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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company is prepared to receive applications for Insurance against FIRE upon Buildings and other Property, at the Office of the subscriber. I. WOODWARD.

St. John, Nov. 11, 1846. *Secretary.*

LIVERPOOL & LONDON Fire & Life Insurance Company,

(Established in 1836.)

Capital £2,000,000—in Shares of Twenty Pounds.

THE Stockholders of this Company are responsible to the full extent of their property for the liabilities of the Company.

The undersigned hereby notifies the Public of New Brunswick, that the above named Company have empowered him, by a full and ample Power of Attorney, to open an Office in the City of Saint John, for the Insurance of PROPERTY against loss or damage by FIRE, in any part of the Province, and to sign and issue Policies in the name of the Company; and that in virtue of the power vested in him by the said Power of Attorney, he has appointed Mr. ADAM JACK to act as Agent for the said Company, in the receiving of proposals for Insurance, and the inspection of premises proposed for Insurance, and all other the usual duties of an Agent; and to collect and receive the amount of premium on any policy issued by the undersigned in the name of the said Company, or for the renewal of the same.

The Deed of settlement, and the supplemental Deed of settlement, lies with Mr. Jack, at the Office of the *New-Brunswick Marine Assurance Company*, also the pamphlets issued by the Office at Liverpool, affording ample details of the mode of transacting business by the Company.

The rates of premium will be as low as any other respectable Company, and the undersigned trusts a fair portion of public patronage will be accorded to the Company.

Losses not exceeding £500, will be settled without referring to the head Office at Liverpool.

EDWARD ALLISON.

Dated at St. John, N. B. 4th August, 1851.

UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Capital $150,000.---Charter unlimited.

No connection with Fire, Marine, or Health Insurance.

POLICIES issued at REDUCED RATES for Mercantile purposes. SPECIAL PERMITS for sea voyages and for California residence at reduced premium.

It is believed that any Parish, or association of ladies, or others, for that special purpose, or any benevolent object, desirous of securing an amount, to be paid to a Clergyman or other person on attaining the age of 40, 50 or 60 years, or to his family in the event of his death sooner occurring, will find on examination of the prospectus of this Company, (which is always furnished gratis by the Agents, or by mail if written for,) that it offers greater facilities for the attainment of that object than any other similar Institution. (See extracts from Charter, and remarks, page 17 of Prospectus.

Persons insured in this Company on the mutual plan—the "only plan," says Chambers, (see page 10 of Prospectus,) "which the public at large are concerned to support"—will have returned to them *all of the profits*, instead of a portion only, as is proposed by some of the stock or mixed companies.

Late annual dividend, *seventy five per cent.* on the premiums paid by mutual members. On Policies for Life, half the premiums vested in the party's own hands at simple interest.

The Finance Committee (who are among the most reliable financiers in this country,) superintend all investments of the Company.

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St. John March 18, 1850.

GOODS

By the 'Gipsey,' 'Charles,' and 'Richmond,' &c., received and for sale:

75 BAGS Shingle and Clapboard fine Cut NAILS, and 25 bags board fine Cut Nails, at 2¼d per lb.;
35 kegs, 100 lbs. each, 7d'y, 8d'y, 9d'y and 10d'y Horse NAILS,
50 kegs 6d'y, 8d'y and 10d'y Wrought Rose and Clasp-head NAILS,
10 casks 2½, 2¾ and 3 inch Boat Nails;
16 casks 4½ and 5 inch SPIKES,
700 yards Superfine Scotch Wool CARPETING,
300 do. Fine do. do.,
25 kegs Yellow PAINT;
5 boxes COCOA PASTE;
A variety of WOODEN WARE.

Also—*By the 'Albert' from London:*
A Case containing first-rate CHARTS of the English and Irish CHANNEL, North Atlantic, Nova-Scotia, the St. Lawrence, &c. &c.,
6 Ten inch Brass COMPASSES,
24 Log GLASSES; 30 Parallel RULERS,
12 Gunter SCALES; Quadrants, Thermometers, Ruled and Plain LOG BOOKS, &c.—For sale by the Case. JOHN KINNEAR.

T. M. REED, Apothecary and Druggist,

Corner of North Wharf and Dock Street,

RESPECTFULLY announces to his friends and the public generally, that he has opened the above well-known premises, where he intends carrying on the APOTHECARY and DRUGGIST Business, and solicits a share of public patronage.

