SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Search for lost Treasure.—A vessel belonging to a Company of gentlemen in Baltimore, fully equipped with a diving bell, sub-marine armor and efficient hands to work them under the superintendance of a practical engineer, recently left that port for the Island of Margarita, near Cumana, for the purpose of recovering the military chest and other treasures and stores lost by the foundering of the Spanish eighty gun ship "San Pedro de Alcantara."

The San Pedro was one of a large fleet of ships of war and transports, which sailed from Cadiz early in 1815, with an army of 15,000 men to reconquer the revolted Provinces of the Spanish Main. Being the Admiral's ship and largest in the squadron, to her was entrusted all the treasure and military stores necessary for an expedition of such magnitude.

The loss of this ship occurred in April, 1844, at noon-day, within a league of the Island, and and in 10½ fathoms of water. To this severe calamity is to be attributed the failure of the Spanish arms under Morillo, and the subsequent independence of the South American Republics.

Since 1815 the wreck has quietly slumbered at the bottom of the sea, its whereabouts known only to the fishermen of the coast. The hull lies in ten and a half fathoms of water, on a hard and sandy bottom between the Island of Margarita and the main land. The neighbouring sea is ordinarily smooth, and seldom violently agitated. Authentic accounts state that she remains in the same position in which she went down. Her decks are partially fallen in, owing it is supposed, to the weight of her armament, and action of the worms on her wood work.

The present expedition has a permit from the Venezuelan Government to recover all the lost treasure and stores, with the sole condition of paying into the Treasury of the Republic five per cent on all recovered.

MURDER ON SHIPBOARD—*Effects of Rum*—We learn from the Philadelphia Gazette that on Wednesday afternoon, the 25th ult. the crew of the ship Farwell, on her voyage to Boston, in tow of the city Ice Boat, refused to do duty at the time the ship was to be cast off from the steamer, nearly off Marcus Hook. They were ordered off by the first mate, Mr. Eagles, at the request of Captain Farwell. While the captain was taking their names, they were highly mutinous in their language. Upon the mate's interfering to preserve discipline, one of the seamen, named Thomas Forbes, a Scotchman, drew a sheath knife on him and stabbed him in the left side, by the heart. The mate staggered aft, declaring that he was murdered, and soon after expired. Forbes then approached Captain Farwell, declaring himself to be the murderer, at the same time drawing his knife from his pocket in a menacing manner. The Captain levelled a pistol at him and shot him—but he was not dead at the last accounts. The occurrence took place off Marcus Hook, where the Farwell came to anchor, and the Coroner and other officers were sent to take the proper cognizance of the facts. The tragical affair is attributable to rum. The crew were drunk on going on board, and had been in a state of mutiny all the way down.—*Halifax Herald*

A PRESENT.—The bark Columbia, at Philadelphia, from the Mediterranean, brings a Maltese sheep as a present from the American consul at Malta, to the Secretary of the Treasury. The animal is a curiosity, having a tail nearly as broad as a small woollen blanket.

DEATH OF MR. HARNDEN.—Wm. F. Harnden, the father of the Express business, died in Boston, on Tuesday last, of consumption. He was a man of great enterprise.

(From the Halifax Times.)

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The press of New Brunswick, Conservative and Radical, is fierce in denouncing the appointment of Mr. Reade, Private Secretary of Sir Wm. Colebrooke, to the office of Private Secretary, vacant by the death of Hon W. F. Odell. Mr. Reade is a stranger, an Englishman, has been in the Province but a short time, and though he possesses personal qualifications for the office, has no other claim beyond that of his connection with the Lieutenant Governor. Sir Wm. Colebrooke was a great stickler for the introduction of Responsible Government into New Brunswick, he has apparently been the first to set an example of its violation by this appointment, and such a step taken by a Governor will have a bad effect on the public mind, causing it to doubt the sincerity of the application of the new principle. It would seem as if the appointment had been made in the exercise of the prerogative, without consultation with or taking the advice of any member of the Executive. Sir Wm. Colebrookes conduct admits of two constructions. If he intended the appointment to be provisional and had determined to submit it for ratification by the Colonial Secretary, there can be no excuse for him, and we are prepared to see his Executive Council, tender their resignations in consequence, and he will well deserve to lose his government. But if it is only a temporary occupation of the Office, until he can have an opportunity of consulting his Council, and of filling it to the public satisfaction, they or him becoming responsible for the justice of the appointment we think there is no great harm done. If this is the case the clamour which has been raised, will have been, to say the least premature.

