

The Wesleyan.

HALIFAX, MONDAY, JULY 1.

POLITICAL SUMMARY.

In glancing over the different newspapers, which have come to hand during the course of the past week, we find very few articles of political intelligence, that are deserving of particular notice. We are still kept in a state of suspense respecting the position of political parties in Britain, and the two great leading divisions in the House of Commons, are now so nearly equal in numbers, that it seems difficult to determine which of them shall obtain the ascendancy.

The Queen Dowager, at the latest dates, was at Lisbon, on her return from the Mediterranean to Britain, and great preparations were making for her arrival in England.—We are sorry to learn that the Chartists, notwithstanding the Queen's Proclamation, and the energetic measures which have been adopted by the civil and military authorities, to suppress tumults and insurrections, are still mustering in formidable bodies, providing themselves with arms, and in several instances committing acts of open and deliberate violence. In the manufacturing districts, and in some parts of Wales, their conduct has been wicked and outrageous in the extreme, they have plundered several houses, stabbed with their murderous weapons a number of quiet and peaceable citizens, and the authorities have been compelled to call out the military in order to quell their lawless and bloody attacks.

The affairs of the European continent are becoming more settled and tranquil of late, always excepting the Parisian Mobs and Spanish Butcheries; and a meeting of the Sovereigns of Europe, we understand, is likely to take place in Germany during the summer for what purpose is not distinctly stated.—*Guardian*.

SHIPWRECK.—In the course of the last week nearly three hundred emigrants were landed in this town, having suffered shipwreck about twenty leagues to the eastward of Halifax, in the ship *Aid de Camp*, Innes, 35 days from Londonderry, bound to St. John, N. B.

The melancholy calamity which has deprived them of almost all their little earthly property, and hurried several of their companions to an untimely grave, occurred at an early hour on Tuesday morning, when they were all fast asleep. The shock, which shattered, and soon after broke up the vessel, speedily aroused them from their slumbers, and compelled most of them to flee for safety, with scarcely sufficient clothing to protect them from the inclemency of the weather without being able to preserve any of their luggage. In this state they were landed on a rugged shore amidst a scattered and poor population, but we are happy to say, for the honour of the Province, that the inhabitants of Keppel Harbour, manifested the greatest kindness and humanity to those forlorn fellow-creatures, and cheerfully supplied them with the homely provisions which they had in their houses.

The emigrants speak in the most feeling and grateful language both of the conduct of the captain and crew when the ship struck, and also of the behaviour of the settlers on the shore after they landed. On Saturday, 22d ult., they were brought in coasting vessels to Halifax, and the magistrates and other humane inhabitants, have been endeavouring to do all in their power to provide for their immediate wants, and to mitigate their sorrows. A number of those who have resolved to remain in Halifax, have already found employment, and we understand that a vessel has been chartered to carry those who wish to go to St. John, N. B., and have relations in that city, to their intended destination.—*Id.*

Thursday last being the anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne of these realms, salutes were fired from the citadel and by the ships in harbour.—*Times*.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—At Newport, on the 6th inst, Mr. George Edward Lavers lost his life in a shocking manner. While endeavouring, with some neighbours, to put Mr. Parker's mill in order, the upper part of the saw gate (not being sufficiently supported) fell with its full weight, and fractured his skull, dislodged his left eye, and otherwise maimed him. He immediately expired. Mr. Lavers has been a member of the Baptist Church for a number of years, much respected and beloved by all his friends and acquaintance, and has left a bereaved widow and ten children to lament their loss.—*Rec.*

We regret to learn by a letter received from Picton that the store of Henry Hatton, Esq. of that place, with a large quantity of property, has been totally destroyed by fire.—*Journal*.

From the Boston Transcript.

NEW YORK, June 1st, 1839.—Mr. Transcript. In your last paper of yesterday, you ask for some information from your *confreres*, respecting the Iron Steamboat. Having looked through the Directory in vain for any persons of that name, I have concluded to give you some information myself. The Iron Steamer Robert F. Stockton, was built in London by order of Fras. B. Ogden, Esq., American Consul at Liverpool, and is entered at our Custom House as an American vessel. Her registered tonnage, (English measurement) is *fifteen and a half* tons. You are aware that an allowance is always made in favour of steamboats, deducting room taken up for engine, boilers, &c.—If the R. F. S. had been measured as a sailing vessel, I should judge she would have been rated from twenty-five to thirty tons. She is a few inches more than 71 feet in length, and does more than 10 feet beam. Her engine is in her, and steam could be got up, if required, in four or five hours. Every thing came over on board of her, (connected with her steaming apparatus) excepting about 1500 lbs. iron work, which was shipped in the Quebec. The boat is going to New Jersey to have every thing put in order, when she will return to New York and make some experimental trips for the gratification of us scientific men, and then take her station, to move on the Delaware canal. I should have stated before, that her engine, of a novel construction, (Ericson's) is placed in the after part of the boat, and occupies a space about as large as your counting room table, say 3½ by 5½ feet. The above facts were elicited in an highly interesting conversation with her commander, Captain Jack Crane, by your obedient servant,
JO HAYNES, Esq.

Montreal, June 11.

We have to record the loss by fire, between three and four o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst. of the Canadian steamer, *John Bull*, on her passage from Quebec to Montreal. The fire was discovered short after the *John Bull* left *William Henry*, and nearly opposite to *Lanoraye*. This lamentable catastrophe is accompanied with the melancholy fact of the loss of upwards of twenty lives, most of whom were drowned, having jumped overboard in their attempt to escape from the burning boat. The fire appears to have originated in the engineers' room, and had made such progress previous to its being discovered, that those who were saved escaped with great difficulty, and with the loss of all their baggage. The three men who were on duty at the time, viz. the second engineer of the *John Bull*, a fireman, and one of the crew, are missing, and it is supposed that they were either burned to death or