☞ By recent arrivals from England and the United States he has received a large and well-selected stock of
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PERFUMERY, PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, BRUSHES, DYE STUFFS, &c. &c.

☞ Pure SODA WATER, with choice SYRUPS, constantly on hand.

JOHN KINNEAR,

(In Messrs. WIGGINS' new Buildings,)
PRINCE WILLIAM STREET,

Has on hand, for Sale in quantities, and by retail—

ROSE and Clasp Head wrought NAILS, of all the usual sizes:
Horse, Boat, and Pressed NAILS:
Cut NAILS of every size:
English and German Window GLASS of every size from 6x8 to 34x36.
PAPER HANGINGS from 6d. to 5s. each piece,
English and American Floor CLOTHS,
Flint *Glass-ware*, assorted kinds,
Scotch Wool CARPETING,
American Warranted CHAIRS, assorted kinds;
Raw and Boiled Linseed OIL;
Sea Elephant and Florence OILS;
CASTOR, LARD, and PINE OIL;
SPICES, both whole and ground, of all kinds,
FEATHERS, (cleaned,) assorted qualities,
Mott's Broma, CHOCOLATE, Cocoa and Ginger,
American and Bengal RICE;
Wooden Wares of various kinds,
Paints, Whiting and *Yellow Ochre*, and a number of other articles. August 26, 1851.

W. H. ADAMS

Has received per Ships 'Montrose' and 'Sophia'—

4 CASES *Hoole, Staniforth & Co's* GANG CIRCULAR, and CROSS CUT SAWS;
1 Cask Mill, Pit and Hand-saw FILES;
752 pieces Pots, Bakepans, and spare COVERS,
2 Cases "Thomson's" short SCREW AUGERS

From the United States:

73 Cistern and Well PUMPS,
A few setts Patent Pipe Boxes, for Wood Axles.

—ON HAND—

280 Canada Close STOVES,
13 Tons HOLLOW WARE—*well assorted;*
LEAD PIPE, from 5/8 to 1½ inch,
270 Boxes Window GLASS. Sept. 23.

S. K. FOSTER'S Ladies Fashionable Shoe Store,

Germain Street, Foster's Corner.

New Cloth Boots, &c. &c.

Just received per Ships "Highland Mary," from London, and "Speed," from Liverpool:—

21 CASES of Ladies, Misses and Children's CLOTH BOOTS;
Ladies Cashmere, Merino and Prunella Boots;
Do. White and Black Satin SLIPPERS.
Do Bronze and Black Kid and Enamelled Dancing SLIPPERS;
Do. Patent Russia Kid and Morocco Walking SHOES,
Do. Carpet and House SHOES, in great variety,
Misses CLOTH BOOTS, of every quality;
Do. Prunella and Cashmere BOOTS, assorted;
Do. Black and Bronze Kid and Satin Dancing SLIPPERS,
Do. Walking Shoes of every style and quality
Children's CLOTH BOOTS, and every other variety;
Cheap Shoes and Boots *of all sorts.*

Sept. 30. S. K. FOSTER.

Cooking Stoves, &c.

W. H. ADAMS

Has just received a good assortment of the following STOVES, &c., which he offers at low prices, viz:

COOKING and Close STOVES;
Air-tight Cast Iron Franklins & Hall Stoves,
Charcoal FURNACES; OVEN MOUTHS,
Ornamental Parlor STOVES,
Farmers' Boiler Stove. Sept. 22, 1851.

SHEFFIELD HOUSE,

Market Square.

Just received per Steamer, and Schooner 'Charles, from Halifax,—

BEST quality Plated Wares; Hair and Pebble Bracelets; Gold and Plated Shirt Studs; Signet Rings, Gold Pencil Cases and Lockets, Gold Albert Chains, Eye Glasses, Gold Watches, Black Brooches, Wedding Rings, Nutpickers, Tweezers, Key Rings, Rodgers & Sons' 1, 2, 3, and 4 Blade Knives; Joseph Elliott's Razors, Table Cutlery, &c. &c.—all of which, with their large Stock of Goods on hand, are offered at the lowest prices—Wholesale and Retail.

