

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
A correspondent of the Spring Republican gives an interesting account of a visit lately made to the Bank of England. This bank was founded in the reign of William III., about the year 1734. The average amount of bills is £1,000,000 sterling per day. The exterior appearance of the bank is that of an immensely large, but low, flat building. Inside it appears not as one building, but many; the chief rooms are surrounded by beautiful rotundas, and are lighted from above. Eight hundred men are constantly employed in the bank buildings.

ARREST OF A FEMALE AT HAVANA. A lady, the wife of a Creole gentleman, named Silva, a family well and favorably known in Havana was, it is said, lately thrown into a prison there. She has since been placed in the especial custody of the administrator of the prison, or some high officer of the institution, who is responsible for her safety. Madame Silva is to be tried on suspicion of having been a member of the *Ligue* Order of Odd Fellows.

A country editor who has just got married gets off the following:
"Love is found in gentle hearts. It dwells not amid the ruins of pleasure—it dies in the glare of splendor, and cannot live in a heart devoted to dress and weak follies; it is more natural in quietness than loud applause, or the world's praise. Give us the sharply defined feelings of a young and timid girl, and we leave you the professions of a gaudy coquette."

This sounds very pretty; we wonder if it is true. These demure looking girls are not always to be depended upon. A friend of ours lately married one of these "young and timid girls," and in six weeks she marked her "sharply defined feelings" on his face with her finger nails.

DEATH OF COL. BENJ. POORE. A letter from D. N. Spooner, dated Canton, O., states the death of Col. Poore, of Indian Hill Farm, Newbury. He was drowned at the time of the wreck of the *Lady Evelyn*, on the 22d of July last, on the island of Pile, lying south-east of Forehook. It was on his way to California.—*Boston Transcript*.

AN ORGANIZED BAND OF ROBBERS. The arrest of a young man, bound together by solemn oaths, chiefly for the purpose of committing robberies and burglaries. A young man named Charles Hopkins was the leader or captain of the gang and a room in State street served for their headquarters. A considerable number of their "implements" have been captured by the police, and several of the band arrested.

New Kinds of Freight. A family of some name passed through Dayton, Ohio, last week, on their way to Iowa, on a freight train, and as freight. At Bellefontaine, they were put upon the scales and weighed like dead loads, and a regular bill of lading was made out for them at 16 cents per hundred after which they were stowed away in a freight car, and locked up like so many boxes of merchandise or so many tubs of grease. We knew a man once who being short of funds, contrived to get packed up in a barrel and thus passed as freight a hundred or two miles by the cars.—*Am. Paper*.

Heavy Failure and Reported Forgery. The Norwich Weekly Courier states that Sir Abner T. Pierce, of that place, who had been largely engaged in the manufacture of cars in Norwich, and also at the eastern terminus of the Erie Railroad, has been obliged to suspend payments. To this announcement, the Courier adds the following painful statement: "Since the above was in type we learn that the failure of Mr. Pierce has brought to light another and more startling fact, viz: that he has been engaged in forgery to a heavy amount—not less than \$90,000 of his spurious paper having been found in the banks of this city. Mr. Pierce meanwhile has disappeared from Norwich, and it is conjectured that he has left the country. The hour at which we send our paper to press precludes further details to-day, farther than to add that before leaving Mr. Pierce executed mortgages and made assignments partially protecting some of the parties largely involved in his ruin."—*State of Maine*.

Pamphlet Postage.—We are glad to find that this subject has not been lost sight of by our Provincial Executive. A Royal Gazette Extra, of Dec. 21st, contains a Proclamation by His Excellency Sir E. W. Head, announcing that an arrangement (under the Act of Assembly, 16th Viet.) for facilitating the transmission of Books and Pamphlets between Great Britain and this Province has been sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and by Her Majesty's Post Master General; which arrangement is to take effect on and after the 2nd day of January 1854. From that day, therefore, Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews, and Pamphlets may be sent by mail to and from the United Kingdom and this Province, at the following rates, to be in all cases pre-paid:—each packet, (containing only one publication, without cover, or with a cover open at the ends, and having no other writing thereon than the name and address of the person to whom it is sent) not exceeding 1 lb. in weight, 6d. sterling; from 1 lb. to 1 lb. 1s. sterling; from 1 lb. to 2 lbs., 2s. sterling; from 2 lbs. to 3 lbs., 3s. sterling; and 1s. sterling for every additional pound or fraction of a pound; no package must exceed two feet in length, breadth, width, or depth; and no violation of any of the above rules, the packet will be charged full postage, according to weight. This arrangement extends only to Mails via Halifax; and no inland postage

will be charged within this Province, on any Book or Pamphlet duly posted in conformity with the above rules.

