

## European Intelligence.

HALIFAX, May 8.

America arrived this day at 11 A.M. The Herman sailed from Southampton on Wednesday.

The new Canadian Mail Steamer North American sailed from Liverpool on Wednesday the 22d, with 150 passengers, and a large cargo for Quebec and Montreal.

City of Baltimore sailed from Liverpool noon, same day, for Philadelphia, with 63 passengers, and 150 tons cargo.

The Atlantic arrived at Liverpool at 1.45 P.M.

The London Morning Star (organ of Manchester party) says "we are told that the meeting of the Cabinet, 23d, at which Lord Clarendon was present for the first time since his return from Paris, the answer to the U. States was agreed on. Upon some points connected with Central American Question the British Government are prepared to give way, but they will not recall Mr. Crumpton, and they are prepared to communicate to the United States Government, that they are unanimous in determination to continue him in his present position as British Minister at Washington."

The Army is being placed on a peace footing.

The Times has a leader on the grandeur of the Naval Review, which takes place this day. There will be 250 sailers of various sizes, propelled by 30,270 horse power, and manned by 30,000 men.

### THE VERY LATEST.

Despatches from Gen. Codrington.—The London Gazette contains despatches from Gen. Codrington, dated the 7th and 8th inst., with enclosures. Gen. C. forwards a letter from Prince Babouff, showing that General Williams had recovered, and was forwarded to Broznan, near Moscow, so that it was not necessary for Dr. McIlrea to go to Tiflis, nor did the Russians seem to have wished that he would pass their lines.

The Armistice is re-established in Asia. Gen. Codrington speaks in the highest terms of Mr. McIlrea's services.

Dr. Hall reports the sanitary condition of the Army for the week to the 7th as very satisfactory. The ratio of sick had not increased, but the winter had been very severe.

Russia.—We have received the following telegraph despatch from our Berlin correspondent:

"Berlin, Tuesday, 22d.—The Russian Militia is disbanded. The Admiralty has ordered all the Light Houses to be lighted, and all the boats to be laid down in the Gulf of Bothnia and Finland, and in the Baltic and White Seas."

The Paris correspondent of the Times says that the treaty of Peace contains a clause to the effect that the Allies shall evacuate Ottoman territory on the exchange of ratifications.

The new laws are to be rigidly enforced in Turkey.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—This subject was under discussion in the House of Lords on the 25th ultimo, when

"The Earl of St. Germain moved the second reading of this bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The argument in support of the proposition, derived from Scripture and founded on the 18th chap. of Leviticus, was really in favour of no prohibition. That chapter prohibited such marriage during the first wife's lifetime, and the logical inference was that it allowed them after the first wife's death, and in supporting this reasoning the noble Earl quoted largely from several modern divines and ancient fathers. The Bishop of Oxford moved that the bill should be read a second time, that day six months. After a long discussion their lordships divided, when the numbers were: Ayes 24, Noes 43."

THE CRIMEA.—Camp, April 11.—The preparations for the speedy evacuation of the Crimea are proceeding with rapidity and energy. It is said that 6000 Sardinians will be the first to leave, and the Guards the first English troops. No intelligence has been received respecting the future destination of the troops. The sanitary state of the army is excellent—for one regiment, 700 strong, only two men in the sick list. The intercourse between the Russians and the Allies increases. A great attraction is the Russian band of 160, at Alaskozie. The other day, on playing the Russian National Anthem, every Russian took off his cap; and also when "God save the Queen" was performed—but the English officers present did not pay the same delicate compliment to their late enemies. The English fraternize more freely with the Russians than at first.

THE TRIAL OF WILLIAM PALMER.—In the Court of Queen's Bench on Thursday, the rule was made absolute for the removal of William Palmer, of Rugeley, to the Central Criminal Court, on the 14th of May, the judges presiding to be Lord Campbell, Baron Alderson, and Justice Cresswell.

Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. are at the head of the English companies who are seeking the privilege of being allowed to establish a bank in Russia.

Once more emigration from Ireland is on the increase, and the pauperism is leaving the country in large numbers. From Dublin the departures are considerable.