ROBINSON & THOMPSON,
Sept. 9th, 1851. Proprietors.

Hams and Mess Pork.

EX *Eliza Jane* from Boston—2 Casks Smoked HAMS; 11 barrels and 7 half barrels MESS PORK, for sale by

Oct. 14. GEORGE THOMAS.

DOMESTIC. Vulcan Foundry Manufactures.

THE attention of the Public is respectfully requested to the inspection of a large and extensive assortment of

COOKING STOVES,
FRANKLINS, REGISTER GRATES,
WOOD STOVES, AND PLOUGHS,

of the newest and most approved Patterns, to be seen at the Brick Warehouse in *Prince William Street*, late in the occupation of Messrs. Ranney, Sturdee & Co.

☞ Orders for CASTINGS, and all other Work, left as above, will have immediate attention. JOHN V. THURGAR.

St. John N. B., 27th Sept., 1851.
[Cour., Cons., News, N. Br., Free, 6 weeks each.]

HARDWARE.

W. H. ADAMS,

Has just received per ships *Ofied* and *Stirling*.—

1 CASK COUNTER SCALES, and Brass CANDLESTICKS;
1 cask Registered SAD IRONS;
2 casks Chain TRACES; 1 cask Ox CHAINS;
1 cask Rim Locks, Bolts, Brad Awls, &c.
12 Blacksmith's ANVILS; 24 do do VICES;
100 PLOUGHSHARE MOULDS;
4 bundles riveted-handle SHOVELS;
1 cask Pipe RIVETS. Oct. 7.

"THEMIS."

NOW landing, ex ship *Themis*, from Liverpool—a large assortment of GROCERIES, comprising—
CURRANTS, Smyrna Cooking RAISINS,
E. I. Bleached GINGER,
Maccaroni, Vermicelli, Isinglass,
Mustard, Starch, Citron and Lemon PEEL,
Cream Tartar, Blacking, Sallad OIL,
Curry Powder, SAUCES, Bath Brick, &c.

JARDINE & CO.

St. John, Oct. 21, 1851.

FELT! FELT! Received on consignment—10 Cases Patent SHEATHING FELT, at low rates. GEO. THOMAS,
Oct. 14. *South Market Wharf.*

Great Reduction in Prices.

SMELLIE & ABERCROMBY

Prince William Street,

IN order to make room for their Fall Importations, (now daily expected) have reduced the price of their present Stock, and would call the particular attention of Purchasers to the prices of their

GENTS. CLOTHS—in Tweeds, Cassimeres, Cachmerettes, Gambroon, Russell Cords, &c.

Ladies DRESS Materials,

In Silk and Wool Bareges, Sylphine Silks, Silk Checks, spun Silks, (plain and plaided); Crape de Soi, Coburgs, Orleans, Chameleon Cloths, &c. &c.

LONG & SQUARE SHAWLS,

In French Broche, Paisley Filled, Black Satin Plain, Watered and Ottoman, Black and Drab Indiana, Printed Cachmere, Barege, &c. &c.

Together with a large assortment of Printed COTTONS, Mourning ditto ditto, and other Staple and Fancy articles.

DRY GOODS! DRY GOODS!

Important to the Public.

Just Received, per ships "Glasgow" and "Onyx," from the Clyde, "Speed" and "Lisbon" from London and Liverpool, and Steamer "Admiral."

A LARGE and varied assortment of British and American Fancy and Staple GOODS.

DRESS MATERIALS,

in French and English Delaines, Printed Orleans, Printed Muslins, Organdies, Worsted Barages, Plain and Shaded Orleans, Cobourgs, Saxonies, 4-4 and 5-4 Prints, in great variety.

SILK GOODS,

in Fancy Glace, Plain and Embossed Satinetts Poplins, Watered and Figured Gros de Naples Persians, &c., a large assortment of French and British Bonnet and Cap Ribbons, Plain Satin and Corded Lutestring do., Ladies' Fancy Neckties, Gents' Bandanna, Barcelona, Barathea, and Fancy Handkerchiefs, Stocks, Operas, Paris Ties, &c. &c. Ladies' Mantles, in Satin, Glace, and Fancy Silks

BONNETS,

in Satin Mixtures, Albona, Crimp Edge, Devon-Fancy Straw, Rice, Luton, Indented, Open Edge, Tuscan, Willow, Colored Albon, Imperials, &c.—Misses' in great variety; Children's Hats, in Spanish, Venetian, Cyprian, Princess Royal, Swiss, Coburg, Trimmed, Velvet and Felt Hats, Bibiste do., Vermont, Hungarian, Richmond and Cachmere Hoods.

