, at Guysborough, on the 23d ult, a schooner, called the Billow, burthen 65 tons.

THE ATLANTIC STEAMERS.—The British Queen, cost about £92,000. Her extreme length is 275 feet, and breadth 64 feet. The power of her machinery is reckoned as that of 500 horses, and besides her supply of fuel she can carry 1000 tons of goods. Her crew, including all hands, amounts to 80 persons, and she has accommodation for 207, or on an emergency nearly 300.

She is in every way fitted up in accordance with her size and character. Another Atlantic steam mammoth, is on the stocks, and so near completion, that she is expected to be launched on the return of the British Queen. This vessel is to be called the President, her burthen is stated at 24,000 tons, nearly 400 more than the registered tonnage of the Queen, and she will be, it is said, every way a finer vessel. She is to run between Liverpool and New York.

Thus have we seen, within the last two or three years, this great problem fully and happily solved. The possibility of running ships by steam, across the Atlantic, was doubted,—and the possibility of running them for a continuance, and, at a profit was denied. We see them run, and run profitably, and competitors starting yearly into the path that was deemed impracticable.

The arrival of the British Queen had excited much interest in N. York. The N. Y. Gazette says that 150,000 persons were gazing on her while going up the rivers. The same paper, speaking of the Great Western and the Queen, remarks:

"They are both very noble vessels, and both of them highly honourable to the enterprize, liberality and skill of Old England. The British Queen looks like a line of battle ship, the Great Western like a frigate of the first class."

The commander of the Queen experienced much annoyance by the crowd which beset the boat, anxious to gratify their curiosity.

A line of steamers is projected to run between Bordeaux (France) and New York. The scheme is, to have 12 vessels of 450 horse power each; these could be readily turned into ships of war. It would cost about 22,000,000 francs, nearly £1,000,000. Government received the scheme favourably.

POSTAGE.—Very important alterations have been made, recently, in this department. The internal postage has been taken off, so that persons now have only to pay the postage from shore to ashore, of the Atlantic. This is a great boon to millions. In-

stead of 2s. 3s. or 4s., the tax on communication by letter is, uniformly, only 1s. To the poor who possess, and often in an eminent degree, the better feelings and affections, and who found the postage an oppressive tax on those feelings and affections, as far as the intercourse with friends and relatives was concerned, the alteration has been a great relief,—and even to those enjoying comparative competence, the tax was frequently felt disproportioned to the means, and either cramped and checked that kindly interchange which should be encouraged, or induced parties to seek evasions not altogether in accordance with the spirit of the law, and not calculated to raise the standard of public truth and honesty. Of all things, in a free country, the interchange of thought between friends and relatives should be free, and any tax beyond that demanded by the service, might be well pronounced monstrous. The service has been frequently lauded, and has been considered one of the wonders of art and civilization, and the payments in return have been supposed only such as were essential,—but wiser and better modes have been devised, and the relief mentioned has been the result. This great improvement, however, it appears, is not to be final. It is in contemplation to establish a uniform penny postage (as we understand it) throughout the British Empire and the U. States. Then indeed may parted friends indulge in the luxury of communication with one another, without the miserable calculations of expense intruding, to damp enjoyment,—to crush the virtues, in fact,—and, perhaps, to sever that link which should ever unite them with lang syne. One of the best incitements to virtue, in the breasts of young women, or young men, divided from the parental roof, is said to be, the frequent interchange of letters, between them and home,—and a host of considerations arise in favour of the position. These have now, in this respect, their pleasures and their aids to virtue greatly increased,—and we trust that they will soon have more reason to bless the wisdom and benevolence and public spirit, which aims at such unagitated, and unobjectionable reforms.

The Tournament at Eglinton castle will cost, it is said, £20,000. This is an imitation of the warlike pageant of old times, in which ladies sat as judges and rewarders of martial prowess, and finely decorated knights employed their strength and ingenuity, in a "prize ring" adventure. Instead, however, of the "fisty cuffs" of modern times, the contest then was, chiefly, between equestrian warriors, and the object of each to unhorse his adversary, and to render him unable to continue the combat. The gentlemen at Eglinton castle, it appears, practise at a stuffed figure, which, of course, greatly lessens the danger that might result from awkward spear thrusts,—but, it would appear to be a sorry way to spend £20,000. An old law against these exhibitions, makes all present at them implicated in a charge of murder, should loss of life ensue. The knights therefore must be careful, if anything beyond the stuffed warrior is to be antagonist; particularly as the Marquis of Waterford, among the congregated chivalry, and, if once he gets into a fray, his old spirit and prowess, gained in many night skirmishes with parish watchmen, may cause him to deal harder blows than "fun" would warrant.

