

From the St. John, N. B. Irishman.

ENGLAND AND HER COLONIES.

ENGLAND, at this moment, occupies a position among the family of nations, which, while it is calculated to weaken and destroy her energies, requires in her political movements all or more than all the wisdom and firmness which a proper use of the elements of her free Constitution, combined with the ingenuity of great and enlightened minds, can produce. Where can she look upon her domestic concerns or colonial relations, and find cause for present political triumph and exultation?—No where. If she only directs her eye to her own bosom, there is enough of sorrow in that afflicted region to make her pause and weep. Her peasants were once happy, that is, so far as provision for the back and belly promoted happiness, but now the English labourer, degraded by that policy which was adopted to impoverish Ireland, not only complains of low wages, but murmurs that he can find no employment at any rate per week or diem. It is true he is told by way of soothing him, that he lives under the best King and finest Government in the world, and the idea of having the wings of such a glorious constitution expanded over the sphere of his destinies, does give him satisfaction for a moment. But he finds that it is imaginary satisfaction, and that the splendid snowy constitution which he is told to worship, is but a mere toy, that it is composed of materials which are made to glitter and shine by the lowly poor, for the pleasure and profit of the rich. The poor Englishman finds, that however beautiful and however sacred on account of its antiquity the English constitution may be, it does not possess the efficacy which the brazen serpent in the wilderness possessed of old. The people, by looking at that serpent were healed of their maladies, but John Bull, though he is told to worship the English constitution, finds that it is no cure for hunger or nakedness to look at it. He sees the squire hunting the stag, fox or hare, while he has to hunt from morn till night for his dinner or supper. He sees the lordling in his carriage, while he is without brogues, and beholds the same lordling's family in purple while his own are in rags. He, of course, in the face of all this monopoly and inequality of fortune, asks what is the cause of it, and the answer is, want of cheap government. Now this just solves the question—want of cheap justice is the cause of all the broken banks, broken hearts, and hungry men in England. The machinery of the state is, too large, requiring too many hands to keep it in motion, while every man connected with it receives three times as much as he is entitled to by the rules of equity. And besides this, there are so many idle fellows connected with it, who though they never put a shoulder to the wheel; are nevertheless well paid for looking on.

Salaries, pensions, and sinecures have ruined England, and the bosom of the country, figuratively speaking, bears some analogy to the depths of the ocean. In the great deep, there is always destruction going on. The shark feeds upon the salmon and codfish, the salmon upon the shad or mackerel, the mackerel upon the herring, and the herring upon the sprat. And in like manner do the land-sharks and leviathans of Great Britain, feed and prey upon the diminutive creatures below them in society, caring nothing about them but as far as they yield something for the rich man's table. This is the internal condition of Great Britain, while her colonies, at least many of them, think that their "yoke is not easy, nor their burden light."

Lower Canada is now fast ripening for a revolutionary struggle, and we much fear that the explosion of the combustible materials in the public mind, will give an awful reality to some expressions which we used about four years ago, in reference to the future destinies of Canada. In a letter addressed to the editor of "The Novascotian," we said that the Canadas would become feathers in the eagle's wings. Perhaps we were wrong in the view which

we took of the subject; but at all events, a struggle will take place, the object and aim of which will be, a total separation from the mother country.

THE BEE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 2, 1837.

DEATH OF WILLIAM THE FOURTH.

From an extra sheet issued at the Miramichi Gleaner office, on Monday morning last, we obtain the following melancholy intelligence,—received there via Newfoundland:

From the London Globe, June 20.

DEATH OF WILLIAM THE FOURTH.—The London Gazette Extraordinary published this morning, contains the following melancholy announcement of the demise of his late most gracious Majesty, William the Fourth:

"WHITEHALL, June 20, 1837.

"A Bulletin, of which the following is a copy, has been received by Lord John Russell, one of His late Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

"Windsor Castle, Tuesday, June 20.—It has pleased Almighty God to release from his sufferings our most Excellent and Gracious Sovereign King WILLIAM THE FOURTH.

"His Majesty expired at twelve minutes past 2 o'clock, a. m.

"MATTHEW JOHN TIERNAN.

"WILLIAM FREDERIC CHAMBERS.

"DAVID DAVIES."

CANADIAN POLITICS.—Both parties have been endeavoring to show off their strength, by holding public meetings in Montreal. The Reformers held theirs on the 29th June, and the Constitutionals on the 6th July. Both parties claim the laurels, but we believe upon the information we have got, that the reformers outnumbered their opponents by five to one. A similar trial was about to be made in Quebec. The approaching session of the Legislature will, we think, bring about a crisis in some shape or other.

UNDER our Colonial head will be found a specimen of the accounts with which the late Canadian papers are teeming, of the heartless and tyrannical persecution which the myrmidons of Downing-Street have commenced against the Reformers of Lower Canada, for alleged political offences. Novascotians will now be able to see that there was some truth in the report of an express having been sent for the 83d Regt., and also what they have to expect themselves, when they dare to seek Constitutional Reforms at the hands of his Majesty's Ministers. How wonderfully altered is the tone of the Quebec Tories since they have got an accession to the material of war! A little time will show whether they are reckoning without their host.