GLOVES,

Ladies' and Gents' French and English Kid, Lisle Thread, Fancy Silk, Berlin, &c., Hosiery, Haberdashery, &c. &c.

An immense assortment of Laces, Netts, Tarlatons, Muslin Collars, Chemerettes, Habits Shirts, Mourning do., Blonds, Rouches, Cap Fronts, Muslin Trimmings, &c.

Long and Square Shawls, Fancy Indianna, plain and printed Cachmere, Handkerchiefs, &c.

TOILETTE REQUISITES, &c. &c.

Broadcloths, Doeskins, Satinetts, Cassimeres, and Summer Cloths, a choice assortment of Satin and other VESTINGS.

Gents' HATS, Cloth Caps, &c. &c.

The attention of the Public is particularly called to the Stock of Plain and Staple Goods, which will be found complete in every particular, having been selected by one of their Firm in the best English and American Markets, and will be offered at such prices as to merit the attention of purchasers.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

J. & H. FOTHERBY.

GOODS

Per the Montrose, from Liverpool:

BALES Grey Wrapping PAPER,
Bags of Black PEPPER,
Bags of ALLSPICE,
Bags Bengal RICE,
Barrels Blue VITRIOL,
Barrels LAMP BLACK,
Barrels CREAM OF TARTAR,
Kegs Ground MUSTARD and GINGER,
Boxes Patent STARCH.

A box Cassia, a cask Glue, a pipe of Boiled Linseed OIL, and a box of Reference Files in Cloth and Leather.

Also, 120 boxes Sheet Window GLASS.
—*Now landing, for sale.*
sept. 9. JOHN KINNEAR.

AUTUMN, 1851.

New and beautiful style of Hats.

C. D. EVERETT & SON having received their Autumn style of Blocks, are now prepared to furnish the public with HATS of all qualities of this universally admired fashion.

On hand and constantly making up—HATS and CAPS of a variety of styles which we offer at very low rates. A few Drab Union Summer Hats—low crown and very light—having been left on hand, will now be disposed of at greatly reduced prices. Please call and examine at either of our Stores—East side of Market Square or North side of King Street. Sept. 9.

Burning Fluid.

THE Subscriber has just received per 'Cuba' from Boston, a further supply of the above warranted a *superior* article.

T. M. REED,
Sept. 16. Head of North Wharf

HARDWARE.

W. Tisdale & Son

Are receiving ex 'Speed,' 'John S. DeWolf,' 'Highland Mary,' and 'Sterling'—

CASKS Horse and Ox Shoe NAILS;
Do. Horse TRACES and Ox CHAINES
Do. Vicker's Mill, Cut, and other FILES,
50 Boxes best Charcoal TIN PLATES, IC. DC.;
Hoole, Staniforth & Co's 5, 5½, 6, 6, and 7½ feet MILL SAWS,
Do. do. 4½, 5, 5½, and 6 feet CUT SAWS;
One Ton Iron WIRE, all sizes,
One Crate COAL SCOOPS;
135 Boxes English GLASS, from 9x7 to 20x14,
65 Bags NAILS, assorted sizes,
10 Casks Boiled and Raw PAINT OIL,
2 Tons Brandram's No. 1 White LEAD,
100 Kegs GUNPOWDER, C. E. FF, and Canister,
75 Cistern and Well PUMPS;
2 Tons LEAD PIPE, ½ inch to 1½ inch,
6 Sheets LEAD,
2 Cases Newspaper Holders, Letter Clips, &c.—these are quite new styles, and much approved, all which will be sold at low rates.

N. B.—Remainder of Stock expected in the *Augusta* and *Themis*. Sept. 30.

Mathiews' Vinegar.

LANDING *ex Peruvian* from Philadelphia—6 Casks and 44 barrels Cider Vinegar.

GEORGE THOMAS,
Oct. 14. South Market Wharf

Poetry.

