

## European Intelligence.

By telegraph to Liverpool, we learn that a new Ministry had been formed, to be composed as follows:—

Marquis of Lansdowne, Premier, First Lord of the Treasury.  
Lord Aberdeen—Secretary of State for the Foreign Department.  
Mr. Gladstone—Chancellor of the Exchequer.  
Lord John Russell—Leader in the Commons.  
Sir Geo. C. Osborne—Secretary of War.  
Duke of Newcastle—Lord Lieut. of Ireland.  
Herbert—First Lord of the Admiralty.

### LATE INTELLIGENCE.

The steamship America arrived at Halifax at half-past 12 o'clock on Sunday, bringing Liverpool dates to the 25th ult.

The Conservative Ministry had resigned, and a Whig Administration was being formed, under the Premiership of the Earl of Aberdeen.

In France affairs are not only quiet but dull.  
The Emperor of Austria and the Kings of Prussia and Hanover are enjoying themselves at Berlin.

The Sun, in a third edition, adds to the above list the following changes and appointments:—

The Duke of Argyll, Privy Seal; President of the Council, Lord Clarendon; Postmaster General, Lord Canning; Board of Works, Sir W. Molesworth; Duchy of Lancaster, Lord Granville; Board of Trade, E. Cardwell; Attorney General, Sir A. Cockburn; Solicitor General, Mr. Page Wood; Secretaries to the Treasury, Messrs. Hayter and Wilson. Irish Appointments—Lord Lieutenant, Earl Saint Germain; Attorney General, Mr. Bouverie; Solicitor General, W. Keogh.

### SUMMARY OF NEWS.

**BURGLARY AT JAMAICA PLAINS.**—A *Courageous attack upon the robbers*.—At about 2 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, the dwelling of Col. Fessenden, the well-known Railroad Engineer, was the scene of a burglary of a most unexampled character. The house of Mr. Fessenden is situated in a secluded lane, Green St., Jamaica Plain, a considerable distance from any other house, and in the vicinity of woods. The house was entered by four burglars, through the lower windows. The lower part of the house was thoroughly ransacked, and silver plate and other articles to the value of several hundred dollars were gathered together. The robbers then proceeded to the chambers, probably with the object of obtaining the money of the sleeping inmates. The first tried the door of the chamber of the eldest son of Mr. Fessenden, 17 or 18 years of age. The young man was awakened by the noise made by the robbers in entering, and jumped out of bed and cried out for help, but the robbers immediately seized him, and without any unnecessary violence, secured him.

The first noise made by the son, had however, awakened the father, who came out of his room and confronted and courageously attacked the robbers, although there were 4 to 1, and were also armed with pistols. A melee ensued, in which a pistol was fired, without, however, injuring Mr. F., and as no trace of a ball could afterwards be found, it is doubtful if the pistol contained anything but powder. Mr. Fessenden succeeded in wrenching a pistol from one of the robbers, but was afterwards knocked down, trampled upon and bruised, though not seriously injured.

The wife of Mr. Fessenden and his two daughters were standing on the stairs, spectators of this deadly struggle between the husband and father and his ruffianly opponents, but were not, of course, capable of rendering material assistance. It is stated that the wife raised a window and cried out for help, and was only silenced by a pistol placed at her head by one of the robbers, with a threat to blow out her brains if she did not keep quiet, but our informant, who had the facts from one of the family, does not confirm the statement.

After the robbers had by main force subdued Mr. Fessenden, leaving him bruised and bleeding upon the floor, they gathered up their plunder and decamped.

The robbers, it is supposed, went from this city. They probably could not be identified, as in the hurry and terror of the movement no distinct sight of them was had by any of the family.

A man servant of Mr. Fessenden, sleeping in an adjoining building, detached from the house, and was not aroused in season to assist his master or prevent the flight of the robbers. [Boston Traveller.]

**A SINGULAR DIVORCE CASE.**—Under the laws of Massachusetts a wife is entitled to divorce whose husband has been sentenced to the State Prison for a term of seven years or more. Under this law an application has been made, in the Supreme Court, by a woman named Scott, who was actually convicted for aiding and abetting in the crime for which her husband was sentenced, but who was let off from punishment in consequence of the fact coming to light that she probably acted from fear of her husband, who was a most daring villain. Now the wife claims a divorce in consequence of a sentence based upon a crime in which she was a joint actor, and as the law has made no provision for such a contingency the divorce will probably be granted. Judge Cushing has the case under consideration. [Ibid.]

