

The Observer.

SAINT JOHN, MAY 4, 1882.

SEVEN DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

The Mail steamer Niagara arrived at Halifax on Liverpool on the 17th inst., having sailed from Liverpool on the 10th inst., with 72 passengers of whom 42 are British.

Passengers in the Niagara for St. John—Messrs. George Young, John McLaughlin, Wm. Oliver, and Captain R. G. Moore.

The European Times says since the recent holidays there are indications of very great improvement in most of the commercial markets, and the aspect of the textile trade of the country is bright. The news from America and India has been beneficial. There is a prospect of a general recovery in raw material. Money is so abundant that prices are becoming more liberal. The cotton market is especially so. The price of cotton is now being dealt in world-wide markets. It is not as low as it was a few months since. So many mills are being productive in the Bank of America, that the Bank of America has been ordered to issue a new issue of \$10,000,000, and it is confidently predicted that they will be a slight premium on the next settlement.

From Manitoba, wheat cannot fall much lower. It is not further depressed. Sugar has not further declined. Stocks in first hands naturally reduced.

Freights to the United States have not varied much this week, but for sugar and other goods, has been downward. Storage passengers also less abundant. Price of passage to New York about \$24.

Freights to New York were quoted at 12s. 6d. to 15s. for coal and iron. To Boston 12s. 6d. to 20s. To New Orleans a sudden rise has taken place, owing to the fact that only two American ships were on hand for that port, and 15s. to 16s. 6d. is demanded for a ship just laid on.

As a result of the English Government, but few vessels have arrived from America.

The general news is unimportant.

Sir J. Matheson, formerly owner of the island of New Ross, on the west coast of Scotland, has offered it in gift to the Government as a penal settlement.

The British and French governments have appointed a joint commission to treat with Brazil, to open the waters of the Plata, Parana, and Uruguay rivers to the commerce of the world.

A deputation is in London endeavoring to interest the Colonial Office in the subject of steam communication with Newfoundland.

The commercial accounts from India are more encouraging than for some time past.

One of the lions of London just now is Colonel Fremont, the Californian millionaire, who is asked to assist every banquet and reception in high life. He began life as a labourer.

Subscribers are in progress for the relief of the widows and children of the soldiers who perished in the ill-fated steam ship Birkenhead.

The brig Abena arrived at Southampton on Wednesday from Vera Cruz 17th Feb., with \$375,216 in silver coin. The receipts of treasure within the week, by the W. L. mail steamers, has reached the large sum of \$2,300,375.

It is said that Lord John Russell's friends despaired of getting him re-elected to Parliament as a member for London, are trying to smuggle him in for Edinburgh.

CHRISTIAN PALACE.—Of all stupider there is none so good and so provoking as that of throwing away a great thing when you have it. England is in the habit of doing this. A building has been wanted for ages, and never hoped to possess—a building really adapted for the exhibition of works of art, and for the assemblage of large multitudes. It is never here, but the purpose is not abandoned. While every third-rate capital had its museums and galleries, in which, for several days, all classes might be seen enjoying themselves and admiring the most valuable objects of art, and the most valuable rooms, we had only a few small and dingy rooms, the only one of any size being already too crowded either by the circulation of the visitors, or for a comfortable reception of the public.

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At the very moment that we are quietly awaiting the arrival of the new destroyers into our Crystal Palace, the French Government so far more wisely and patriotically, is preparing to build one exactly like it. The Montreal Convention of 1854, which was the result of the efforts of an edifice for a National Exhibition, public ceremonies, and civil and military fetes, on the plan of the Crystal Palace, and to be established in the Grand Square of the Champs Elysees. Surely we are not going to let it be said, then, even when a great idea is discovered among us, like the half British clown who finds a curiosity or a treasure, that we are going to let it pass to our enlightened neighbors, and allow even a despot to carry away a prize from our own free country.

London Times.

Meetings in favour of retaining the Crystal Palace are being held in London and elsewhere.

The New York clipper Witch of the Wave, excites great attention as she lies in the Indian Dock, London, having made the shortest passage from China on record, with the most valuable cargo. She made the passage from Canton to the Downs in 90 days. Her exploit is the subject of eulogy in the London Times of the 16th inst.