DREADFUL OCCURRENCE.—On yesterday morning the usual tranquillity of the town was much disturbed by a very lamentable occurrence. James Bossom, shopkeeper in Albermarle street was shot by S. D. Clarke, who also kept a shop, opposite the North Barrack. Both were young,—Bossom aged 23. He lived about two hours after receiving the fatal wound. The facts of the case, as they appeared on the Coroner's Inquest, may be thus briefly stated. Bossom and Clarke had a quarrel of some months standing. Clarke challenged Bossom,—Elexon, Clarke's partner, being privy to it, and encouraging the act, and asserting that he would send a challenge himself if Clarke did not. Sergeant Bannister, 37th Regiment, was aware of the quarrel, and appeared to take part with Clarke. He was charged with having also sent a challenge to Bossom, and with having used abusive language to him in a letter. On Wednesday evening Bannister and Elexon went to Bossom's shop, a quarrel and fight ensued between Bannister and Bossom. On Wednesday night Clarke loaded a brace of pistols with ball, and said that if Bossom came near his door he would put the contents of one of them in him. On Thursday morning at near half past six o'clock, Bossom was passing Clarke's shop, and a tap was given at the window, either by Bossom, or some one inside. He went to the door, some words ensued, Clarke approached the door, threatening to shoot Bossom, who retired a few paces;—Clarke snapped one of the pistols, Bossom laughed and used some sneering expression, Clarke, reiterating that he would shoot him, discharged the other pistol. The ball entered Bossom's eye, passed through and lodged against the skull at the opposite side. He fell, and from that period showed but little signs of life, except by breathing heavily; he expired about 9 o'clock. Clarke was arrested immediately on the occurrence of the act, Elexon subsequently. After an investigation which occupied nearly four hours, the Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of Willful Murder against Clarke, as principal, and against Elexon as accessory before the fact. Thus have three families been plunged into deep distress, and an awful warning has been given to all, against the indulgence of bad passions.

On Thursday the Union Engine company, with several friends, male and female, celebrated their anniversary. They engaged the steamer Sir Charles Ogle, part of the Band of the 8th Regt. and went up the harbour, along the North West Arm, and landed on the beautifully situated grounds of John Howe Esq. Dancing on the deck, and on the lawn, and other recreations usual to

such festivities, with abundance of refreshments, combined to form the day's amusements. Upwards of two hundred Ladies were present.

THE METHODIST SOCIETIES, in Great Britain, recently celebrated the arrival of the Centenary, or hundredth year, since the establishment of their system. The celebration consisted in religious services, addresses, and subscriptions in aid of certain objects connected with Methodism. These objects are,—additional relief to aged preachers, and to the widows and children of preachers,—The liquidation of debts due on chapels,—The establishment of two Educational Institutions,—the purchase and improvements of premises for a Mission House,—and the purchase of a Mission ship, to be chiefly employed on the Pacific ocean. For these purposes about £200,000 has been subscribed in the U. Kingdom. Similar celebrations in the Colonies were resolved on, and the first of a series in these Provinces, took place last evening, in the Methodist chapel, Argyle street, Halifax. Rev. Mr. Alder was in the chair. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Alder, Rev. Mr. Bennett, Hon. A. Dewolf, J. L. Starr Esq., Rev. Mr. Richey, and others. The sum subscribed, at the meeting, amounted to above £900.

The Rev. Mr. Alder may be expected to preach next Lord's day, in the Lower Methodist chapel, Argyle street, in the morning, and in the Upper chapel, Brunswick street, in the evening.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—A communication signed "As you like it" has been received. We only wait for the remainder of the article to publish the whole.

MARRIED.

On the 28th ult., by the Rev. Thomas Taylor, Mr. William Taylor, to Miss Isabella Campbell.

At River Jordan, on the 4th ult, by the Rev. T. H. White, Mr. Jas. Collupy, to Miss Maria E. Holden, eldest daughter of Thomas Holden, Esq. of that place.

On the 27th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, Mr. William Strickland, to Miss Julia Hume, both of this place.

At Londonderry, on the 15th ult, by the Rev. John Brown, Mr. Thomas S. Delaney, to Margaret, second daughter of John Rice, Esq.

At Eastport, on the 27th ult., by Mr. W. W. Eaton, Mr. John K. Laskey, of this city, Teacher, author of "Leisure Hours," &c., to Miss Ann V. Wise, of Sebec, Maine.

At Sussex Vale, on the 25th inst, by the Rev. H. N. Arnold, Mr. James H. Hallett, of Boston, to Mary Ann, third daughter of Thomas O. Arnold, Esq. On the same day, by the same, Mr. Cornelius McMonagle, to Susan, fourth daughter of Thomas O. Arnold, Esq.

At the Wesleyan Chapel, on the 24th ult., by the Rev. W. Temple, W. M. Chairman of the New Brunswick district, the Rev. William M. Leggett, Wesleyan Missionary, to Mary Anne, eldest daughter of William Stephens, Esq. of Bathurst.

At Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the 11th ult, by the Rev. Mr. Parker, Mr. J. W. Hartt, of Fredericton, to Miss Prudence B. Brown, of the former place.

At Fort Cumberland, parish of Westmoreland, New Brunswick, on Thursday, 4th ult, by the Rev. George Townsend, Mr Daniel Brown, of Truro, to Catharine, eldest daughter of Mr William Knapp.

At the Parish Church of Amherst, on Thursday the 25th ult, by the Rev. George Townsend, Rector, Mr W. P. Moffat, to Rosalind, youngest daughter of Robt. McGowan Dickey, Esq. M. P.

DIED,

At Dartmouth, on Saturday evening last, Mr Edward Langley, aged 79 years.

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Lecture, one hour each, between HALF PAST THREE AND HALF PAST FOUR—commencing on Monday, August 12, in Dalhousie College. Expenses for the Course to each individual will be £1. The practical advantages gained by this Course of Lectures will be equal to £50 to each, as all will acquire an accurate knowledge in the science.

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Halifax, August 9

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