

doctors. Together with the clergy and the medical body, who are ever to be found foremost in the work of benevolent aid, you will render a service to your fellow Christians which Christ will not forget, but will surely reward, if done for love to His brethren, when He comes to acknowledge and own every virtuous action, every kind and charitable word, every unknown and unrewarded charity.

God grant that the scourge may soon be removed from us, and a healthier season appear—and may men's minds be led to see what means should be taken to meet the evil in a better way, should it occur again amongst us. With these wishes, and a perfect readiness to take my place amongst the clergy in that labour of love, if they require my assistance amongst you, or elsewhere,

I am dear Brethren

Your faithful friend,

JOHN FREDERICTON.

Kirgton, August 5, 1854.

**News Department.**

From Papers by R. M. S. America, Aug. 5.

**THE BANK.**—The Bank of England yesterday (Aug. 5) reduced their rate of discount from 5½ per cent. at which it had stood since the 11th of May, to 5 per cent. This measure was anticipated at an earlier date, but it created some surprise at the moment, as the increased rate in the money-market has not been of long duration, and the prospects of the future will all depend on the harvest operations of the next fortnight or three weeks. The state of the weather throughout the morning, which had caused great dulness in the Stock Exchange, appeared also to diminish the probability of such an announcement. At the same time, there is no disposition to regard it with dissatisfaction.

**THE PARLIAMENT.**—The prorogation will, we have reason to believe, take place in the third week in August—most probably on the 15th of that month, the annual ministerial whitebait dinner which precedes the termination of the session being given on Saturday, the 12th instant, at Greenwich.

**STOCKS OF WHEAT IN HULL.**—It is an extraordinary fact, and we state it on good authority, that, at the present moment, the stocks of wheat in the port of Hull amount to 80,000 quarters.—*Doncaster Gazette.*

**THE PUBLIC DEBT.**—By a return issued yesterday, it appears that the funded debt of the United Kingdom on the 5th of July last, was £755,616,266 5s. 6d. and the unfunded debt, £16,542,000.

**CONDITIONS FOR PEACE.**—It is rumoured that the British and French Cabinets have laid down conditions on which they would treat for peace, defining what they understand by guarantees against a renewal of attacks by Russia on the Turkish empire, which would mainly consist of the free navigation of the Danube and the Black Sea, with a free port in the latter. Whatever may be the dispositions of the allies, it seems little likely that the Czar has yet been made to feel deeply enough the power of his foes.

The following communication is dated from Dantzic on Thursday the 31 inst.:—"General Baraguay d'Hilliers, with 7000 men in the British ships of war, had arrived off the coast of Sweden on Monday, and the remainder were immediately expected at Gothenburg. General Baraguay d'Hilliers had an interview with the King of Sweden on Wednesday. His Majesty declared his willingness to unite with the Western allies on certain conditions."

**TURKEY.**—A communication from Bucharest, dated 28th July, says:—"The Russians say that it is not the government of the Turks, but the concentration of Austrian troops, which forces them to retreat." Whatever the plans may be, we are assured the fist has gone forth that Sebastopol is to be taken at all hazards, and the Crimea is to be cleared of every Russian that is not a prisoner of war.

**THE CHRISTIANS IN PALESTINE.**—The representatives of France and England at Constantinople are at the point of receiving most satisfactory guarantees for the liberty of Christians in Palestine. It is confidently asserted that the Sultan will be disposed to recognize Jerusalem as a free city under the protection of the European Powers. If the Eastern and Western Churches can manage not to quarrel over some of those ruined sepulchres and chapels, we may hope that Evangelical Christians will be able to profit by an active spread of the Gospel of Jesus in the land sprinkled with His own precious blood.