THE TROOPS IN CANADA.—In the House of Commons on the 25th ult., in reply to Mr. Laing, Lord Palmerston explained that the number of troops sent to Canada was little more than 4000, and they were only intended to replace those that had been detached at the commencement of the war.

## SAINT ANDREWS AND QUEBEC RAILROAD.

To the Editor of the Standard.

SIR,—As the prosperity of this community, as well as of a large section of the Province, depends so much on the success which may attend the exertions now making for the prosecution of the life of Railway from this place to Woodstock; I believe that the information received by yesterday's mail from the Secretary to the Company in London, will be read with interest by all your subscribers.

After expressing himself very sanguinely on the future prospects of the undertaking, he says—"We are progressing very favorably with the formation of our new Company, and I have the pleasure to inform you, that I have succeeded in obtaining the cooperation of Mr. Crawshaw Bailey and Mr. Marshall of Leeds. They have become Directors of the new Company, so that we have now in the Direction one of the greatest financiers in England, Messrs. Baxter, Rose & Norton, have also consented to be the Solicitors."

As your subscribers may not be aware of the influence and prominence of the accession of these latter Gentlemen to the Company, I beg to add, that they are one of the leading law firms in London, and were the successful promoters and promoters of the "Great Northern Railway" in England, in opposition to the London and North Western Company."

I will of course be understood that all these names are in addition to the influential names already belonging to the Board.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

JULIUS THOMPSON

Manager.

St. Andrews, May 12, 1856.

"It has leaked out," and we have no doubt of the correctness of the report, that the Hon. Mr. Johnson is to be Chief Railway Commissioner, and the Hon. Mr. Smith is to be Solicitor General. Thus Mr. Johnson will be sheltered for—we had almost said for life, but at all events, as long as we have any railways to construct or look after, holding a non-political office worth £500 a year; while Mr. Smith will have an office of £250 a year and be within two jumps of the Bench. When Mr. Johnson receives his appointment we wonder if he will retain a portion of his Executive functions? One who was promoted to a high situation from the ranks of the present administration retains—we will not say the privilege of advising His Excellency, but it is currently reported, and generally believed, that he advises His Excellency's advisers."

The above appointments sufficiently account for Messrs. Johnson and Smith's denouncing their policy last fall, and speaking of them in terms of contempt; there was straw in the perspective! But what will Mr. Cullen say, after coming to their rescue (on the no confidence question) at the eleventh hour? Will he be content with one of the minor offices connected with the railway; a Directorship, for instance, with a salary of £200 a year? This may suit Tall George, or Broad George, but we always thought Mr. Cullen's ambition took a wider range, and that when he made up his mind and supported the Government, he bargained for something higher, for more straw.—[Head Quarters.]

LARGE OXEN.—A few days ago the Hon. Col. Allen brought to town a fine stall fed ox, which was purchased by Mr. N. Cameron, and when killed the four quarters weighed 998 lbs. His Excellency the Lieut. Governor has several cattle in his stable stall fed all winter, and said to be the fattest ever seen in Fredericton. One of the oxen is very large.—[Ibid.]

EMIGRANTS.—The total number of passengers arrived in the United States for the year 1855 was upwards of 230,000. Over 160,000 of these arrived in New York. Germany furnished 66,000, Ireland 49,000, and England 39,000, in round numbers. The total number of passengers arrived in this country since the 30th April, 1853, is 3,450,000.—[None Farmer.]

AN OLD CLAIM RECENTLY DISCOVERED.—The U. S. Senate on Friday was chiefly occupied in discussing a claim of Samuel F. Morse, of Machine, Me., and others, for a number, who in 1815 destroyed a ferry in Penobscot river, which was tender to the British seventy-four gun ship "Balwalk", and also for destroying a barge and capturing fourteen men. The claim is made under a law of Congress of 1813, which the captives have recently discovered in have reached their case, and amounts to \$14,000 as the value of the property and \$100 for the capture of each of the men. The resolve was finally recommended with instructions to refer the capture of the armed men portion to the Court of Claims. It gives one half the claim to Mr. Morse, and was vigorously defended by Mr. Hamilton, who reported.—[Boston Courier.]

