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Canada	Mar. 10	New York
Niagara	Mar. 24	For Boston
Europe	Apr. 7	New York
Canada	Apr. 14	For Boston

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Destination	Date	Ship
Europe	Jan. 10	New York
America	Jan. 24	For Boston
Canada	Feb. 7	New York
Niagara	Feb. 21	For Boston
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America	Mar. 21	For Boston
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THE FIRE.
That on the 14th March destroyed that portion of the City of St. John, known as York Point.

Fire the morning-bell broke,
Or the day was beginning,
The inhabitants woke
With the fire-bell ringing.

Wake, mother! wake, daughter!
Wake, son and stake, sire!
The cry is for water—
The City's on fire!

And fiercer and longer,
More rapid it blazes,
And stronger and stronger
The element rages.

On, onward, continuing
Shop, storehouse and dwelling,
And ruin on ruin
The catalogue swelling.

And infant and mother
Pressed closely, are there,
And sister and brother
With looks of despair.

And houseless and mourning
The terrified meet,
Their houses are burning—
(Their home is the street.)

Their provisions, their wood,
Their prospects, their plans—
For a city late stood
Where that ruin now stands.

From centre to seaboard
Desolation sweep o'er
In its falling deplored;
York Point is no more!

'Tis noon—and 'tis ended,
The ravage complete—
York Point is no more,
Nor alley nor street!

But a forest of chimneys
Now people the scene
Where three thousand reposed,
And a city has been.

St John, 14th, March, 1849. T. R. Duff.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.
Later European Items.—The New York papers have received dates from Dublin to the evening of the 23rd of February, which state that the move of the government on the Irish poor law question, is likely to excite a most formidable opposition in the North. Already the temper has been soured, and will no doubt give an expression of public opinion against this proposal of the Prime Minister to compel the people of Ulster to provide for the wants and necessities of Munster and Connaught, which will amount the little lord and his family government.

The writs of error in the case of Smith O'Brien, McManus, and Donohue have reached the House of Lords, and it is reported that it is said that a favourable issue to the prisoners may be expected. The arguments in the case will not come on before Easter.

The Crown will be represented by the Attorney and Solicitor General of England and the Irish Attorney General. The prisoners' counsel are Sir T. Theobald, Mr. Napier, and Sir Coleman and Solicitor O'Loghlin.

From the Turks Island Gazette of Feb. 7.
Our Salt Producers.—For several weeks we have scarcely had any salt on this Cay. The supply has also been exhausted at Salt Cay, and at East Harbour the quantity is very small. Many vessels have, in consequence, recently left without cargoes, and this has happened for several years at this season, a clear indication that the demand for our staple is outstriking the supply. The reverse of this is the case with the re-shipment of the larger Island of the British West Indies. And it would appear certain that, so long as Great Britain and the United States continue on terms of amity and friendship, the demand for our article be equal to its increasing supply, if it do not vastly exceed it—a prospect most encouraging to the present lease-holders of pond property.

Our immediate prospects in salt fishing are not only excellent, but rarely so for this period of the year. Several persons commenced taking on Monday, and in the course of a fortnight or so, if the drought continue, a large quantity of salt will be on hand.

From the Turks Island Gazette of Feb. 14.
We learn from an arrival from P. Paris, that the Haytian and Dominican forces have had an engagement on the frontier, which has resulted as usual, in the discomfiture of the former. We are further informed that Sir E. Schomburgk had gone to Porto Prince, probably as a mediator between the belligerents.

FROM BRITISH GUIANA.—We have our files to the middle of February. An attempt had been made to heal the differences between the Assembly and the government, but with out success. The Court was called, and a despatch from Earl Grey read, in regard to the stoppage of supplies. The despatch stated that as a matter of conciliation, Mr. Barkley had been appointed Governor of the Colony.

The Court, however, immediately resolved that there was nothing in the despatch to justify voting the supplies. So the matter stands at present.

THE FUTURE.
It cannot be that earth is man's abiding place. It cannot be that our life is cast up by the ocean of eternity to float at a moment on its waves and sink into nothingness. Else, why is it that the high and glorious a pira rious which leap from the temple of our heart, for ever wander about unsatisfied? Why is it that the rainbow and cloud come over us with a beauty that is not of this earth, and then pass off and leave us to muse upon their faded loveliness? Why is it that the stars, holding their "festival about the midnight," are set above the grasp of our limited faculties, for ever mocking us with their unapproachable glory? And, finally, why is it that brighter forms of human beauty are presented to our view, and then taken from us, leaving the thousand streams of our affections to flow back in Alpine torrents upon our hearts? We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread out before us like islands that shimmer on the ocean, and where the beautiful, which begins here and passes before us like shadows, will stay in our presence for ever.