**RESIST IN THE OHIO.**—Western papers continue to report serious damage from the

sudden rising of the western rivers. On the 29th ult., Cincinnati and neighboring towns on either side of the river, were in part inundated. Many houses had been abandoned, and all shipyards, sawmills and manufactories in the neighborhood of the river had been compelled to stop business. Large quantities of lumber and of other property have been swept away, the water, at 8 o'clock on the 29th, had reached the south end of the Battery and Piermont streets, in Cincinnati, and was then rising at the rate of two inches per hour. It was within two feet of the top of Dear Creek bridge. Accounts from Louisville, Ky., announce that the river had risen ten feet, and was still on the rise. The houses on Water street were all inundated, and the water was still rising. The Wabash was also rising rapidly on the 25th.

**IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.**  
Without waiting for the meeting in St. John the English and American Ministers have brought the Fishery negotiations to a conclusion, and there can be little doubt that the Treaty, whatever be its terms, will be ratified by the British Parliament and by Congress, without very much regard being paid to the wishes of the Provinces. [Freeman.] Washington, Dec. 30.

Negotiations between Messrs. Everett and Crumpton, on the Fishery question, resulted in the draft of a treaty. It now requires to be sanctioned by the British Parliament, to make it complete, as far as England is concerned. After that it will be submitted to the consideration of the Senate of the United States.

The question between this Government and the Hudson's Bay Company has been taken up by Mr. Everett.

**CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS BY THE MORAVIANS.**—The religious celebration of Christmas Eve amongst the Moravians is simple, touching, and peculiar. The Lancaster, Pa., Whig thus describes the ceremonies observed on the occasion at Luz, and we believe the same were observed at the Moravian Chapel in New York city:—

"At the appointed hour the services of the church will commence with instrumental music by the choir, after which the pastor will read the sacred history of the birth of Christ, when all will partake of a Love Feast, consisting of a 'Love Feast Cake,' and a mug of hot coffee. The choir will again perform a piece of sacred music, near the conclusion of which all the little children will be served with a lighted wax candle, about four inches long, which they will hold in their hands until the close of the ceremony."

**THE PERILS OF THE SEA.**—We recently stated that the steamship Pacific, on her last passage to Liverpool, rescued sixteen persons from the wreck of the barque Jenny Dawson, of Irving, Scotland, bound from Quebec to Belfast, Ireland. By a letter from a passenger on board the Pacific, it appears that the rescue was only effected through the almost superhuman efforts of the third officer in command and three sailors with a life-boat. The wind was blowing a tremendous gale, and the sea ran very high. The life-boat, after returning with the rescued men, was dashed to pieces at the side of the steamer. The daring and noble conduct of the sailors in saving life under such circumstances, was fully appreciated by the passengers on board the steamer, who made up a purse of \$500, and deposited it for their benefit in the Savings Bank at New York.

Captains of vessels recently arrived at this port from Europe, state that they have never known so disastrous weather on the Atlantic, and by the long passages made by the steamers we infer that the storms and gales are more severe than usual, even in the present inclement season of the year. [Boston Journal.]

**GREAT SMASH OF THE TELEGRAPH WIRES.**—All the telegraph wires leading out of this city were broken by the ice on Saturday last, and up to last evening had not been repaired so as to work. Between here and Clapville a distance of nine miles, there were twenty breaks. This is a large number than has ever occurred at one time since the line was built. There are a large number of men repairing the wires, and they will probably be in working order to-morrow. [Worcester Transcript, 4th.]

**A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT FOR THE PEOPLE.**—A Life Annuity of Five Hundred Dollars has been tendered to Rev. Lyman Beecher, by Messrs. John Tappan, Samuel H. Walley, Enoch Train, George W. Crocker, and John C. Proctor. Such an act is a deed of justice no less than of generosity. Dr. Beecher is now 77 years old, and though much of his natural force remains, he is quite too old to have the charge of a parish. He is now by the kind consideration of his old friends spared any anxiety about what he shall eat or drink, or whether he shall be clothed during the remainder of his pilgrimage, and can quietly devote his remaining years to the preparation of his valuable manuscripts for publication, and his own heart for the great change which he must soon experience. [Boston Traveller.]

