

with a gigantic exhibition, comprising beasts, dwarfs, wax figures, and miscellaneous "wonders." By way of attracting additional notice the long-headed speculator delivers lectures upon *temperance* in the towns which he visits. Barnum has fairly earned his *soubriquet* of "*the Napoleon of the Jack Pudding tricks.*"

In Montreal and Toronto receiving offices for letters in connection with the main post-office have recently been established. The inconvenience resulting from the lack of such *dépôts* has long been severely felt, and much credit is due to the postal authorities for having conceded them.

Mr. Cochrane in the British House of Commons, recently gave notice of the following motion, which we trust will be discussed in a genial spirit, and with favourable results:

"That it is desirable that our important colonies of the Canadas and Newfoundland should have their resources developed by direct steam communication with the Mother Country, and that while Parliament votes large sums of money for the packet service between Great Britain and foreign countries, the interests of our colonies should not be overlooked."

The telegraphic communications of Canada are greatly on the increase. A new line is in course of erection to extend from Hamilton to

Quebec. The wire goes by the way of Prince Edward District, crossing the Bay under water, at Lambton's Landing. The portion from Kingston to Quebec will be finished this fall. It is computed that the total number of miles of telegraph that will be erected in Canada this season will exceed one thousand. This is the country which a handful of shallow-brained alarmists recently pronounced to be in a state of "*ruin and decay!*"

From Halifax we learn that the prospects of the mackerel and herring fisheries are exceedingly encouraging. The authorities of Newfoundland have fitted out an armed steam vessel to protect their piscatorial grounds from the poachings of the French. These gentry require to be sharply looked after, for if conceded an inch, they invariably strive to acquire an ell!

The Quebec Bar have presented a congratulatory address to the Hon. Sir James Stuart, Bart., Chief Justice of Lower Canada, upon "his restoration to health, and his return to this Province, to resume the duties of his high office." Sir James is deservedly held in high esteem, as one of the ripest lawyers, and most upright Judges upon the Canadian Bench.



NEWS FROM ABROAD.

THE papers which have arrived during the past month contain a large amount of intelligence, each particular of which must be interesting to some of our readers. But we profess only to give the leading features of the current news—nor would our space permit us to extend this department.

The promise of an abundant harvest seems to be very great notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather in the earlier

part of the season. Commerce never was so flourishing and money is most abundant. One result of this plenteousness of capital has been a very considerable demand for Canadian debentures which have attained a high price in the Stock market—prices having been quoted as high as 13½ per cent.

The aspect of political affairs is one of the most singular which has been presented to the contemplation of the historian for a long pe-