King Coal at the Great Exhibition.

They drew me forth from my darksome den,
Where for ages I dwelt with night;
They bore me up, and, with shouts of men,
They welcomed me into the light.
O'er hill and o'er vale, by steam and by rail,
They conveyed me safe and whole;
They placed me in state at the Palace gate,
And there I reign, King Coal.

For 'twas mine these walls, with their silvery sheen
To prepare in their crystal sea;
And the forest of pillars that tower within
Were molten and shaped by me.
Yon engine that proudly lifts his beam,
The spindles that merrily roll,
The circling wheel and the moving steam,
Were all set to work by King Coal.

The rulers have kept King Coal without—
Within it is gold that reigns;
But with me there is peace and labor stout,
Whilst gold gathers care with its gains.
In the Palace are beauties to charm the eye,
And riches to tempt the soul,
And canopied couches where Kings may lie;
But their costliest bed of state cannot vie
With the bed of the dark King Coal.

THE RAINY DAY.

BY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
The vine still clings to the mouldering wall,
But at every gust the dead leaves fall,
And the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind in never weary;
My thoughts still cling to the mouldering past,
But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast,
And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining:
Thy fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall,—
Some days must be dark and dreary.

A Mississippi Electioneering Speech.

The following "model electioneering speech" was delivered by Mr. Daniel R. Russel, the Union candidate for Auditor, at the late election in Mississippi. A Mr. Swan was his competitor, and the Secession candidate, and according to the Tuscaloosa Monitor, from whence we get the report, he was sorely puzzled for an appropriate reply. The speech is a rare specimen of Western humor.—*Newark Daily Adv.*

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I rise—but there's no use of telling you that; you know I am up as well as I do. I am a modest man—very—but I have never lost a picayune by it in my life. Being a scarce commodity among candidates, I thought I would mention it, for fear if I didn't you never would hear it.

Candidates are plenty as blackberries, and as numerous as office seekers, but they are not; they are the politest men in the world, shake you by the hand, ask you how's your family, what's the prospect for crops, &c., and I am the politest man there is in the State. Davy Crockett says the politest man he ever saw when he asked a man to drink turned his back so that he might drink as much as he pleased. I beat that all hollow; I give a man a chance to drink twice if he wishes, for I not only turn around, *but shut my eyes.* I am not only the politest man, but the best electioneerer. You ought to see me shaking hands with the variations—the pump-handle and pendulum, the cross-cut and wiggle-waggle. I understand the science perfectly, and if any of the county candidates wish instructions they may call on me.

Fellow citizens, I was born—if I hadn't been I would'nt have been a candidate; but I am going, to tell you where: 'twas not in Mississippi, but 'twas on the right side of the negro line; yet that's no compliment, as the negroes are mostly born on the same side. I started in the world as poor as a church mouse, yet I came honestly by my poverty, for I inherited it; and if I did start poor, no man can say but that I have held my own remarkably well.

Candidates generally ask you, if you think they are qualified, &c. Now, I don't ask your thoughts; I ask your votes. Why, there's nothing to think of, except to watch and see that Swan's name is not on your ticket. If so, *think* to scratch it off and put mine on. I am certain that I am competent, for who had ought to know better than I do? Nobody. I will allow that Swan is the best Auditor in the State—that is, till I am elected; then perhaps it's not proper for me to say any thing more. Yet, as an honest man, I am bound to say that I believe it is a grievous sin to hide any thing from my fellow citizens; therefore, I say that its my private opinion, publicly expressed, that I'll make the best Auditor ever in the United States.

'Tis not for honor I wish to be Auditor, for in my own county I was offered an office that was all honor—Coroner—which I respectfully declined. The Auditor's office is worth some $5,000 a year, and I am in for it like a thousand of brick. To show my goodness of heart, I'll make this offer to my competitor. I am sure of being elected, and he will lose something by the canvass; therefore I am willing to divide equally with him, and make these two offers: I'll take the salary, and he may have the honor; or he may have the honor, and I'll take the salary.

In the way of honors I have received enough to satisfy me for life. I went out to Mexico, ate pork and beans, slept in the rain and mud, and swallowed every thing except live Mexicans. If ordered to "go," I went; "charge," I charged; "break for the chaparal," you had better believe I beat a quarter nag in doing *my* duty.