Mail Contract.—We learn that at the late meeting of the contract for carrying the mail between Augusta and Bangor, and Waterville and Bangor, the bid of V. D. Pinkham of this city was accepted, the pay being specified at \$3880 dollars per annum. Mr. Pinkham also has the contract between Bangor and Calais, Augusta and Rockland, and an interest in the line from Waterville to Moosehead Lake. The contractor is well known as a man of ability and experience, and we are confident these important routes could not have fallen into better hands.—*[Kennebec Journal]*.

Sale of Luggage.—A large amount of unclaimed baggage was sold on Wednesday at the Mount depot. Many drew prizes indeed; finding in their trunks articles of great value. Others looked blank enough in not finding even the worth of their money. The trunks were sold, the contents unknown to the purchaser.—*[Cincinnati Times]*.

Government Measures in Relation to Full Battering.—Washington, Dec. 4.—Governor Sumner has transmitted strong instructions to all the officers on the Pacific coast, to suppress the powers and influence against the rights of General Wood, fully instructed in relation to liberal expeditions.

General Almon is actively engaged in protecting the interests of Mexico.

New York Fires.—The block of eight splendid dwellings on Brooklyn heights, known as the Colonnade row, was entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour. Tuesday morning, together with two or three adjoining dwellings. They were all occupied by single families who were asleep at the time the fire broke out, and the excitement among the inmates was consequently very great. No lives, however, were lost. The loss on the buildings is about \$100,000.

At half past seven, another fire broke out in a block of buildings in Washington street, near Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn. Three buildings were burnt, all occupied by families.

Valuable and Mysterious Shirt.—A diamond shirt, containing a pocket book and \$8,600 in bonds, was found recently in the mail race of Mr. Sherman, in Augusta county, Ga. The bonds were executed to Francis Jordan, being the name of a man living in Lynchburg, as the *Vindicator* says. The mystery is how the deuce the shirt came in the mail race?

The average annual income of each person in England is twenty-two cents a day; in Ireland eight; in France fourteen; while in our most industrious States it is thirty, and taking the whole nation, seventeen.

THE LATE FIRE IN NEW YORK.—It has been ascertained, on an investigation of the cause of the recent fire in New York, that it originated from excessive caution on the part of the plumber who caused it, and not from carelessness. The man was at work in the room adjoining, and wishing to light his lamp, twisted up a piece of paper which he had torn, and not wishing to throw the paper on the floor for fear of accident, he sought for some place where he could safely and effectually extinguish it—and seeing what he took to be a pan of water in the little room adjoining, he thrust the lighted end of the paper into it. It blazed up instantly and burned him severely. In his haste he upset the pan, which spread the flame widely and the whole room was at once enveloped in the blaze.

A THOUGHTFUL PRODIGY.—The following is from the Paris correspondence of the New York Express:

"The prodigy of today is a little boy of nine years of age, who possesses the most wonderful talent for drawing—not the school-boy sketches of peaked faced cats, and tumble down houses—but masterpieces of the art are executed by him. He is the son of one of the heads of the Sevres porcelain factory, and is thus ever surrounded by graceful and beautiful models for his pencil.

His manner of drawing is in itself something out of the common way. Does he wish to execute a horse, it is not by the head that he commences, (I mean no pun) but by one of the hind legs or the tail—it is not his pencil that moves onward, but the paper, which, gradually pushed by the child's left hand, underneath the passive lead, receives the lines, proportions and shades intended by the little designer.