Sale of New Stock of the Bank of New Brunswick.—One thousand shares—£50 each—of new Bank Stock of the above institution were offered for public competition on Tuesday at 11 o'clock, on the Bank steps. Mr. Hanford acting as Auctioneer. All the business people of St. John appeared to be present—numbering perhaps three or four thousand. The competition among the company was sharp and spirited; and the shares were knocked down without any occasion for dwelling any time for bids. Five thousand

pounds is the total value of the stock disposed of. There were 180 purchasers—the premiums ranged from 10 to 17 per cent, averaging 14 per cent on the fifty thousand pounds.—[News.]

### TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Explosion of Steamer "J. D. Pierce." FIVE LIVES LOST.

Fredericton, May 9. Yesterday, about noon, the Steamer "J. D. Pierce" burst her boiler, while on her way to Woodstock; Steamer "Richmond," which was passing down at the time, immediately rounded up, and rescued passengers and part of freight.

It is not yet ascertained exactly how many lives were lost, certainly not less than five; among whom were, Mrs. T. M. Johnston of Gagetown, Mr. Robert Millar, of Woodstock, (pilot), and two others, named respectively, Merritt and Work, the latter from Tobique. The steamer sunk immediately in five feet of water. Cause of explosion not yet known.—Col. Presbyter.

We have been informed this morning by a member of the Legislature, that the Provincial Inspector of Steamboats in his two annual official Reports addressed to the present Executive, strongly urged that all Steamboat Engineers should undergo a strict examination before a Board of competent persons, and that none should be allowed to be employed as the Engineer of a Steamer, unless his competency for the important office had been previously certified by such board.

The Government has paid no attention to these important suggestions—hence the late seriously disaster proposed. The system proposed has been long since adopted in Great Britain, and this fact truly accounts for the paucity of steamboat disasters in the mother country. A similar system has become a law of the United States, but is not so rigidly carried out as it ought to be. If the information we have received in reference to this matter be correct, we shall only remark for the present that the Executive government of New Brunswick have a fearful responsibility to encounter. Meet it they must, for the untimely death of five persons, and the serious injury inflicted upon several others, owing to the incompetency of an engine driver, form too grave a matter to lightly passed over.—[Chronicle.]

Mr. Smith, the Inspector, proceeded to scene of disaster, by directions of the Government, to make strict inquiry into the cause of the explosion.

## The Standard.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1856.

Before the present Government came into power, one of their favorite cries against the then Executive was the absence of any Cabinet measure for the revision and better organization of the educational system of the Province. Indeed not only did they rail against the old Executive for the want of action on this important question, but if our memory does not greatly deceive us, the most profuse promises were made on the hustings, of the mighty reforms and gigantic advantages in the cause of knowledge, which should be given to the public as soon as they had obtained the reins of State, and had overturned the old Tory administration.

Our old friend the voluble and honorable the Surveyor General, made himself particularly conspicuous, for the fervor of the interest which he professed to feel, in the cause of the education of the people, and if the importance of the subject did not forbid us to joke about it, it would really excite our risible faculties, to see what a complete revolution of sentiment has taken place in him, as well as some of his colleagues on this matter.

A great philosopher has said that "knowledge is power," but our present rulers appear to think that by fostering ignorance, they will best sustain their own power; for only on such grounds can one reconcile with common sense the motion brought in by Mr. Connell, and supported by members of the Government to shut up Kings College, and the reduction of many of the grants which have heretofore been given in aid of schools.

That the House of Assembly should have supported and sustained Mr. Connell's motion, will, we think, not be surprising to any one when they reflect on the lamentable want of education even in the common rules of gentlemanly conduct, which has been evinced by so many members of the House during the late session. It would more than fill our whole columns, were we to detail all the disgraceful scenes which have within the last three months been enacted by our legislative Representatives—and we are therefore forced to the opinion that it would be most desirable for the Governor to exercise his prerogative and dissolve the present House, in order that they may not again disgrace the Province by being allowed to assemble any more.