**CANADA.**

**MILITARY.**—Orders were received by the last mail from England, to transport thither immediately two companies of Artillery with horses and full equipment. One company will be taken from Montreal, and the other from this garrison, leaving but one company in each place, to which no addition will be made.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH.**—Although we cannot yet congratulate our fellow citizens upon the total disappearance of Cholera from the City and its suburbs, we can nevertheless announce a considerable diminution in the mortality of the present week as compared with the preceding one, and we trust by Divine good-

ness, that we shall have the still further satisfaction next week of finding the usual good health of our City restored, and business again engaging the attention of the community.—*St. John Courier, April 19.*

**DEATHS AT THE ALMS HOUSE.**—From the 28th of July to the 12th of August at noon, there were forty-six cases of Cholera at the Alms House, twenty-seven of which proved fatal. During the same period there were five deaths from other diseases. On Tuesday morning the Keeper reported that there had been four deaths from Cholera since Saturday at noon. No new cases on Tuesday morning.—Number of inmates 147. The returns, last evening, gave a total of forty-nine cases of cholera and thirty-one deaths.—*Ibid.*

**IMPORTS.**—Last week we published the value of Dry Goods and Haberdashery imported into this port from Great Britain during the half year ending the 5th July last, and we are now enabled to lay before our readers the total value in sterling of all goods imported into this port from every country during the same period, which is as follows, viz.:—£881,765. This shows a great increase over the value of the imports of the corresponding half year of 1853, which was £615,631. The increase amounts to £266,134 sterling.—*Ibid.*

**THE SHEDDIAO RAILWAY.**—We are happy to state that on Saturday last, a locomotive and cars commenced running on the first two miles of the railway.—'That is, from the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to the Scadone river.' In order to cross the Scadone river, an expensive tubular iron bridge is now in course of construction, which will cost at least 20,000. When this bridge is so far completed that the locomotive can cross it will be able to run eight or ten miles on the road toward the River, and perhaps the whole distance through.—*New Brunswick.*

**THE MACKEREL FISHERY IN THE GULF.**—Up to this time, the American fishing schooners in the Gulf of St. Lawrence have had a very unprofitable mackerel fishery this year. Mackerel are yet scarce and only found at long distances from the land, so that the vessels have had no occasion whatever to go within the three mile limit.—*Ibid.*

The Tolls of the Suspension Bridge for one year from the 1st. September, were disposed of at auction on Wednesday last, to Joseph Fairweather, Esq., for 1660l. Last year the tolls were sold for 1666l., and the lessee, it is said, lost money; but it is supposed the opening of the new road will add greatly to the traffic and travel.—*Freeman.*

**SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON.**

**SUPREME COURT.**—Our notice last week of the proceedings of this Court now sitting here, gave the particulars thereof up to Friday last. On the following day (Saturday) the defence of Mr. Martin was gone into—preceded by a brief address from L. O'C. Doyle, Esq., Q. C. The remainder of the day, and the whole of Monday and Tuesday, were occupied in the examination of witnesses on that behalf. The earlier part of Wednesday was passed in hearing testimony produced in behalf of the Crown to rebut some parts of the testimony which had been given for the defence, after which M. L. Wilkins, Esq. proceeded to address the Jury for the Prisoner; with which address he engaged their attention until late in the evening, resuming on Thursday morning, and concluding about 11 a. m. The Hon. the Solicitor General then replied on behalf of the Crown, in a speech which engrossed the remainder of the day. Yesterday morning, Mr. Justice DesBarres commenced summing up, and recapitulating the evidence, and charging the Jury, which occupied him until 5 p. m., when he left the case in their hands, who thereupon retired to consider their verdict; yet up to nearly seven o'clock they had not agreed.

**POSTSCRIPT.**—Seven o'clock, Friday evening. The Jury have this moment returned into court, and pronounced Mr. Martin Not Guilty, on the ground of Insanity. He is however to be continued in custody until to-morrow (Saturday) when he is to be brought up at 10 o'clock, to abide the decision of the Court as to his future disposal, in consideration of the ground on which he has been acquitted.—*C. B. News, Aug. 10.*

We are sorry to learn that unmistakable evidence of disease in the growing crop of potatoes, has appeared in some sections of the country. We hope, however, that the evil is but partial.—*Ibid.*

**FRENCH FREEMASONRY.**—The perusal of the subjoined extracts from Letters from a Lodge at Toulon, working under the Grand Orient of France, and directed to St. Andrew's Lodge at this place, respecting the fraternal reception which our brother Perruchon received at the hands of the Craft in Sydney, last summer, and which gratifying interview we noticed in our paper at the time,—will be highly pleasing to Members of the Fraternity every where.

"Instruct thyself, live for thy fellow beings, that they may live for thee. If thou art desirous to know the value of friendship, protect the feeble, succour the poor, come our hearts longeth for thee."

"Toulon, the 8th day of the 10th month, in the year of the V. L. 5853.