A short time since the Emperor and Empress, with their suite, visited the factory. The boy's father was not there, but in his absence his youthful representative did the honors, and talked very glibly to their majesties. After a time they missed him, and when he was discovered it was with an elegant and astonishing drawing of the Imperial carriage before the door, and what was more astonishing still, the person in the carriage were of portraits of their highnesses and their accompanying suite!"

THE IRISH "REVOLUTIONARY" FUND.—The large fund, amounting to some fifty thousand dollars or more, raised in New York to help on a "revolution" in Ireland a number of years ago, has been to a considerable extent disposed of, according to Judge Emmett of New York city, who is a member of the "Irish Directory," in contriving the escape of Messrs. Meagher, Mitchell, and others from Van Dieman's Land, and the remainder has been also saved by Judge Emmett, has been reserved for "future operations."

Hector Jennings, of Sandusky, Ohio has been notified by his attorney in London, that he is undisputed heir to one half the Jennings estate in England—about 60,000,000.

THE STANDARD.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4 1854.

Several articles intended for our present number have been unavoidably deferred until next week.

Since the appearance of our last number the year 1853 has gone into eternity, and we are reminded that another year of our life has passed away, forever. This leads us to take a retrospect of the past. The Province during the year that's awa', has been blessed with great prosperity—abundant crops—successful commercial enterprise, and increased demand upon the mechanic's for their manufactures, with remunerative prices for labour of every description—all have been profitably employed; is there then not reason for gratitude and thankfulness, to the great Dispenser of all good, for His mercies and blessings. Have we improved our time? Have we practised the golden rule of "doing unto others, as we would they should do unto us."—Alas! how many will answer in the affirmative. Let us hope, with the prospect of a continuance of the prosperity which has crowned the past year—we may all humbly acknowledge the blessings we enjoy—and resolve to do better for the future.

THE SURPLUS REVENUE.—We copy the following important information from the *Courier*:—We are gratified to learn that the Executive Government have made arrangements to devote the surplus revenue of this year to the payment of the whole debts of the Province, funded floating, and that the year 1854 will open upon us entirely free of debt. We learn that yesterday a check for Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, the balance of the funded debt, was handed over to the Bank of British North America; and the floating debt, being all borrowed from the Banks, has been met long ago by the amount of revenue deposited.

While we do not presume, of course, to give credit to the Government for the general prosperity which has brought about this agreeable state of things, they are entitled to the thanks of the community for having wisely determined to appropriate the surplus funds on hand to free the Province from debt, instead of leaving it to be squandered by the Legislature.

SIR ALLAN McNAB.—The Directors of the Canada "Great Western Railway Company" know how to appreciate the services of a President, who uses his best exertions in behalf of the Company over which he presides, as may be gathered from the fact, that at a recent meeting of the Directors of that Railway Company at Hamilton, "it was resolved to present Sir Allan McNab with the sum of £10,000 in stock of the Company, and a pension of £500 per annum, as remuneration for his services in behalf of the company."

Subscribers will be called upon during the week, when we trust they will be prepared to "pay."

MAIL CONTRACT.—It is reported that E. Pheasant, has obtained the Contract for carrying the mail between St. Andrews and St. John.

THE WEATHER for the past week was cold with heavy falls of snow, which drifted, leaving the road almost impassable; even the streets were blocked up. Owing to the heavy going, the mails due daily from St. John, have not arrived in some instances for 48 hours. We learn from a friend at Robinson that during the past week only one Western mail was received, and that notwithstanding the heavy gales and snow storms, the mail between St. Andrews and Robbinston, never failed, which reflects much credit upon the Mail Carrier, Mr. Friar.

SHIP BUILDING AT QUEBEC.—There are at present building at Quebec thirty vessels, the tonnage of which amounts to 35,040 tons.—They are constructed under the superintendence of Lloyd's Surveyor, re-addition to the foregoing several barges and steamboats are also building.