Mr. King, Vice President elect, has resigned his seat in the Senate. It is said that Benjamin Fitzpatrick will be appointed by the Governor of Alabama to fill the vacancy. The steamboat Engineer was despatched to Washington by Government orders, to convey Mr. King to Norfolk, whence he will embark in the U. S. steamer Fulton for Havana.

**A RUSH FOR AUSTRALIA.**—From all parts of the world people are rushing to the gold

mines of Australia. A late Buenos Ayres paper states that three vessels are filling up with passengers at that port for the gold mines of that country.

## THE STANDARD.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12, 1853.

Subscribers will please pay our Collector, who is now on his annual collecting tour. He will also receive new Subscribers' names.

## Latest from England.

By Telegraph, Express to the St. Andrews Standard. (FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) NEW-YORK, Jan. 11.

The steamship Baltic arrived today: the following is a correct list of the new British Ministry:—

Lord Aberdeen, Premier  
Lord John Russell, Foreign Secretary  
Lord Palmerston, Home do  
Duke of Newcastle, Secy for Colonies  
Mr. Frederick Peel, Under do  
Mr. Herbert, Secretary of War  
Mr. Gladstone, Chancellor Excheq.  
Lord Aberdeen regretted Earl Derby's opposition to his Cabinet. Parliament was adjourned to the 10th February. The policy of the new administration will be that of Sir R. Peel's.  
Breadstuffs quiet.

**MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.**—The Royal Gazette of Wednesday last contains His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Proclamation, summoning the Provincial Legislature to meet on Thursday the 24th of February next, for the dispatch of business.

The letter of our correspondent R. R. A. may be observed on our first page. The writer does not appear to be over pleased with the abilities which he discerns in our Politicians. Only hearken to what he says: "Ye Magistrates of the land, and then quake in yourselves, ever until the lethargy or nightmare leaves you!"  
"Among the guardians of the public weal, we are sadly deficient in heads to under, and our true policy, or hearts to adopt it."

**C. C. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

The thirty-third annual Meeting of this Society took place in the Town Hall on Tuesday 11th inst. The meeting was larger than usual, and we were happy to observe the great interest manifested by those present, not only in the proceedings of the Society, but in the improvement of agriculture generally. Many useful hints were thrown out, and information given, which will be of service to those engaged in the noble pursuit of farming. Resolutions were passed for the importation of improved breeds of stock, seeds, &c. The annual Report was then read and adopted. A full statement of the accounts of the Society was laid before the meeting and approved of. The officers for the ensuing year were then ballotted for, and the following persons were declared duly elected:—

Hon. H. HATCH, President.  
D. MOWAT, Vice-Presidents.  
J. WALTON,  
W. HATCH, Treasurer.  
A. T. PAUL, Secretary.

**COMMITTEE:**  
M. J. C. ANDREWS, R. D. JAMES, R. STEVENSON, H. HITCHINGS, C. H. RICE, J. LOCHARY, G. F. CAMPBELL, R. JOHNSTON, and THOS. T. ODELL.

At 6 o'clock a respectable number of the members and other gentlemen sat down to dinner at Phœasant's hotel, Hon. H. Hatch in the chair, ably supported by Col. D. Mowat, Vice-President. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal, patriotic and agricultural toasts were drunk, with much good feeling, and the company separated at an early hour, well pleased with the entertainment.