THE CAMBRIA.—The Halifax Times of the 21st inst. says:—The new Royal Mail Steamship Cambria, which was advertised to leave England on the 4th of January, has not arrived up to this hour, Monday 9 p. m., and is overdue five or six days. Some anxiety is beginning to be felt on her account.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HEALTH.—Several of our contemporaries, in the Lower Provinces, have recently published a paragraph, in which it is alleged that Sir Charles Metcalfe has lost the use of one of his eyes by the cancer, and that in consequence of the progress of that malady he was about to return home. Similar stories to this have been repeatedly circulated, and as often contradicted, and we were much pleased to meet with the following paragraph which appeared in a late number of the Quebec Gazette:—

"We have great satisfaction in saying that we yesterday saw in a private letter dated two days before, from a medical gentleman of the highest standing, who is in attendance upon His Excellency, which says—"The general state of His Excellency's health was never better—he dines at two public dinners a week and enjoys them excessarily—his spirits are remarkably good and there is not the slightest reason for believing that the affection of his face will be prejudicial to his general health—and much less to shorten his life—he has not, he adds, the smallest reason to fear but that he may enjoy life and health for many years to come."

Dr. Lyman, of Great Beads, Pa., on Monday week, returning from visiting a patient while attempting to get into his wagon, in which his wife was already seated, slipped and his foot caught in the spring. The horse became frightened and ran about one mile, dragging the unfortunate man the whole distance, with his foot still fast in the spring. His face and head were horribly cut and disfigured and when the horse stopped, he was entirely dead. Mrs. L. supposed, being very dark, that when he fell he cleared himself from the wagon. Her feelings when the whole truth was disclosed, may more easily be imagined than described.

STRANGE ACCIDENT.—Rather a strange accident occurred yesterday, in Portland, which nearly proved fatal to a young man named Charles Nevins. He and another lad had taken a holiday, and were amusing themselves, when the person in question agreed to ascend to the top of Fort Howe, near the road leading to the new Catholic Chapel, and immediately behind a blacksmith shop, climbing up the side, which is a nearly perpendicular, and thickly covered with snow. He had just reached the summit, when the whole avalanche gave way, burying him at the foot of the hill, beneath about 6½ feet of snow. A number of men were immediately on the spot, and fortunately began at the right place, and succeeded in digging him out, which being done, he was found to be just alive, in consequence of the extreme pressure and suffocation.—*Saint John Herald*

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—On Wednesday Patrick Mullin, Richard Dunn and William Landrigan were arraigned on an indictment for the murder of Charles Yorke, and severally pleaded not guilty. Each of three parties named, is indicted as having inflicted the fatal blow and the other two as accessories, so we suppose it is yet matter of doubt, which of the three is the most guilty party, although it is generally said to be Mullin. The trial was appointed for this morning (Friday), with the understanding, that if their Counsel, Messrs Hazen, Ritchie and Gray, were not then prepared the case would go over till Monday.—*Ibid.*

There are certain parties in Fredericton making a pretty stir about applying to the Legislature to get the town incorporated. We should hope that with the example of St. John before their eyes, the inhabitants of this town will be too wise to create salaries for Mayor, Recorder, Chamberlain, Aldermen, &c., and give them the power to expend the revenue and to incur debts, when there can be no good derived to counterbalance these gigantic evils.—*Loyalist.*

P. E. ISLAND.—The Central Agricultural Society of Prince Edward Island met on Wednesday the 8th day of January. An interesting Report was read by the Secretary Peter Macgowan, Esq. The report notices the good quality of the potatoe crop, and very justly attributes the low price in the Halifax markets, in comparison with Nova Scotia potatoes, to the mixture of small and large together.

REPORTING THE DEBATES.—In issuing our Prospectus, we announced our intention of Reporting the Debates during the ensuing Session of the Legislature. They will be published weekly in the Reporter, and we shall likewise furnish under our Editorial head a summary of all the interesting proceedings of the House down to the day of publication. By these means, and faithful proper attention to the most important Debates, we trust to be able to furnish our readers with as fair a record of Legislative proceedings as they may require; giving them to know at the same, how their Representatives discharge their duty.