My competitor, Swan, is a bird of golden plumage, who has been swimming for the last four years in the Auditor's pond at $5,000 a year. I am for rotation. I want to rotate him out, and to rotate myself in. There's plenty of room for him to swim outside of that pond; therefore *pop* in your votes for me; I'll *pop* him out and *pop* myself in.

I am for a division of labor, Swan says he has to work all the time, with his nose down to the public grindstone. Four years must have ground it to a *pint.* Poor fellow, the public ought not to insist on having the handle of his mug ground *clean off.* I have a large, fullgrown, and well-blown nose, red as a beet, and tough as sole-leather. I rush to the post of duty. I offer it a sacrifice. I clap it on the grindstone. Fellow-citizens, grind away—grind away till I *holler enuff*, and that will be some time first, for I'll hang like grim death.

Time's most out. Well, I like to forgot to tell you my name. Its Daniel—for short, Dan. Not a handsome name, for my parents were poor people, who lived where the quality appropriated all the nice names; therefore they had to take what was left and divide around among us; but it's as handsome as I am——D. R. Russell.—Remember, every one of you, that it's not Swan.

I am sure to be elected; so, one and all, great and small, short and tall, when you come down to Jackson, after the election, stop at the Auditor's office; the latch string always hangs out; enter without knocking; take off your things and make yourself at home.

Magnitude of Modern Road Works compared with Ancient.—The Rev. Mr. Burgess, B. D., lately read a paper at the Institute of Architects, in which, speaking of the extent of ancient Roman road works, he said:—I have spoken of 231,000 cubic feet of masonry and rubble as contained in one of the great works of the Via Appia: the high level bridge at Newcastle alone contains of masonry 681,609: of rubble 116396; of concrete 46,224; total 844,229, besides 5050 tons of iron, of which the Romans knew nothing. The whole cost of this undertaking was £234,450. The cubic feet of masonry in the Britannia bridge, which we must consider as a viaduct, and the wonder of the present age, is 1,500,000: and the cost was £601,865. The cost of the Conway bridge, with £38,500 worth of masonry, was £145,190. And, finally, the Tweed Viaduct is said to contain two million cubic feet of masonry. We have, then, in these four great works alone—the Britannia and Conway bridges—the Newcastle and Berwick viaduct, or bridges—near four millions and a half of cubic feet of masonry; the whole costing not less than £1,280,000. That is to say if we could find in the Roman Empire one hundred such works as the celebrated construction of the Via Appia, they would hardly equal in masonry or stone work these four productions of the "ultima Britannia."

Although we have but little or no data to go upon for making a comparison of expenditure and labor, yet we may gather enough to maintain the proposition, that all the great works of the Roman empire connected with the lines of communication did not equal the works of a similar kind which now exist in the island of Britannia. Another thing which hinders us from making comparisons as to cost: we have in every line of railway £6000 per mile for land; Appius Claudius cut through the country of the Volsci without asking the price, and dispensed with all juries for assessing damages.—The comforts of law expenses were not known; and I doubt if the surveyors and engineers got £1200 a mile. When Augustus remade the Flaminian way to Rimini, he was the sole shareholder, and gave no script. Julius Cæsar and Marc Antony raised great works, but they knew nothing about raising dividends. That which would have astounded them more than an irruption of barbarians would have been a bill for £1800 for every mile of road for parliamentary and law expenses.—*The Builder.*

Affection of the Whale for its Young.—I have heard of one of these whales with a cub, when driven into shoal water, being seen to swim around its young, and sometimes to embrace it with her fins, and roll over and over with it in the waves, evincing the tenderest maternal solitude. Then, as if aware of the impending peril of her inexperienced offspring, as the boat neared her, she would run round her calf in decreasing circles, and try to decoy it seaward, showing the utmost uneasiness and anxiety. Reckoning well that the calf once struck, the dam would never desert it, the only care of the harpooneer was to get near enough to bury his tremedous weapon deep in its ribs, which was no sooner done than the poor animal darted away with its anxious dam, taking out an hundred fathoms of line. It was but a little time, however, before it was checked, and the barb lacerating its vitals, being checked, and displaying its white belly on the surface of the water, it floated a motionless corpse. The huge dam, with an affecting maternal instinct more powerful than reason, never quitted the body, till a cruel harpoon entered her own sides, then, with a single tap of her tail, she cut in two one of the boats, and took to flight; but returned soon, exhausted with loss of blood, to die by her calf, evidently, in her last moments, more occupied with the preservation of her young than herself.—*The Whaleman's Adventures in the Southern Ocean.*