TRUTH IS STRANGE &c.—Extraordinary Circumstances.—The last Annual Journal, published in Missouri, under the caption of "awful retribution," has a fearful story, to the effect that a Mr. W. of St. Louis, Sheriff of Schuyler county, in that State, and ex-officio collector of the county revenue conceiving a design to cheat the commonwealth out of some \$25,000 which he had collected, he left the money in the care of his wife, put in silver and put in paper with the declaration that he would be gone several days, and enjoying upon her that she should permit no one to stay all night at the house during his absence.

"At night a traveller, rather an aged man, applied for entertainment. The woman, at first refusing under instructions of her husband was finally persuaded to permit him to remain. About eleven or twelve o'clock, the same night, some persons demanded entrance into the house, and upon being permitted to come in, they were found to be disguised as negroes, and immediately demanded of the woman money, which they said they knew was in the house. The woman handed them the paper money. They told her there was also silver money, which she must surrender. She replied that she would go up stairs (where the traveller was lodging) and get it. She informed the old gentleman of the state of things below. He told her to take one of two pistols which he had in—put the money into her apron, with the pistol concealed behind it, and when either of the robbers came

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A despatch from Pittsburg states that the city was filled with incendiaries. The mayor has offered a reward for their detection.

GREAT FLOOD AT CHICAGO.—A Despatch from the West states that there has been a great flood at Chicago, and the overflow of water was still increasing. The damage to property had already reached fifty thousand dollars. No farther particulars are given.

SHIP FEVER.—British ship Cambria, which put into Delaware Breakwater a short time since, arrived at this port this morning. She has one hundred and fifty passengers. Seventy eight deaths have occurred on board since she left Ireland, and fifty-two are now sick on board with the ship fever.—[New York Commercial, March 12.]

STEAMBOAT NEWS.—Steamboat Woodman, from New Orleans for Rio River, when leaving Bayou Sara, on the 2d inst collapsed both flues of her boiler, killing and scalding several persons; three killed outright, and others missing—among the latter, one engineer. Twenty five others were dreadfully scalded,—part of whom, it is thought, cannot recover. The scene is described as most heart-rending.

AN AMERICAN'S OPINION OF ENGLAND.
The Rev. Mr. Hodge, an American clergyman, who has recently returned from England, has been lecturing on the institutions of that country, and the character of her people.—we take the following extracts from one of his lectures:

"The history of the English nation is the most complete history of the progress of liberty which the world affords. No race has ever more degraded than the Anglo Saxons, and no one has ever attained to greater happiness and power. The history of England is, more emphatically than that of any modern nation, the history of humanity. Other European nations may possess more perfect theories of government, but that of England surpasses all others in its practical workings.

"The discipline of the conquest may, on the whole, have been useful to England. The amalgamation of the two races has produced a character in which the German strength and staidness is united to the valor and energy of the Gauls. The difference between the Saxons and Normans previous to the conquest was merely one of development. The Saxons possessed more of truthfulness, patience, constancy and the Germanic love of home. The conquest of these two races was like the mingling of snow with water,—the rude temper of the one was melted by the softness of the other.

"The Norman race has been gradually dying out, and the Saxon race steadily advancing ever since the conquest. Indeed, the Saxon blood now preponderates in the people.

"But how, inquired the lecturer, did these subjugated Saxons rise superior to their conquerors? By the triumph of industry over brute force. During the middle ages the workmen were mere dependents on the fighting men; but the superior toil and patience of the former has transferred the power from the baronial classes to the exchange, the press, and the loom. Industry prevailing over force,—this is the law of Society, the formula of history.

"The reign of Henry VII. has been regarded as the period when all distinction between the Saxon and Norman races disappeared; but emancipation from tyranny did not take place till more than a century after. Even in the reign of Elizabeth, the most injurious monopolies were permitted in every branch of industry. But that haughty Tudor was at length compelled to yield to the growing spirit of liberty, and her last Parliament may be regarded as a selenite in English history.

"Next to our own nation, England enjoys a larger amount of liberty than any nation in the world. In some respects her liberty is superior to our own; inasmuch as it is more secure. Other things being equal, liberty is the greatest when the government is the strongest. England is not only the strongest nation that now exists, but in character, in credit, in the opinions of men of every nation, the strongest that ever existed. The prompt protection that the English government affords in any part of the world, even to her meanest subject, is an important element of liberty.

"France, to-day, possesses a government theoretically more democratic than our own, but in ten generations she will not attain to the measure of English liberty. In England, liberty bears the stamp of legitimacy; in France, it has a red, revolutionary look. In the former nation it wears the sober aspect of the Puritan; in the latter, it is wreathed in the smiles of a dancer, and is frisky as new wine. Whenever the Englishman plants his foot, there he stands, strong in his Saxon intelligence and Norman valor. He is not easily stirred, but when he does move, it is forward, and that whether amidst bivouac in his capital, or armadas are riding in his seas. In France, liberty is spasmodic, and her government oscillates between abolitionism and anarchy. In France, liberty is a sentiment; in England it is a fact. France is the least conservative nation in Europe; England is the most so.

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