No additional charge is made to our yearly subscribers for this service and the amount for the winter half year is 7s 6d payable either to ourselves or our Agents. Persons at a distance wishing to subscribe in this way, can forward the money through the Agents or the Post Office, or by the members of the Legislature when they come to the opening of the House.—*N. B. Reporter*

The Boston Post states that during the year 1844, there were 1366 through, and 213 way passengers brought to that port in the Cunard steamers, and 1,010 through, with 117 way, taken from Boston to Liverpool and Halifax.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

The Monthly Meeting of the Total Abstinence Society, will be held at the Town Hall, on Monday evening next, at 7 o'clock.—The Public are invited to attend.

By order of the Committee,
ALEXR T. PAUL,
Secretary

St. Andrews, Janu. 28 1845

THE STANDARD.

ST. ANDREWS, WEDNESDAY, JANR 29, 1845

CHARLOTTE COUNTY BANK.
Hon. Harris Hatch, President.
T. B. Wigmore, Esq. Secretary.
Director next week—*George D. Street.*
Discount Day—TUESDAY.
Hours of Business, from 10 to 2.
☞ BILLS and NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before MONDAY, otherwise they must lie over until next week.

CHAMBERLAIN BANK.
Commissioners—R. M. Andrews, R. William, C. A. Babcock, Thos. Turner, John Bailey.

SAINT STEPHEN'S BANK.
G. D. King, Esq. *President.*
Director next week—*Upper Hill.*
Discount Day—SATURDAY.
Hours of business, from 10 to 1.
☞ Bills and Notes for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before FRIDAY, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discountday.

LATEST DATES

Liverpool,—Jan	4	*Montreal*,—Jan.	19
London,——Jan	3	*Quebec*——Jan.	19
Edinburgh—Jan	1	*Halifax*,——Jan.	19
Paris,——Jan	1	*New York*,—Jan.	24
Toronto,—Janv.	18	*Boston*,——Jan.	25

ARRIVAL OF THE

CAMBRIA.

The new R. M. Steamship Cambria, Capt Judkins, arrived at Boston on Friday morning last, in 19½ days from Liverpool, bringing papers to the 4th inst. The Steamer had very boisterous weather. The officers and crew were much exhausted by their labours.—She had 80 passengers.

We have only space to-day to give a few items of news by this arrival.

ENGLAND.—Money was abundant. The stock of Cotton on hand, at the end of the year had a tendency to depress the market, but prices were firm.

Her Majesty and Prince Albert will visit the Duke of Wellington, during the present month at Strathfieldsaye.

Sir Henry Pottinger, K. C. B., has been invited to three public testimonials or dinners, at London, Liverpool and Manchester, at the latter place £3000 had been raised for the purpose.

The Caledonia arived out in 13 days from Boston.

IRELAND.—Repeal meetings are still held with great vigour.—Several murders had been committed.

SCOTLAND.—Notwithstanding the large amounts raised for the support of the Free Church, £19 000 had been subscribed by 19 persons to build a free Church College.

FRANCE.—The principal interest of foreign news, centres in France. The Kings Speech was well received by the French.

SPAIN.—There is nothing interesting or new from this unhappy country.

The Queen of Portugal closed the Cortes in person on the 14th ult.

OPENING OF THE FRENCH CHAMBERS

Paris, Half past Two o'clock, P. M.

This day the French Chambers were opened with the usual ceremonies. At one his Majesty left the Tuileries, and upon arriving at the Chamber of Deputies ascended the throne accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Duc de Nemours Prince de Joinville, Duc d'Aumale, and Duke de Montpensier.—The Queen and Princesses occupied the usual places. His Majesty having taken his seat, delivered the following most gracious speech:—

THE KING'S SPEECH.

"Messieurs the Peers and Deputies,

"At the close of the last session, complications, which might have become grave, were the objects of my solicitude. The necessity of securing our possessions in Africa, against hostile and repeated incursions obliged us to carry war into the empire of Morocco. Our brave armies of land and sea, worthily commanded attained with glory and in a short time, the object in view on our vaunted Peace promptly followed victory, and Algiers, where three of my sons had this year the honour to serve their country, has recorded a double pledge of security for we have proved at once our power and admiration.

