

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

THE three most prominent items of news are, a deficiency in the British Revenue upon the year ending in April, of near ten millions of dollars; the falling off in the excise and customs; the defeat of the free-trade corn-law party, by a majority of 256 in a vote of 506; the last, and by far the most important, is the Repeal movement in Ireland. The declaration of the British Government, of its determination to crush the movement by force, and the increase of the military establishment in that country in support of this determination, will excite attention to that quarter, and great anxiety will naturally be felt as to the result of the struggle. The news from the Continent is not of moment.

The opposition against the Canada Corn Bill continues in the agricultural districts. A requisition for a county meeting has been presented to the High Sheriff of Berkshire. The meeting will take place in a few days. The High Sheriff of Kent has declined to call a meeting for a similar purpose, on account of a paucity of signatures to the address presented to him.

Lord John Russell had given notice of an important amendment on the Canada Corn resolutions.

The agitation for the Repeal of the Union is making strides in Ireland very alarming to the Government. Instead of attending to his duty in the House of Commons, Mr. O'Connell has remained at home organizing his plans for moving his countrymen, and he has succeeded effectually. The Catholic clergy have joined the movement in great numbers. Tens of thousands are congregated at Mr. O'Connell's beck, and the country is in the same fearful state of agitation as in 1829. To arrest this disorganization, the Duke of Wellington in the upper, and Sir Robert Peel in the lower House, declared their intention, the other evening, of putting down the Repeal agitation—by force, if necessary. The movement is as odious in England as it is popular in Ireland. Meanwhile Mr. O'Connell has hurled defiance at his assailants, and, in terms more energetic than polite, dares them to the conflict. —*Colonist*.

The news by the last Packet concerning the disturbed state of Ireland, and the formidable position assumed by O'CONNELL in his demands for the Repeal of the Union must cause regret to every one having the unity, the prosperity, and glory of the British Empire at heart. From the language used by the Duke of Wellington in the House of Lords, and by Sir Robert Peel in the House of Commons, it is evident that the Repeal agitation was becoming formidable; but still, it appears to us that the accounts which have hitherto reached us have greatly exaggerated the affair. That there has been much speechifying on the subject of Repeal, and that Irish orators have been loud and fervent in their denunciations of the "Saxon" and the "stranger" we have no doubt; for Irish orators have much eloquence, great enthusiasm and excellent lungs. But, still, we trust and believe that matters are not so serious as they are represented to be. It is true that Ministers have talked of demanding additional powers from Parliament, to put down "by force, if necessary," the Repeal agitation; but we do not perceive that the state of Ireland has had any effect on trade in England, or that the funds have gone down, as they certainly would, if the country were, as we would be led to infer, on the eve of an Irish Rebellion. On the whole, then, however much we may regret the disturbed state of a land which seems doomed "to know no peace," and whose history is but a repetition of convulsions, we feel little fear concerning the ultimate result of the present agitation. It will be put down. Mr O'Connell can only succeed at present in dissolving the union between Great Britain and Ireland, by having recourse to force, and coming victorious out of the contest; and unless he is greatly changed or wholly mad, he will avoid such an alternative. Had he intended to have recourse to arms, he would have chosen a better time than the present.

A short time ago England appeared on the eve of a war with the United States, was actually at war with China, and seemed to be fighting for the very existence of her Indian Empire—while, at the same time, her labouring population were in a state of the most alarming discontent. Had Mr O'Connell then intended to Repel the Union

by force, he would have attacked England when her hands were full, and not have waited till her internal troubles were settled, and until she was at peace with all the world. It is true that Mr. O'Connell seems not to be altogether sane on the Repeal question; but he is not so far gone, even on that, his weak point, as to bring on his country the curse of a war, the ultimate result of which need not be doubted. In this scheme of "Repeal" he will never succeed, and he does not deserve to succeed. We will not, however, say more on the subject until we receive our files by the *Acadia*.—*Courier*.

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