…has been recommended by … Canada, that in order the more fully to carry out the favorite maxim of the British government, that the Customs' duties between the North American Colonies and the West India Islands shall be abolished, the recommendation is flatly rejected by the Colonial office. A London paper thus discourses on the subject :—

"We do not condemn the colonial office for issuing the instructions against the proposed plan of abolishing the Customs' duties between the Colonies. They could not do otherwise with any regard to consistency or prudence; but we do not forget that a certain Treaty was concluded, just two years ago, between Canada and the United States, involving the very principle which is here objected to. Yet the Reciprocity Treaty was considered a chef d'oeuvre of Lord Elgin, and a subject of no small congratulation to the Home Government. The Canadian Committee desired to apply the extension of the principle of that Convention as regards the United States, and the application of it as regards the West Indies and North American Colonies. The Government, … their deviation from the established … in this matter, but justify it on the ground of practical experience. Now it appears that the Reciprocity Acts of 1854 have worked well for the Canadian grower, but indifferently for the consumer, those acts having reference only to the natural products of the two countries, while the manufactures of the Canadas are still … in the United States. Hence the recommendation of the Committee for the extension of the reciprocity principle, and—because of the deviation of trade and traffic through the United States to Canada, instead of by the St. Lawrence—the conception of a colonial Customs' … by the Canadian committee of inquiry. The conclusion is, that the mother country having adopted Free-trade as the fundamental principle of its commercial policy, it will not be possible to enforce or to maintain with success any inter-colonial system of discriminating duties."

This is rather a strange conclusion arrived at by our London contemporary, for if the Mother country has adopted Free Trade as a fundamental principle, and the Americans only *partially* meet her in carrying out their part of the policy, why not England permit her Colonies to play the same game as their Republican neighbors, and by establishing a system of discriminating duties, meet the United States with Tax for Tax on their Manufactures, and on a fair stage let the best men take it.

The Chronicle.

Saint John, N. B., Oct. 3, 1856.

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Reporting the Debates.—It will be seen by an advertisement in this issue that Tenders are to be received for Reporting and Printing the Debates of the next session of the Assembly. Now, with all due deference to the congregated wisdom, as … practically … in this matter, we unhesitatingly pronounce this method of affording the public a sketch of the sayings and doings of their Representatives, not only the worst possible method of doing so, but by far the most expensive. Our objections to the method contemplated are … First, The whole business of Reporting will be in the hands of one party only, who will, as a natural consequence, be under the control of the House, and will be bound to favor the speakers, lest perchance he should get no better for his pains. Secondly, If the same delay be experienced as was formerly, when the same stupid plan was adopted, it will be months after the House rises before the whole of the Debates will be printed. Thirdly, There will not be half the number of copies published there will be if the contract is not entered into. The last arrangement of this kind cost the country from 7 to 8 hundred pounds and gave no satisfaction, while if half the sum had been given to 6 reporters of all shades of politics, the reports would be much more correctly given, as each one would be a check upon his neighbor, and blemishes as well as the beauties of oratory displayed to the public gaze, and fifteen thousand copies of the debates in papers of all classes would be distributed, instead of two thousand, and the best point in this scheme is, that the members cannot possibly withhold the truth, nor control the Reporters. The plan contemplated we view in no other light than debating with closed doors.

Tornado in Canada.—The Prescott (C. W.) *Messenger* gives an account of a tornado which on the 13th ult. passed over the township of Winchester mountains, &c., destroying fences, breaking trees, and unroofing barns and houses. The tornado … committed some strange fantasies, and sawlogs of a large size were carried several rods, and in some instances split or otherwise broken. A large … log was carried twenty rods and then thrown so violently on the ground as to tear out its entrails. The house of Isaac Emitt, in which were several persons, was unroofed, and a little boy's skull broken; several others of the inmates were more or less injured.

There is no doubt but the St. Andrews Railroad will soon be completed as far as Woodstock. When it reaches Woodstock it will be carried on … connecting it at or near Grand Falls. The Bangoreans are also pushing on their line in the valleys of the Penobscot and the St. Francis. What will the people of St. John say then? They have been paying their attention to a line parallel with the coast. How will they feel when they find both St. Andrews and Bangor connected with Quebec by railways, and each line intercepting the upriver trade. If St. John folks do not wish to be checkmated, it is high time for them to wake up.—*Head Quarters.*

Challenge.—The Union Boat Club have challenged the Indian Town Club for a race round Partridge Island, for £200 a side, the race to come off any time prior to the 20th October. The Union Club met that of the Indian Town Club at Scammell Hotel Wednesday evening, to make arrangements for the contemplated race, but in consequence of the Union Club wishing the race to come off forthwith, no arrangement was agreed upon. The Indian Town Club were willing to accept the challenge in every particular, with the exception of the time, which they wished to be extended to the 15th Nov.—*New Brunswicker.*