STEAM TO CANADA.—Ocean steamers to the St. Lawrence are likely to be abundant; Messrs. McKinnon and McLarty advertise three new ones, of 1,750 tons, to be called the Ontario, Erie, and Huron, to run in connection with the Sarah Sands and Cleopatra, as semi-monthly line in summer to Montreal, and a monthly line in winter to Portland. These vessels are to be completed and on the line next season. Messrs. Edmonstone & Allen have got up another line, to consist of three iron steam screw ships of 1,500 tons, burthen each, to run a Monthly line between Britain and Montreal in summer, and Boston in win-

ter. The vessels of this line are contracted for and the first is to be ready in June next. They are to be fitted with engines of 250 horse power, which are guaranteed to propel the vessels ten knots an hour, so as to make the passage from Liverpool to Quebec in a period not exceeding twelve days. Messrs. Gilmour and Co., of Quebec, are also going to build seven steamships of 2000 tons each to run between Quebec, Liverpool, Glasgow, and London. There are other vessels subscribed for, or proposed, the particulars of which have not yet been made public.

THE NEWS BOY'S SONG, TO HIS PATRONS.

RECITATIVE.
We are Time's slaves, and Time bids begone,
To rich and poor, to every one.
(Yet Britons sing they never shall be slaves,
So long as fair Britannia rules the waves.)
But then she'll attempt to rule their lives,
Although her sex tries hard—when they are wives.
"We have our exits" on this stage," his true
And for each exit there's an entrance too;
All have their parts to play, first come, then go,
The "human tide" hath thus its ebbs and flow.
Thus Life's great Drama is enacted here,
And scenes and actors change from year to year.
Another year has now drawn to a close,
And friends departed rest in calm repose.
Their part is played, their exit they have made,
And fond remembrance bids "Peace to their shade."

ALL.
All hail! to the year Fifty-four
Adieu to the year Fifty-three,
May you all live to see many more
And prosperous years may they be.
Cobler like now I'll turn to the last
And at thyning my hand try to boot,
I can not go ahead very fast
Because I must write by the foot.

I will try a political measure
By way of a general rule,
The rule that I so sorely don't treasure
Its force having left when at school.

Education in course is "first rate,"
It folks will but learn to be "rated,"
A course that was meant by the State
A statement that fate has ill-fated.

"The poor for poor learning can't pay,
And the rich think it "too rich" to heed
But humanity prompts them to say—
Some one ought to clothe and to feed them."

New leaves have increased by Free Trade,
The fishes in turn want Protection,
For Young Jonathan's fishing has made,
Amongst British fish, disaffection.

Over which a great rampus was made
Enough to astonish the Gods,
If such things attention have paid
To our herring, our haddock, and Cods.

Then another "great take" took in France
Involving a great deal of life,
For Napoleon his place to enhance
Took the Countess of Iheba to wife.

A love match it was called, but perchance
From each other they may yet be forced,
For who knows but "the Glory of France"
May glory in their being divorced.

Then next we had the great Chobham Camp
And in turn came the Spithead Review,
Because the army wanted a tramp
And the Navy had nothing to do.

The adage saith that coming events
Often cast their shadows before them,
So the Spithead "rings" and the Chobham tents
Didn't end in the smoke that hung o'er them.

I shall not sing of the Russian Czar
A tyrannical despot he is,
With war the peace of Europe to mar
The cause of which seems "all Greek," to me.

Let us hope for Peace, for hope doth spring
"Eternal in the human breast,"
Let us hope the "Peace Congress" may bring
Their preaching to a long, long rest.

Back to home once more I'll return
From whence I at first made a start,
I feel sure you'll be willing to learn
All the news that I freely impart.

When our House of Assembly last met
A rare doze, I am sure you've seen,
All the members abused "heavy wet,"
And voted for a new Liquor Law.

But "the spirits" got on the increase,
And indeed it has only one fault,
(So a temperance man said o'er a pot.)
It but wanted a little more teppings.

Now some very good beer we have got,
And indeed it has only one fault,
(It but wanted a little more malt.)
It but wanted a little more teppings.

The Saw Mill "the dust" is now hoisting,
Though the freshest lumber was dozing,
Here you can get plenty of Pounding,
And Bradford provides you with Lodging.

Our Railway is now fast advancing,
And the forest will shortly embrace,
And daily the "Steam Horse" is prancing,
On the "rail" which is his only trace.

I now must conclude my poor ditty,
But accept it as my New Year's song,
You'll say it is not very witty,
And may think it remarkably long.