Skylarking and members pelting each other with paper pellets—putting water stamps in each others' pockets, or moving chairs so that they might fall backward after speaking, are perhaps trivial, but certainly childish and disgraceful acts, and totally unbecoming the

solemnity which befit the proceedings of a legislative body; but when it comes to giving the lie, which was done two or three times in open debate; and when on one occasion, the Speaker even did not consider it beneath his dignity to assure the House "that it was not after luncheon with him," we cannot forbear from expressing our disgust at such exhibitions, and again expressing our hope that the Governor will give the people an opportunity to remove the men who thus trifle with their destinies, and inflict upon them, at a cost of £100 per diem, the loss of some three or four days of the public time, while they sit with closed doors to adjust their own unseemly squabbles.

Want of space prevented us last week from adding at the foot of the Report to the Shareholders in the St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad a list of the Directors elected, for the ensuing year—we now repair this omission.

Hon. Admiral Owen, Capt. J. J. Robinson, Capt. Moses, Richard Hayne, John Farmer, Chas. Connell, Wm. Whitlock, G. D. Street, Harris H. Hatch, Wellington Hatch, Edw. Wilson, Jas. W. Street, Freeman H. Todd, Esquires.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—"A Resident and Voter" St. George is received, and is inadmissible, without the author appends his real signature. He cannot expect that we would publish his letter impeaching the character of a public officer, and leave ourselves open to an action for libel! at the instance of an anonymous correspondent.

Wm. O. Smith, Esq. has been re-elected Mayor of St. John by a majority of 801 votes over his opponent Mr. Salter. The numbers being, Smith 1201, and Salter 400.

BRITISH STEAMERS TRIUMPHANT.—The quickest trip ever performed across the Atlantic, was made by the British Steamship Persia from New York to Liverpool in 9 days 12 hours! It is reported that the Persia's last trip to New York was accomplished in nine days and a half—which beats the Baltic one hour and forty minutes.

TALL WHEAT.—We were shown Wheat at the store of Messrs. Jardine, weighing 68 lbs per bushel, which cannot be excelled in the world. It was raised on the farm of Mr. James Gault, South Bay. A few more such wheat growers as Mr. G. and New Brunswick will be able to support herself with the staff of life. For three successive years his wheat has averaged the above weight.—[Chronicle.]

It is reported that the stock of Mr. Robinson, Wine Merchant, Fredericton, was seized on Tuesday evening by the Prohibitionists in due form of law, and it was almost immediately replenished. The whole value of the liquors found in the store, does not it is said exceed £200.—[Freeman.]

By the last week's trip of the Adelaide an attempt was made to smuggle into this port a large quantity of Boots and Shoes. A similar attempt was made to smuggle some Brandy which was put up in barrels of Oysters.—[Morning Telegraph.]

BOAT RACE.—The preliminary arrangements of a proposed trial for superiority between the "Union Boat Club," of St. John, N. B., and the "John R. Putnam Club," of New York, are to be made at Dooley's Exchange on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., by the coxswains of the respective clubs. New boats have been built for their express use, which will be inaugurated upon the occasion of this race.

FIRST ARRIVALS.—The Packet Schooner Phantom, Ellis, with a cargo of produce, from Prince Edward's Island, arrived here on Monday last. This is the only arrival at our port, although the river has been open a week.—[Gleaner.]

Small Pox and Yellow Fever at Quarantine.—The ship Empire State, Captain Briggs arrived at Quarantine, N. Y. on Sunday last, having had on board during her passage 33 cases of small pox, 8 of whom died on the passage, and 25 of whom were sent by the health officer to the Marine Hospital. This ship brought into port 516 passengers. The vessel and her passengers have been detained at Quarantine for the purposes of cleansing, ventilation and fumigation.

The brig General Taylor, Captain Waterman, arrived on the 28th inst. from Port au Prince, having lost half of her crew by yellow fever during the passage, and the Captain reports that at Port au Prince the disease is very prevalent and fatal, seizing and cutting down many seamen who have hitherto visited that port with impunity, and who were supposed to have become acclimated to its infected atmosphere.