"To the W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge at Sydney.

"Very Illustrious B. B.

"Our dearly beloved brother Perruchon, on his return from a voyage, immediately came to assist in the works of the Lodge Reunion O. of Toulon (Var) to which he belongs, and acquainted us with the truly fraternal manner you welcomed him. At this recital the vaults of the Temple resounded with triple and warm hearted cheers on behalf of all the members of your Lodge.

"Thanks for the kind welcome you gave our brother Perruchon, it affords another proof that Masonry is the finest, and the holiest institution, of all times, of all countries, and that the Mason who leads an honorable life meets every where with brothers and devoted friends.

"We beg V. E. B. to accept for yourself and to transmit to your Lodge our most sincere thanks, and as a token of the close union of the two Lodges, to receive from us the title of Honorary Member of our Lodge.

"Accept V. D. W. M. the most fraternal accolade of him who has the honor of calling himself,

Your truly devoted brother,

H. LEUFFATT.

32nd Degree, Merchant, and Member of the G. O. of France.

**Extract from the Book of Architecture.**—The workmen of the Reap. L. Reunion at the East of Toulon, assembled together in a place well lighted, where reigns peace, benevolence and brotherly love, opened their labours at the 1st degree.

"The East is lighted by O. D. C. C. Rebuffat, Worshipful Master, 32. Merchant, born at Toulon the 5th October 1811.

"The West by B. B. Mignon Gerin, 1st and 2nd Warden. The tables of the last being unfolded before B. Jacques Orat. Tit.—the pencil being held by B. Rouillon, Secretary.

"After much work the order of the day having been called on, several motions by B. Lebuffat, W. M. to thank in a worthy manner the B. B. of St. Andrew's Lodge, at Sydney, Cape Breton, concur on its Worshipful Master the title of Honorary Member, and shall inscribe his name on the Records of the Lodge."

**"CITY OF GLASGOW" STEAMER.**—Capt. Taylor, of the bark Briton's Pride, arrived at Boston 16th inst. from Cadiz, reports that on the 12th when in lat. 41 56 N., long 66 03 W., he saw on the water some distance from his vessel a chest painted green, on which were the letters, "G. B. City of Glasgow." There was likewise some gilding on the chest. Also passed at the same time, a vessel's head board with a name on it, but could not distinguish what it was. These articles were undoubtedly portions of the lost steamship City of Glasgow, supposed to have foundered while on her passage from Liverpool to Philadelphia.

**BERMUDA.**

The Brig Griffin, Capt. Webb, from Demerara bound to Halifax, communicated with these Islands on Monday last. We are happy to learn by her that the Cholera had almost entirely disappeared from Barbados.—*Herald, Aug. 17.*

It was perfectly healthy at Demerara. The weather had been wet during the week ending the 24th ultimo. Produce was scarce. Tonnage in ample supply.—Freights declining.

**LATER FROM EUROPE.**

A Telegraphic Despatch was received on Monday last at the Merchants' Exchange Room, announcing the arrival of the Collins' steam ship Baltic at New York on Saturday evening, with Liverpool dates to the 9th inst. The following is a copy:

Consols are quoted at 92 3/4 (firm.)  
Spain was quiet at latest accounts.  
General Clinca has been appointed Governor General of Cuba.  
The And Islands have been taken and are now occupied by the French troops.  
The Russian forces have evacuated Bucharest.  
The Austrians had not entered the Principalities.  
Cotton Market dull—prices tending downwards.  
Flour market with an upward tendency.  
Wheat had advanced 2d per bushel.  
Corn Market firm, with good demand, at an advance of 1s. per quarter.  
Provisions remain the same as at previous advices, with a limited business doing.

**STILL LATER.**

Telegraphic Despatch to Merchants' Exchange News Room.

**HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M. THURSDAY.**  
The Mail Steamship Europa arrived at New York this afternoon, English dates to the 12th inst.  
Consols continued firm at 92½ to 92¾.  
Russia consents to evacuate Moldavia.  
Austrian advances countermanded.  
The King of Saxony had fallen from his carriage, which resulted in death.  
Wheat had advanced 4d. per bushel.  
Flour market had continued firm, but no advance in price since previous dates.  
Corn in active demand at previous rates.  
A moderate demand doing in Provisions.  
Sugar firm at a slight advance.