Overland Communication with India.—A very influential meeting of merchants and others was held on Tuesday at the City of London Tavern, Samuel Gregson, Esq., in the Chair, when resolutions to the following effect were unanimously adopted:—"That a safe and speedy means of transit through Egypt were essential to good government and social intercourse between Europe and the East. That the interference of the Porte in the internal administration of Egypt in attempting to stop the construction of the railroad in that country, would deprive the Pasha of his just rights, and would be injurious to British interests. That a memorial be presented to the Prime Minister calling upon him to take immediate and energetic measures to give the Pasha of Egypt all the support he required, and that a resolution be conveyed to Abbas Pasha, assuring him of the sympathy, support, and admiration of the meeting." A committee was appointed to carry the resolutions into execution.—The *Journal des Debats* says that it is authorised to declare that there is no truth whatever in the statement of some of the journals that the ambassador of the Ottoman Porte, in a recent interview with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, presented a note, setting forth that, as Abbas Pasha had refused to satisfy the Porte, it was determined to employ force to prevent the execution of the railway from Alexandria to Cairo.

William the Conqueror.—The bronze statue of William the Conqueror, which is to be inaugurated at Falaise on the 26th instant, is now exposed to public view in the Champs Elysees, at Paris. The King is represented on a fiery charger, and turning towards his companions, whom he urges to follow him, showing them the banner which the Pope had sent to him for the northern crusade.—He wears round his neck some of these relics upon which Harold swore to be loyal to him. The statue will be raised on a pedestal of granite, on the square of the Trinity, at the foot of the old castle, whence the Norman hero will appear to be issuing once more to proceed to England. His costume is that in which he is represented in the celebrated tapestry of Bayeux, embroidered by Queen Matilda, the most authentic monument of that period which Napoleon caused to be exhibited in the Louvre, in 1804, when he contemplated to repeat at Boulogne the expedition of William—that is, the invasion of England.

Sir Henry Bulwer.—Sir Henry Bulwer's reconciliation with Narvaez is announced. The latter, on his recent visit to England, expressed to Lord Palmerston his regret at the unceremonious expulsion of Sir Henry from the Court of Spain. At that time it was his conviction that the safety of his country depended upon the extermination of the revolutionary party, whose chiefs boasted the friendship, and abused the hospitality of the British Minister. Soon after Sir Henry Bulwer's arrival at Paris, their reconciliation was celebrated at a grand dinner given by Narvaez at the Trois Freres Provencaux, at which the Spanish Minister, Donoso Cortes, and all the grandees and dons of note at Paris, were present.

The large Organ in the great exhibition, built by Wills, of London, has, we are informed, been purchased, for £600, for the Wesleyan chapel, Pitt-street, Barnsley.—*Leeds Intelligencer.*

Legerdemain.—One of the most remarkable tricks of Professor Anderson is called "the Inexhaustible Bottle." It completely puzzles and bewilders, even many of those who suppose that they are pretty well acquainted with the movements and contrivances of all modern wizards and magicians. The Professor makes his appearance, and announces that he is about to supply all the ladies and gentlemen within range of his walk, extending from one end of the room to the other, with any kind of liquor they may choose—brandy, gin, whiskey, or rum—and all from a single bottle! He forthwith distributes several dozen glasses, and then he produces the extraordinary bottle. It is of the form of an ordinary champagne, but considerably larger, and apparently capable of holding about three pints.—The Professor then passes along a little platform, extending through the middle of the room, and pours out—first, brandy—then gin—and then rum—and then whiskey, quite as rapidly as the various liquors are called—sometimes three of rum in succession, and sometimes six of whiskey—just as the company desire. And this is kept up for a considerable time, long enough to exhaust a dozen such bottles—to the astonishment as well as the delight of the audience. At the close the bottle is spoken, and two pocket-handkerchiefs are taken from within.—*Phila. Inquirer.*