Telegraph between Great Britain and Ireland.—The communication between London and Dublin is expected to be formed by the 20th day of May. Fort Patrick in Scotland and Douglas in Ireland are the points from which it is proposed to throw the wires across the channel, and the wire will then be shorter by forty-four miles and a half than that contemplated between Kingston and Holyhead, the distance from Fort Patrick to Holyhead being but twenty-one and a half miles.

The Jewish Chronicle says that 55,000 loaves of panose cakes, which cost upwards of £216, were distributed to the poor crew of the Synagogues in London during the recent passage.

Forty-seven vessels, of an aggregate tonnage of 13,400 tons, have been or will be sent this year to the White and Seal Fishery at Greenland and Davis' Straits.

The great tube and railway bridge over the Wye is now in course of elevation, at Chepstow. One line will be completed and opened in about two months.

On Sunday, some soldiers of the 4th Dragoon Guards went to row in a boat on the Thames, opposite Leamouth, and while on the water, they were "harking." The boat was, in consequence, upset, and four of the men drowned.

A smart shock of an earthquake was felt yesterday week in Somersetshire; and on the same evening there was a brilliant display of the zodiacal light in near London; it was so intense that the fire engines were turned out.

Captain Samuel Brown, of N., whose death is recorded, was the inventor of chain cables, and chain and suspension bridges. The chain pier at Brighton was one of his early works.

LEWIS AND CLARK.—It is again positively stated that our ancient city will be considerably enlarged, during the coming summer, by a royal visit and embarkation. Her Majesty sailed for Waterford, where she will be received by his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, and conducted to Lismore Castle, and after remaining there a few days, will set out to enjoy the famous lake scenery of Killarney. She then moves up to Dublin, and, after holding a levee and drawing-room at the Castle, and passing a day or two at the viceregal lodge, crosses for Kinsale, to Holyhead, and travels direct from thence by train to Baltimore.

TRAVEL TIPS.—The new Royal Mail steamer Orleans, with the other of the line of the 21st of February arrived at St. Thomas on the 18th, after a run of 16 days.

Emigration from Hull.

The tide of emigration from Hull seems to be growing stronger as each successive ship is announced. All our North American ships are being fitted up to convey passengers to the west. There has been considerable influx of foreigners into Hull during the past week, principally from Holland and Belgium.

SLAVE TRADE ON THE COAST OF AFRICA.—By letters from the African squadron to the 18th ult., we are informed that Commodore Bruce has entered into treaty with every native chief, and that of Benin for the abolition of the slave trade to missionaries, &c. The blockade in it will not last long, except at Whydah, and there Philomed, has gone to Abomey to treat with the King of Dahomy. The capture of Lagos brought these happy results.—Correspondent of the Times.

DEATH OF LORD PANMURE.—We regret to announce the death of Lord Panmure. The nobleman died at his residence at Brechin Castle, on Tuesday, 11th inst. He was 82 years of age.

Lord Panmure was throughout life an ardent Liberal, a generous patron, and a kind friend. He was one of the noblest spirits of his age, and his death is a great loss to his country and his family.

The retirement of Professor Wilson from the University of Edinburgh, was announced in the town council of that city at its last sitting.

The Arctic expedition sailed on Thursday. The ship was the Seaside, Capt. Bledsoe, R. K. S. Capt. Killeen, North Star, Capt. Pullen; Proprietor Interpel, Capt. McClintock, and Proprietor Pioneer, Capt. Cameron. The expedition is supplied with every requisite.

Sarah French was executed on Saturday, at Lewes, for the murder of her husband by poison. Nothing could be proved against her, but she was a guilty culprit, who was incapable, at last, of moving herself without assistance.

IRELAND.—The first part of the Irish census returns has been printed. It shows that the population of Carlow County has diminished one-sixth since the year 1851.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has declined granting the £220,000 applied for making a breakwater at Galway.

The hon. Mr. Chandler, Delegate from this Province on business connected with the Royal Commission, arrived at Liverpool on the 13th April, in the steam ship Niagara, from Halifax. Parliament at that time being adjourned on account of the Easter holidays, and his colleague, Mr. Hincks, being absent in Ireland on a visit to his friends, Mr. Chandler immediately proceeded to join Mr. Hincks in London in company, on the re-assembling of Parliament.