THE Legislature of Upper Canada was prorogued on the 11th, and that of New Brunswick on the 22d ultimo, the objects of both meetings having been satisfactorily obtained.

THE Editor of the Novascotian has threatened castigation to the Editor of the New York Albion, for abusing and misrepresenting the Reformers of Nova Scotia.

THE Deputy Post Master General, Quebec, having been requested by the Post Master General of the United States to remit, in future, the American Post Office Revenue in specie, has addressed circulars to the Canadian Post Masters, directing them to receive nothing but "legally current specie" in payment for United States postage.

SPECIES.—The Albany Evening Journal says:—"The British government purchased 120,000 silver dollars in New York, for the payment of the troops in Canada; which came up in the steam boat North America last night."

By the last Western Mail, we received a copy of a Speech of Mr Papineau, speaker of the Assembly of Lower Canada, delivered at one of the popular meetings of the People, and setting forth the grievances of which they have so long and bitterly complained. We will loan this pamphlet, in the regular order we receive applications, allowing each reader 24 hours to return it.

We were presented, yesterday, with some tolerably plump Cabbages and Turnips, grown by Mr J. Lindsay, of this town. Stare not, gentle reader, we have tasted them, and can vouch for their being real Cabbages and Turnips; and were every one to do as Mr Lindsay has done, it would mar the calculations of our Marblehead friends.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR JULY.—The late copious rains have had a most beneficial effect upon the crops of every kind. There is at present the cheering prospect of a most abundant crop of every thing, and if not overtaken with mildews and early frosts, these prospects will be fully realized.

MARRIED.

On the 20th ultimo, by the Rev William Sutherland, Mr George Henderson, River John, to Miss Christian McKay, Earleton.

At Truro, on the 17th ult. by the Rev. Mr Blackwood, Mr Wm. Kent, to Miss Patience Joyce, Truro.

At Osohow, on 20th ult. by the Rev. John J. Baxter, Mr John N. Parry, of Londonderry, to Miss Lydia Nichols of Truro.

DIED.

At Halifax, on the 20th ultimo, suddenly, Mr Samuel Mitchell, of the Firm of Deblois, Mitchell, & Co., in the 44th year of his age, a gentleman long known as an upright and intelligent merchant.

At Donaglastown, N. B. on the 19th ultimo, Janet, wife of Mr Asa McCabe, Pictou.

At the Quarantine Establishment, at Grosse Isle, on the 2d ultimo, of typhus fever, Robert Andrew Christie, Esquire, Physician, aged 28 years, only son of Robert Christie, Esq. of Quebec, and of Restigouche in the district of Gaspé.

SHIP NEWS.

CUSTOM-HOUSE—PICTOU.

ENTERED.

Thursday, July 27,—Sch'r Linnet, Mattatol, Tatamagouche—bricks.

Friday,—Brig Granite, Hodgdon, Boston—ballast; Havo, Carpenter, Liverpool—do.; Citron, Griffin, Newburyport—do.; sch'r Angler, Albee, Wiscasset—do.; Elizabeth, Hayden, River John—do.; Mary, Marmad, Halifax—do.

Saturday,—Sch'r Enterprise, Simpson, Pugwash—deals.

Monday,—Brig Ralph, Nickel, Bath—ballast; sch'r Florida, Savery, New Bedford—do.; Catherine and Elizabeth, Benoit, Pugwash—deals; Margaret, Hart, Halifax—fish.

Tuesday,—Sch'r Olive Branch, Boucho, Pugwash—ballast; James William, Vigneau, do.—do.; brig Rival, Churchill, Portland—do.

CLEARED.

July 26th,—Sch'r Rosario, Sears, New York—coal; Potamac, Jeffrey, Boston—do.; brig Tallmadge, Vining, Philadelphia—do.; Lady Ann, Sims, London—timber.

27th,—Brig Oriskany, Pinkham, Boston—coal; Argus, Purrier, do.—do.; sch'r Percy, Hatch, do.—do.; Mary, Garret, Halifax—do.; Rebecca, Dove, Margomish—corn meal; Four Sisters, Wooden, Halifax—

28th,—Brig Forrest, Jordonson, Newcastle—timber; sch'r William Reid, Nichols, Boston—coal; Venus, Schurman, P. E. Island—coal; Mary, Allan, Bay de Verte—ballast; Mary, Marmad, Newfld.—cattle; Elizabeth, Dwyer, River John—rigging, &c.; Linnet, Mattatol, Tatamagouche—coal.

29th,—Ship Mogul, Galleger, New York—coal; brig North America, Lancaster, Somerset—coal; sch'r Hibernia, Neil, Boston—coal; Eliza, Forrest, do.—Amaranth, Bunker, New York—do.; Calypso, Stewart, P. E. Island—do.

31st,—Brig Exertion, York, Boston—coal; Pauline, Smith, New York—do.; sch'r Mary Ann, Graham, Miramachi—coal and butter; Rapid, Le Blanc, St. John, N. B.—coal; Isabella, Goodwin, River John—provisions; Isabella, Sutherland, Pugwash—goods; Enterprise, Simpson, Bay de Verte—ballast.