Water Supply.—We are informed, upon enquiry of the Chairman of the Water Commissioners, that it is the intention of the Board to enlarge and extend the present works as rapidly as means and material will enable them to proceed; that arrangements have been entered into with a house in Glasgow, for casting a principal main of 24 inches in diameter, the first shipment of which arrived in the brig Zetland, on the 24th, from Glasgow; the whole to be delivered during the present autumn and next spring.—*Courier.*

☞ Mr. James Coleman, brother of Mr. Robt. Coleman, of this City, while ascending a flight of stairs in Leverett street, Boston, on the evening of the 16th ult., … and was so much injured that he died next morning. He was 42 years of age, and has left a widow and one child.—*New Brunswicker.*

We observe in the recent list of Medical Graduates at the University of Edinburgh, that the degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred on Mr. Thomas Archer Gregory, of Fredericton, who, after passing his examination in New York, in June, 1855, had obtained a diploma from the University of that City … [illegible]

The Orangeism is becoming … with the … for Warrants … from the number … seeking admission.—*Toronto Patriot.*

John McKinnon, Esq. M. P. P. for the County of Sydney, C. B., has been appointed to the Executive Council of Nova Scotia. The Hon. … appointed a member …

Some of the Canadian papers give currency to a rumour that Louis Napoleon contemplates a French protectorate over Canada.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

New York, Sept. 29.

The steamer R… arrived this morning with Liverpool dates to the 17th inst.

The markets present little change. Breadstuffs were firm at the highest quotations by the Canada. Wheat had slightly advanced. Money in active demand. Consols 94.

The European news generally is dull.

The Chartist associations were being revived in England.

The state of affairs in Naples was causing considerable concern.

It was reported that the numerous questions arising out of the treaty of Paris will lead to another Congress, to be held during the coming winter.

Switzerland and Prussia are settling the Neufchatel affair.

Rumors of further notes from Naples are rife, but not credited.

The London Morning Star warns the Southern States of the United States not to dream of annexation to England.

Diplomatic relations are about to be established between Russia and Spain.

The official account of the affair in Algeria with the Kabyls, show it to have been very severe, six thousand Kabyls being opposed by only one Regiment and a squadron of Chasseurs. After a desperate … the Kabyls retreated, but returned again next day, when they were again beaten. An expedition against them is resolved upon.

Liverpool, Sept. 17th.—Breadstuffs—At Tuesday's market wheat was in rather lively demand chiefly for new. Flour, good, closed with fair demand.

The weather continued favorable, and the bulk of the grain crop in England is now gathered, but in the north of Ireland and Scotland a considerable quantity yet remains out.

London, Tuesday Evening. The Stock Exchange experienced a favorable change to day, the panic feeling of last week having entirely disappeared. There were large purchases at improved prices. The rally in Consols is fully 1-2 per cent. There was a general recovery on Railway shares of 3-4 1 1-4 per cent., the market closing decidedly firmer. Money market unchanged.

At Paris yesterday Three per Cents declined 1-8 and 1-4.

LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA.

By the arrival of the steamship Illinois, at New York, we have dates to the 15th ult.

The Vigilance Committee had formally adjourned, not to meet again unless compelled by necessity.

Mining is in a prosperous condition.

The papers contain accounts of murders in various parts of the State.

For the first time in the history of San Francisco there is not a prisoner in the jail waiting trial.

The Vigilance Committee, before their final adjournment, notified Cusick, Thompson and Hennessy, who had previously been warned to leave the state, that they might do so by the steamer of Sept. 5th; after which, if found in the city, they would incur the penalty of death.

John L. Durkee and Thos. Rand, who, under the direction of the Vigilance Committee, boarded and seized upon some arms which were on board a vessel in the Bay of San Pablo, and were intended to be used against the self constituted authorities, have been indicted in the U. S. Court at San Francisco. The Court refused bail, and they were committed to jail, but it is only a farce to try men for such an affair as this for the capital crime of piracy.

Advices from Nicaragua to Aug. 30th, were at Aspinwall. Walker remained quiet. Leon had been abandoned to the invading army, which numbered 1500 troops. Dr. Livingston had been released and sent to San Salvador. The people of Sanoto had risen against the Leon faction and assassinated several of the prominent partisans, including Joaquin Chamero and Augustin Hernandez. Walker had issued several decrees, one … the Transit grant to Morgan, and another declaring the property of the Accessory Transit Company, forfeited to the State.

A rumor had reached Aspinwall of a revolt among Walker's troops, 50 of whom refused to do duty. Walker gave them 24 hours to reconsider, at the expiration of which, still refusing, they were led out and shot.