The result of the Hon. Joseph Howe's mission to England, has been given in a semi-official manner, in the Halifax Chronicle, and amounts in a few words to this: he has ascertained that Messrs. Sykes & Co. are fully competent to carry on and complete any work they may undertake, (this, however, was known before)—and that their estimates were approved of by an eminent Engineer in Scotland, who by the way is a Nova-Scotian by birth: That money can be had on Provincial credit in England at 6 per cent., to any extent; and that the British Government are willing to re-open negotiations for building the North Shore railroad to Quebec. That a clause in Mr. Jackson's offer, which stated that in case the bonds of the Province did not rise to 15 per cent., the Government was to make up the difference, has been struck out. One or two of the Hal-

ifax papers, and a large portion of the Press of this Province, handle Mr. Howe and his railway policy, without gloves. For our own part we prefer waiting until Mr. Howe brings the subject fairly before the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, which will meet in a few days. It is hardly fair to attack a man or his measures, until it is known positively that he has failed. We are patiently awaiting the next Mail, referred to in our St. John exchanges for the last few weeks, for the "important railway intelligence from Mr. Jackson."

THE WEATHER for the past week has been clear and very mild. The snow has nearly disappeared from our streets, under the genial rays of the sun; waggons and carts have taken the place of sleighs and sleds.

AN INQUEST was held on the body of Donald Kennedy, a private of the 72d Highlanders, which was found on Tuesday morning under the Market Wharf. Verdict: Drowned while in a state of intoxication.

**LATER FROM THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.**—The arrival of the barque Springbok at Boston, has furnished the press of that city with Cape Town papers to the 20th November, fourteen days later. The Mail furnishes the following intelligence respecting the progress of the war:—

With regard to the progress of the Kaffir war there is but little of novelty to report. War, it can now scarcely be termed, yet there is no restoration of peace. Hostilities, in any regular or connected form, have for some time ceased, apparently, from sheer exhaustion on the part of the Kaffirs; but still the Grikwa chiefs refuse to submit. Still, their followers lurk, in unknown numbers, in their native mountains, and keep a large body of the troops in incessant motion, watching, tracing, and where possible shooting them down;—and still by every post, we have fresh accounts of cattle carried off in the night from farm houses, from waggons, and even from military posts—nearly every such account ending with the recital that one or two Kaffirs were killed, and part or the whole of the booty taken.

Col. Maclean, the Chief Commissioner of British Kaffraria, has officially reported that the line between King William's Town and the Buffalo is now perfectly tranquil, and that "traders and travellers" waggons now pass at all hours without escorts or guards. On the other hand, the very last post announces that Oliphant's Hoek is again infested by rebel Hottentots, and that several parties of burghers have been out in pursuit, and killed and wounded some of the rebels.

The Siam chief Seyolo, sentenced to death, had his punishment commuted to banishment for life, and one of his four wives was allowed to accompany him.

**MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.**—On Thursday evening last, while two lads, 14 or 15 years of age—one a son of Mr. John Weston—the other a son of Mr. Richard Foote—were skating on the ice on Chequoggin River, they both fell through. Their cries were heard by Mrs. Bain, who sent her son to the spot, and he succeeded in getting out Foote, apparently lifeless. After some time, he resuscitated, and it was only then it became known that the other boy was with him. After being about an hour in the water, Mr. Weston's son was discovered, and drawn out, but too late to save his life. [Yarmouth Herald.]

**RAILWAY SURVEYS.**—We believe it is not generally known that some special surveys, in connection with Railways in this Province, are now going on, under the orders of Mr. Beatty, C. E., who visited this Province last season by direction of Mr. Peio, M. E., one of the contractors.

Mr. Wilkinson is now engaged in making surveys on the route by the Douglas Valley to the American frontier, and has lately made a series of reconnaissances, with the view of getting a route from this City into that Valley, without following the crooked and expensive line by the bank of the Nerepis. This, it is thought, may be effected either by following up Hamm's Brook, or the brook at Brandy Point, and so by the Belvidere Lakes to the Douglas river. If this can be accomplished, it will remove most of the objections to the line by the Douglas Valley, as well by shortening the distance as by escaping the route along the Nerepis, some portions of which have been estimated by Mr. Wilkinson at not less than £24,000 per mile.

On Wednesday last, Mr. Ramsay commenced at the head of the Marsh, about four miles from this City, to survey and level from thence easterly, by the old Westmorland road, to Hammond River. From this line, Mr. Ramsay will make cross sections, North and South, in order to obtain the exact configuration of the country in that direction, with all its elevations and depressions. The true features of the tract between the Kennebec and Loch Lomond will thus be presented at one view; and this may probably result in a new route for the railway from the Marsh to Hammond River, which will avoid the long and expensive detour by Gondola Point. [New Brunswick.]