But it has to suffice for a year
Till Time shall another roll o'er us,
For wishing you health and good cheer,
I'll thank you to join in the chorus.

CHORUS.
All hail to the year Fifty-Four
Adieu to the year Fifty-Three,
May you all live to see many more
And prosperous years may they be.

KING'S COLLEGE.

CIVIL ENGINEERING, &c.
A COURSE of Instruction in Civil Engineering, at King's College, St. Andrews, Scotland, which has been appointed by the University, to be held by the Hon. Mr. MacMahon, the Visitor, and will commence on the 15th of February next, and continue until the end of April. It will be open to students of the College on payment of a fee of ten shillings, and will others on payment of a fee of two pounds, for the course.

Persons desirous of joining the Class are requested to communicate with the Registrar. The course will embrace, with other subjects, the following syllabus:—An explanation of the construction and uses of Logarithms, Sines, Tangents, &c.; Trigonometrical Formulae; Resolution of Plane Triangles; methods of surveying with the Theodolite, Circumferent, &c.; construction, use and adjustment of the instruments used by Engineers, both for field and office work; Levelling; method of determining best route for Railway, &c.; computation of the quantities of land, earthwork, &c., required for the execution of the works; estimation of comparative labour by units of work; Horse power of Machinery, &c.; method of "setting out" Railway curves and side widths; explanation of gradients and theory of inclined planes; super-elevation of rails; composition of and resolution of forces; calculation of strains and pressures; strength of materials; theory and practice of timber and iron framing; viaducts, bridges, &c.

Three Lectures a week will be given in the College, and instruction in the field will also be given once a week, or as often as may be expedient.

CHARLES FISHER, Registrar.

Frederickton, December 1, 1853.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday next the 10th inst. at 11 A. M. for the Election of officers, Reception of Reports, and general transaction of business.

A full attendance is requested.

ALEX. F. PAUL, Secy.

St. Andrews, January 3rd 1854.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DINNER.

The Members of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society, will celebrate their Thirty Fourth Anniversary, by dining together at BRADFORD'S HOTEL, on Tuesday the 10th day of January, 1854, at 5 P. M.

H. WHITLOCK, G. F. CAMPBELL, Committee.

EXCHANGE FOR SALE.

REQUIRED by the Controller of Her Majesty's Customs at St. Andrews, the sum of about £105 sterling, payable in dollars or half dollars at 4s. 2d. sterling per dollar, or in British Gold and silver at the sterling value.

Tenders will be received up to one o'clock on Thursday, the 5th day of January, 1854, by the Controller for a Bill of Exchange to be drawn by him on the Receiver General of Her Majesty's Customs, London, at 30 days after sight.

Parties tendering will state what amount of Bill they will accept for the above mentioned sum.

Tenders to be addressed to the Controller of Her Majesty's Customs, St. Andrews, and to be marked outside "Tender for Bill."

CUSTOM HOUSE, St. Andrews, December 29, 1853.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore existing under the firm of WILSON & BOLTON terminates this day. Persons having any claims against the firm are requested to present the same, and all persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment to either of the subscribers.

T. B. WILSON, JOHN BOLTON, Chamcook, 24th Dec 1853.

AUCTION.

The partnership of Wilson & Bolton terminating, the subscriber is authorised to sell by Public Auction, in St. Andrews, on Wednesday the 11th January next, the remainder of their stocks consisting of:

Superior London made Clothing, Pieces of Broad Cloths, Doekins & Beaver Cloths, Sattinets, Moleskins, Corduroys, Cottons & Shirtings, Flannels, Calicoes, Orleans, Delaines, &c. &c. Coils of Hemp and Manila Cordage, Iron & Iron Ware, an assortment of Groceries, Crockery Ware, &c.

Terms—Shirts over £10, 3 months, over £25—4 months.

R. KER, Auctioneer.

24th Dec, 1853.

Notice.

ALL persons having any demands against the estate of Frederick Augustus Babcock, Merchant, late of St. Andrews, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within three months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said estate, will make immediate payment to

WILLIAM BABCOCK, Administrator.

St. Andrews, Dec. 20, 1853.

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