GREAT LOSS ON PRODUCE.—It is now stated that the immense quantities of wheat purchased at Chicago, Milwaukee, and other points at the West, last fall, said at the time to be on account of the French Government, were in reality bought for parties in Boston, New York, &c., who will "realize" a loss of something near a million of dollars! Millions of bushels were purchased, and the price paid were considered as high at the time,

the purchasers expecting to realize an immense profit.—Am paper.

Green peas from the South have been in New York for some time. Strawberries, very large and fine, made their debut on Tuesday morning.

TRANSCENDING FOR PEACE AT TORONTO.—The Council of Toronto appointed Tuesday week to be held as a day of Thanksgiving for the return of peace.

ESCAPE OF SHIPPING FROM GENERAL WALKER.—A private letter from Panama, dated the 6th ult., says, that among the arrivals at that port was the ship Daylight, Capt. Wilson, in tow of the steamer Cortes, from San Juan del Sur, whence they made their escape on the night of the 1st of April, together with the ship Continent, Captain Gibbs, and the —, a California packet, Captain Bears. They were threatened with seizure by the forces of General Walker.

HATCHED.—At St. John, the 6th inst., at the residence of Admiral Owen, in that city, by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rector of St. Marks, the Honorable William Johnson Ritchie, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court in this Province, to Grace Vernon, daughter of the late Thomas Nicholson, Esq. of St. John.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.—ARRIVED.—May 7th.—Schr. Utica, N. Clark, Boston, assorted cargo.

Young America among the Bells!

THE ALEXANDER FAMILY,

AS SWISS BELL RINGERS AND American Vocalists,

WOULD most respectfully announce to the inhabitants of St. Andrews and vicinity, two of their Novel and Popular Musical Entertainments, at the TOWN HALL, On FRIDAY and SATURDAY Evenings, May 23d and 24th.

Admission.—Is 3d. Children half price. Tickets to be had at G. F. Campbell's, J. Bradbury's and at the door. Doors open at 7, commence at 8 o'clock. For full particulars see Programmes and Circulars. May 14.

Notice to the Public.

THE MAILS FOR ENGLAND, will close at this Office on Sunday, 18th May, at 9 A.M., via Halifax. Tuesday 20th, at 6 A.M., via New York, per U. States' packet. Friday 23d, at 6 A.M., via New York, per British packet. Tuesday 27th, at 6 A.M., via New York, per U. States' packet. Sunday, 1st June, 9 A.M., via Halifax. The Postage for the United Kingdom, via Halifax, is 7d single rate, via New York by British Packet 10d, and by United States Packet is 5d, pre-payment optional. By Order, G. F. CAMPBELL, P.M.

Post Office, St. Andrews, May 14, 1856.

Molasses.

EX "UTICA" from Boston, now landing. 25 Hhds. Cinnamon Molasses, a prime article for retailers. For sale low. J. W. STRLET.

May 9, 1856.

Charlotte County Bank.

St. Andrews, 5th May, 1856. AT a Meeting of the Stockholders held this day, pursuant to Notice, for the purpose of choosing Directors for the ensuing year, the following Directors were duly elected, agreeably to the Act.

Honble. H. HATCH, Chairman. J. W. STREET, SAMUEL T. GOVE, G. D. STREET, WILFORD FISHER, L. H. DEVLIN, DANIEL GILMORE.

H. HATCH, Chairman. At a subsequent Meeting of the Directors, the Honorable Harris Hatch was re-elected President for the coming year.

C. W. WARDLAW, Cashier.

Assessors' Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned Assessors of Rates and Taxes, for the Parish of Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, will receive at the Office of ODELL & TURNER, until the 22d day of June next, statements, in writing, from all who are liable to be assessed for the current year, in said Parish of Saint Andrews, of the real and personal properties and incomes they possess; such statements to be sworn to before a Justice of the Peace, as the Law requires.

TIO TURNER ODELL, Assessors. WM. WHITLOCK, JAMES R. BRADFORD, St. Andrews, 1st May, 1856.