**PROVINCIAL RAILWAYS.**—There was no official communication relative to our Railways by the last Mail, owing to the illness of Mr. Jackson, who was laid up with acute rheumatism. We are informed that communications of importance are expected by the English mail which is due this week. [New Brunswick.]

The subject of reciprocal Trade with the Provinces is becoming suddenly popular in United States. This change of national sentiment is doubtless induced at the present moment in consequence of the Americans finding themselves all at once cut off from their long and unique participation, for rather monopoly of our Colonial Fisheries; and our neighbors imagine that in the general desire manifested by the Provinces for a reciprocity in Trade, we will heedlessly hand them over our Fisheries into the bargain. It is now many months since we pointed the unjust policy of our being forced into such a concession; although in all matters of mere trade, where the ownership of public property is not involved, our idea of it is that it should be as free as the winds of heaven. Many of our contemporaries either would not or could not see the nature of the distinction which we made between owning an article for commerce, and its free transmission to a foreign country; but we believe the Americans understood it well, and that it is now pretty well recognized throughout the Colonies, even by those who would gladly part with it from private considerations. [Reporter.]

(The Portland (Maine) Advertiser of the 9th Dec., says:—We regret to notice that many trees in this city and vicinity, are now putting out buds, owing to the present unusual warm weather. This must prove a check on the production of fruit next year—unless the process is arrested. The editor of the Albany Register, also says, that he has seen a rose which bloomed in the open air.

A monument is to be raised by the citizens of New York to the memory of America's greatest Novelist, James Fenimore Cooper, Esq. It is to be erected on the summit of Mount Vesuvius, a bold peak overlooking his late residence at Compostown.

**A RELIC OF THE PAST.**—The census of Canada develops the fact that a man named Abraham Miller, now living among the Indians in Grey Township, Simcoe County, and assimilated to them in manners and habits, is one hundred and fifteen years of age. He was in Wolfe's army, before Quebec, ninety-four years ago.

The city fathers of Cincinnati have just had constructed for use in extinguishing fires, a steam fire engine, and at a public trial of it, it has proved entirely successful. It throws six streams of water by steam power, works constantly, and steam can be generated in five minutes, and kept up without difficulty for any length of time. It is drawn by horses, assisted by the power of the machinery.

The excess of females over males in England is 400,000; in Scotland 150,000; and in Ireland 120,000.

The St. Louis Intelligencer states that within twelve months, the immigrants from Ireland in St. Louis have purchased and transmitted home \$140,000.

The R. Y. Mr. Streets's parishioners at Woodstock presented him with a purse of £20 on Christmas day, as a mark of their respect and esteem.

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**DEATHS.**

At Woodburne, in this Parish, on the 5th inst. Mr. JOHN McDONALD, son of the late Alexander McDONALD, Esq. aged 35 years, leaving a wife and child, and a numerous circle of friends to lament their loss.

On the 27th ult., after a long illness, Agnes, wife of Mr. George MacLachlan in the 34th year of her age, leaving a sorrowful husband and two children.

**NOTICE.**  
ALL persons having claims against the estate of the late JOHN McDONALD, of Woodburne, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within three months from date; and all those indebted to the said estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
MARGARET McDONALD, Executrix.  
DAVID W. JACK,  
WILLIAM JACK,  
10th January, 1853.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Tuesday, 6th April, 1853.

Ordered, That the Fourth Standing Order of this House be, for three months previous to the next meeting of the Legislature, published in the Royal Gazette, and also in a Newspaper in each County in which a Newspaper is published. XL That no Bill, Resolution, or other Proceeding, founded upon any application addressed to the House of Assembly, be sustained by the Council, unless an application to the same effect, with such documents as may accompany the same, be also presented to the Council in General Assembly. (3m.)

## NOTICE.

AN APPLICATION will be made at the next Session of the Legislature, for an Act to assess the lower Village of St. Stephen, comprising the District from the Dennis Stream Bridge to Hitchens' Corner, and extending back one mile from the River, for the purpose of procuring a Fire Engine building an Engine House, &c.  
St. Stephen, Dec. 16, 1852.

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