Col. Schlessinger had published a letter to the army denouncing Walker as a traitor, accusing him of dishonesty and offering protection to all W.'s troops who will join him. Schlessinger was at Matazalpa, in the interior.

South American dates from Valparaiso are to Aug. 16th, and Callao to 27th. A revolution had been headed by Gen. Castilla, and some fighting took place under the Priest. The engagement lasted several hours, but the revolutionists were finally subdued.

We have ever considered Radicalism and Rascality as convertible terms. The horrors of the first French revolution are too fresh in our memory, the facts too recent, and the effects too visible, for any well-thinking mind to desire to see the principles of Radicalism dominant. A Radical is a leveller; he has no respect for the security of time-honored institutions, however laudatory. Anarchy, Mobism, and confusion, is the atmosphere in which he delights to breathe. He is a continual grumbler, dissatisfied himself, his whole aim is to make others dissatisfied likewise by stirring up political strife, and spreading his pestiferous doctrines and principles. Such an one is abhorred of God and man—of God, for His Word inculcates obedience to the Laws of man, and respect for the powers that be. Of man, for he aims at the subversion of all social order and peace, both politic and domestic, and could he obtain the fulfilment of his wishes, has nothing better to offer in exchange to ameliorate Society. He is a wretch, and thank God, owing to the influence of the spread of Education and Temperance principles, the number is daily diminishing. *Miramichi Gleaner.*

Douglas Jerrold, one of the famed clique of London Punch satirists, is coming to America, to lecture. Jerrold commenced life as a sailor, and after six years' salt water experience became a compositor in a London newspaper office. His first literary achievement was an essay on German Music, which the author, after the manner of Benjamin Franklin, dropped into the Lion's mouth, the editor's box where he was a printer, and two days after he had the delight of setting up his own article, none of the editors being aware of the author's name. Jerrold next dropped another anonymous article in the box on Fashionable Charity, which is written with all his peculiar vigor. This caused so great a stir that the editor, in his notice to correspondents, begged the author to call upon him—in other words, he was requested to "Stand and unfold yourself." He did, much to the astonishment of the editor, who at once recognized his talents, took him from the case, and put him to the desk.

At a special session, held by our Magistrates at Newcastle, during the past week, to take into consideration what course will be adopted with respect to Bieger; they unanimously concluded to petition the Governor for an extra session. And by their orders the Clerk drew up a strong petition to the Governor, to allow a Judge to come on and try him under a Special Commission.—*Miramichi Gleaner.*

Sad Accident.—We are sorry to learn that Mr. George McLaughlan was severely injured by the fall of a block, … [illegible] … *St. Andrews Standard.*

Mr. Rowcroft, late British consul at Cincinnati, dismissed with Mr. Crampton, embarked in the Cherubim, at Richmond, Va., in good health, but died suddenly on the voyage to London.

… Job down to … street, yet we doubt very much if Job was … living, and had been deprived of his property, his rents and issues for three years, and … torn down, and left without the means of rebuilding them, and had been … by unjust Commissioners that have been pronounced the very worst appointments ever made by the very worst government that ever this province was afflicted with, and after all this, when the public were enjoying the spoil of the victims, saw no hope of obtaining either principal or interest of the trifle awarded him, we doubt very much, we say, if he would not curse the authors of his misfortunes and die. Pitcairn.

Accident.—Mr. George …, while working in Messrs. Scott & Co.'s saw mill, unfortunately had one of his hands cut off on Friday last, by coming in contact with a Circular Saw. Mr. … is a sober, industrious man, with a large family, but we are glad to hear that, from the exertions Mr. Scott is making in his behalf, he is not likely to suffer any pecuniary inconvenience, at least until he is convalescent.

The … says that James Boyd, Esq. M. P. P., has been again appointed a Magistrate for the County of Charlotte.

Launched.—From the building yard at …, on the … inst., a … of … tons …, built and owned by Mr. … Townshend, and called the …

We understand that 11 men belonging to the 62d Regiment, deserted from … on Thursday evening last, carrying … and about 80 rounds of ball cartridge with them. *Halifax Journal.*

The fortifications of Quebec are being put in thorough repair. A new and very … house is making below the flag staff, and very extensive works of by no means … above that point, have been …, and are now rebuilding … where a new battery and drawbridge … the citadel have lately been constructed, communicating with the city over the … eastern glacis.—*Q…*

A child of four … met with a … death on Monday night. … from its arms during its sleep, and … bed, it was suspended and strangled. … It was an only child.