A Committee on the Late Artic Reports.—A Committee is being formed by the Admiralty, of which, it is said, Admiral Bowles, C.B., will most probably be the chairman, to consider the reports of the respective commanders of the Artic searching expeditions, and to report what, upon a close and careful investigation of the facts laid before them, further, if any, steps should be taken towards the rescue, or with the view of ascertaining the fate, of Sir John Franklin and his companions. Although the story of Sir John Ross and his informer, Adam Beck, is not entertained by any official in or out of the Admiralty, it would perhaps be as well for the committee, now that they have the intelligent young Esquimaux, Erasmus York, at hand, as well as Captain Penny's able interpreter, to examine him formally on the subject.

We have had "all sorts" of weather during the week past. Delightfully sunny days, which made every one good natured, were succeeded by a heavy, chilling rain, and yesterday morning the air was like that of December.—*N. Y. paper.*

Antiquated Type.—Mr. Chadwick, Letter Press Printer in Exchange street, Boston, has issued specimens of printing on types which bring back the style of execution which was familiar to our ancestors. He has procured from Europe fonts of type of this description for the purpose of printing Bonds, Certificates, Ohecks, and other mercantile blanks and papers, for those whose taste, or regard for antiquity, may lead them to prefer that style of execution for those purposes.

P. T. Barnum being asked one day the secret of his success, says the correspondent of the New York Express, simply laughed and said: "Printers Ink."

The Black Swan's Concert.—We understand that the receipts of the dark lady's entertainment on Wednesday evening were upwards of four hundred dollars.—*Buffalo paper*

Emigration from Maine.—Of the 750 passengers in the Ohio on her trip to Chagres, nearly one quarter, according to a correspondent of the Bangor Whig, were from Maine!

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Special Session of the Legislature was opened on Tuesday at Halifax. After the usual preliminary proceedings, Wm. Young, Esq., was elected Speaker by a majority of four votes over James D. Frazer, Esq., and the House being then summoned to the Council Chamber, His Excellency Sir John Harvey delivered the following Speech:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Public attention has for some time past been directed to the importance of establishing Railway Communication between the Southern sea board of Nova Scotia and the St. Lawrence, and a Branch line to connect the main trunk with the Railway system of the United States. The Negociations which I deemed it my duty to open last year with the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, resulted in a generous offer from Her Majesty's Government to recommend to Parliament to guarantee or advance the funds required to construct both these lines upon certain conditions—the adjustment of which during the past summer rendered communications with the Governments of the neighbouring Provinces indispensible. The Legislature of Canada has made provision for their portion of the line from Halifax to Quebec, and for its extension through the territory of the Province, to the western Frontier. The Government of New Brunswick awaits your ratification of the terms proposed at the conference held at Toronto in July last, to assemble the Legislature with a view to secure its friendly co-operation—as the Imperial Parliament will probably meet early in the New Year!! and as it is of great consequence that the laws passed by the Colonial Government should be transmitted without delay, to secure the appropriation contemplated, in time to warrant the commencement of operations in the spring, I have called you together at this unusual period—confident—that you would at whatever personal sacrifice, cheerfully aid me by a prompt and calm consideration of a question of the greatest magnitude and importance.

The Correspondence that has been passed and the measures which I have directed to be prepared, shall be laid before you as soon as the forms of Parliament permit. I confidently commend the subject which they embrace to your diligent and enlightened review; and believing as I do that the destinies of these noble Provinces are to a great extent involved in the result of your consideration of this question, I shall anxiously await your decision, and trust that the author of all wisdom and goodness may guide your deliberations.

Quebec, Oct. 28.—The new Ministry were sworn in this day at three o'clock. The following are the members of the new Cabinet:—Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Chairman of Committee; Hon. Mr. Hincks, Inspector General; Hon. A. N. Morin, Provincial Secretary; Hon. John Young, Chief Commissioner of Public Works; Dr. Rolph, Commissioner of Crown Lands; Hon. James Morris, Postmaster General; Hon. E. P. Taché, Receiver General; Hon. L. P. Drummond, Attorney General, East; Hon. W. B. Richards, Attorney General, West; Hon. R. E. Caron, who has a seat in the Council, holding the office of Speaker of the Legislative Council. The Solicitor Generalship East, is not yet filled.