NEW MAYOR.—At a special meeting of the Common Council this morning, in accordance with the Charter, WILLIAM O. SMITH, Esquire, Alder, Queen's Ward, was elected by a majority of the Board to be Mayor of this City for the ensuing year.

We understand that the Common Council, previous to the election of Mayor, passed a Resolution in favour of the City of Montreal, and that the office from £400 to £500 per annum.

The City Assessors are now about making up the assessments for the coming year, and it is stated that the amount required to be raised, will be about fifty per cent. more than in 1851—May 4.

The Valley Chronicle.—We are requested to mention that St. Paul's Church, Portland, will be open for public prayers every Friday evening, at 6 o'clock.

GODLEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—We have received from Messrs. Macmillan, of this City, this popular monthly Magazine for May, containing 120 pages of letter press, edited by Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, and published in Philadelphia. It is beautifully printed on fine paper, and embraces a large amount of reading matter, including the most valuable articles, and also four fine full-page illustrations. The price, as heretofore, is \$3 per annum. It is well worth a copy of paper postage.—For sale at the Phoenix House.

We have received from Montreal, the first number of an interesting Monthly publication, of 16 pages, entitled "The Youth of Montreal," and intended to be published in Montreal, and intended to be published in Montreal, and intended to be published in Montreal.

THE STEAMER CORAL.—The steamer Coral, having during the winter been in the service of the British and North American Mail Company, and received her orders to sail for London, and intended to sail regularly between the two ports during the season, touching at Eastport and Portland. Mr. Clark, the agent, is at present in the city, and will be again at his post. Mr. George Thomas is the agent at this City.

Gov. Kossuth arrived in Boston on Tuesday last, and was received by Governor Bartwell and other State officials. Governor B. made a speech, to which Kossuth replied. Terms to the number of 1500 or 1600 were offered for the purchase of uniforms; these were subsequently reviewed by Kossuth. After which, Kossuth was conducted to the Rev. Howard, where apartments were prepared for him, and he remained in Boston until a meeting of the Directors this morning. Thomas E. Millidge, Esq., was re-elected President.

A committee of citizens from Bangor invited Kossuth to visit that city. They presented him with \$300, the contributions of the ladies of Bangor.

The Quebec Morning Chronicle of the 29th April, received this morning, has the following paragraphs respecting the railway prospects:—"The impression is gaining ground that Mr. Hincks will be able to obtain from the British Government the contemplated aid for a railway to Halifax, far less for a line to Hamilton."

Mr. Hincks was to leave England on the 8th May.

BANK OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—The election for Directors in the Bank of New Brunswick, for the current year, took place yesterday. The former Directors, L. L. Bell, John Boyd, M. D. Jos. A. Crane, L. H. Devere, James D. Lewis, Thos. E. Millidge, Benjamin Smith, F. A. Wiggins, and William Wright, Esquires, were re-elected. At a meeting of the Directors this morning, Thomas E. Millidge, Esq., was re-elected President.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Saint John Savings' Bank took place on Tuesday the 27th ult., when the following Gentlemen were chosen Trustees of that Institution for the ensuing year:—John Ward, Robert F. Hazen, Robert W. Crookshank, Frederick A. Wiggins, John Ward, Mr. William J. Ritchie, Thomas Merritt, Chas. C. Stewart, Leverett H. DeVeber, John Dunan, Robert Bayard, Edward Sear, George L. Lovett, Esquires.

And at a subsequent meeting of the Trustees, ROBERT F. HAZEN, Esquire, was appointed President of the Institution.—Courier.

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St. George's Day.

The anniversary of St. George's Day, the patron saint of England, was celebrated by St. George's Society of this City by the usual manner of looking place at the St. John Hotel on Friday evening, 23rd April. The feast was served in sumptuous style, and was such as to reflect great credit on the Messrs. Scammell, whose able catering has been so often called in requisition by this venerable society. The wines were most excellent and abundant. The cheer was very ably filled by the Hon. J. H. Gray, the President, Mr. Sturges, and the Vice-Chairman's seat. Among the guests were the Rev. the Rector of St. John, the Commandant of the Garrison, the Officers of the Marine Barracks, the Hon. J. H. Gray, the President, Mr. Sturges, and the Vice-Chairman's seat.

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