Fatal Occurrence on a Steamer.—A fatal mistake occurred on board the royal mail steamer … on her last trip from Quebec to Liverpool. Among the passengers were the Rev. … Marsh, … of Trinity College, Toronto, and his wife. A few days before reaching Liverpool, Mr. Marsh enquired of the … steward if there was any Plantagenet water on board, Plantagenet water being a mineral water … in Canada. … deceased inquired if there was any … on board. The steward answered … go and get some. He went away, and returned with a bowl containing about a quart of fluid, which he handed to the Rev. Mr. Marsh, who immediately withdrew. Mr. Marsh swallowed a mouthful of the liquid. … his throat very much, and went up stairs … presently became very ill, … called to him. … it was ascertained that the liquid which he had drunk was chloride of zinc, … purposes. … but Mr. Marsh … suffering the greatest agony, died … following. The steward … the fluid was chloride of zinc, … Mrs. Marsh denied. An inquest was held at … pool, and a verdict was returned, … came to his death from the effects of … poisonous fluid taken by mistake.

UNITED STATES.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—The steamer … left Collingwood on Monday, with between … and 175 passengers. When about four miles from Port Washington, the passengers discovered smoke issuing from the engine-room, and in a few minutes the whole cabin was in flames.

The wildest consternation followed. The boats were lowered and all filled, but … one containing passengers.

Numbers jumped overboard, and were instantly drowned. Every assistance was given by … passing, and by life boats, but 50 or 60 lives were lost. Three bodies … floated into Port Washington.

It is rumored that the fire was the work of an incendiary. It is stated that immediately after the fire was discovered, a keg of powder exploded, blowing the flames in every direction.

The Collins Line.—We learn … government has decided to … the pay to the Collins line, … Company has resolved to … thereby avoiding … cost, … diminishing the … reducing the speed … the crews, … the government cannot … speed, private individuals … greater economy of the new arrangement is apparent from the fact that the average consumption of coal per day at high speed is … tons; at low speed 55 tons. This is a difference equal to $4000 per voyage, and it is calculated that the saving in wear and tear of machinery will equal this amount; so that the total saving on twenty-six round trips, as required by contract, will exceed $200,000 per annum, or more than compensate for the loss of pay. It is claimed that there is nothing in the contract binding as to speed, but simply that the vessel shall be built for high speed."—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

☞ The Boston Medical and Chirurgical Journal chronicles a case in Shrewsbury where a child was born without eyes. He was a healthy boy, well developed in every other respect. There were eyelids, but no eyeballs.

New York, Sept. 23.—At a meeting of the Native Americans to day, Hon. Erastus Brooks, of the … was nominated for Governor amidst the wildest enthusiasm.

The recent storm on the Mexican Gulf is said to have been one of the most terrific ever known there. … Texas Gazette … hurricane … waves like a cork. … the decks, and one man could not hear the voice of another, though mouth and ear … together. The sea was one mass of foam, and all sounds undistinguishable in a universal roar.

Alfred Patrick, Esq., formerly editor of the Putnam County …, has been hung at Leavenworth, Kansas, for writing letters detailing the events transpiring in the Territory, and expressing his sympathy with the Free State men. *Evansville … Journal.*

A Fast Town.—A man disappeared from Chicago a few days ago, and was supposed to have been drowned. The body could not be found, but the Coroner, not to be cheated out of his fees, held an inquest on the hat and jacket found on the bank of the lake. Verdict—"Found empty."

Indiana, Sept. 22.—A man named Suffel, a supporter of Fremont for President, was pursued today, at Logansport, into the house of Rev. Mr. …, by a mob of Buchanan men, and there murdered, and cut to pieces with axes.

An attack was made on a … load of women and children by the mob, who afterwards clubbed and maltreated men and women, and took possession of the town, the inhabitants fleeing for their lives.

From Nassau, P. R.—A Hurricane had done much damage at Inagua. 300 houses were blown down, 3 vessels stranded, and 4 lives lost.

A PRACTICAL CRICHTON.

The True Constitutional Advocate.—The admirable Crichton, the greatest logician of his day, was accustomed to seek controversy with the Sophists of the French and Italian Colleges, by nailing challenges to the gates of the institutions. Thomas Holloway, the inventor of the popular medicines that bear his name, has adopted a more public and … method of … Establishing Truth. He has advertised his Pills and Ointment in nearly every newspaper in the world, and fortified his proclamations with a mass of authentic testimony which no disputant has thought it prudent to assail. Crichton was a great theorist. Holloway is a man of facts. … [illegible]

The … announce the death of the celebrated Arctic navigator, Sir John Ross, Rear Admiral in the British Navy, at the advanced age of 80. Having entered the Navy … took an active part in the wars of the end of the last and the beginning of the present century. In 1818, he accompanied Sir Edward Parry … expedition to the Arctic Seas, and subsequently spent upwards of four years there, from 1829 to 1833, in command of another expedition to those inhospitable regions, and … the honor of knighthood … has distinguished … career.