"My government was engaged with that of the Queen of Great Britain in discussions which might have given reason to fear that that the relations of the two states might have been affected; a mutual spirit of good will and equity has been maintained between France and England, this happy accord, which guarantees the peace of the world.

"During the visit which I paid the Queen of Great Britain to testify to her the price that I attach, to the amity which unites us, and to that reciprocal friendship of which she has given me so many marks, I have been surrounded by manifestations the most satisfactory for France and for myself. I have gathered, in the sentiments, that have been expressed to me, additional guarantees for the long duration of that generous peace which assures to our country abroad a dignified and strong position, and at home an eternally increasing prosperity, with the enjoyment of our constitutional liberties.

"My relations with all foreign powers continue to be friendly and amicable.

"You see, Messieurs, yourselves witnesses of the prosperous state of France. You see manifested upon all parts of our territory our national activity proceeded by wise laws, and reaping in the bosom of order the fruits of its labours. The rise of public credit, and the equilibrium established between our annual receipts and expenditure, attest the happy influence of this situation upon the general affairs of the State for the well being of all.

"In the midst of the general prosperity of the country, Heaven has blessed my family. It has increased the number of my children, and the marriage of one of my well-beloved sons, the Duc D'Aumale, with a Princess who already was related to us by so many ties, has been for me and mine a lively satisfaction.

"Messieurs, Providence has imposed upon me many labours, and painful trials. I have accepted the burden. I have devoted myself I have devoted my family, to the service of my country. To lay a lasting foundation of union and happiness has for 14 years been the object of our constant efforts. I feel confident that, with your loyal aid, you will enable me to attain it, and the gratitude of France, free and happy, will be the reward of our mutual devotedness, and be to us, the honour of my reign."

Cries of "Vive le Roi!" interrupted some of the passages of the foregoing speech, which were renewed at the close.

CALAMITOUS AND EXTENSIVE FIRE IN DUMFRIES.—Wednesday morning about two o'clock, a fire broke out in the large work house of Mr. Beck, coach-builder, immediately behind New Market Street, Dumfries, the alarm was instantly given, and the police, with the fire engines, hastened to the place, but the destructive element had obtained so extensive a hold upon the combustible materials in the building, and spread with such fearful rapidity, that all efforts to arrest its progress on that part of the premises, were considered hopeless; and as soon as water could be procured, the engines were directed to play upon the houses fronting into New Market Street, as the wind, from being in an easterly direction, brought an immense quantity of sparks into that quarter, and several chimneys were on fire on both sides of the street. The wind, however continuing moderate, the progress of the fire in that direction was arrested. In the meantime it continued to spread in the other direction, and the whole of the work-shops store-rooms, show-room, and other back premises, belonging to Mr. Beck, were soon involved in a universal conflagration. Almost as soon as the work-shops adjoining the dwelling houses were on fire, and before the flames began to issue from the roof, it was observed, from the emission of smoke, that the dwelling house had also caught fire. Every exertion was now made to save Mr. Beck's household furniture, and other valuables in the dwelling-house—the greater part of which, we believe, were got out with little damage. None of the adjoining buildings, except those belonging to Mr. Beck, have been at all damaged by the fire, while the whole of his property is entirely burnt down. The property is, to some extent, insured. The cause of the fire is not known.—*Dumfries Standard.*

The French journals are chiefly occupied with the approaching meeting of the Chamber, for which preparations are now making. The deputies are daily arriving in great numbers, from their several departments, and all parties are marshalling their supporters for the political warfare that is drawing near. The Ministers were entertaining their friends among the deputies, and no doubt was entertained that they would be supported by a decided majority in the Chamber. It is mentioned however, that questions will be stirred, which, though they may not be carried, will nevertheless excite dissension and popular clamour, and will render it necessary for Ministers to call for all the support which they can command.

The Legislature meets to-day—the Session will be an important one, as there are a number of interesting topics for discussion.

The greatest Snow Storm which has been experienced for the last few years, took place on Tuesday and Wednesday the 21st and 22d inst. accompanied by a strong wind, blocking up the roads to such an extent that the St. John Mail, due here on Tuesday did not arrive until Sunday last, and the St. Stephen Mail was carried by the Drover on Snow Shoes. On Thursday last the inhabitants generally turned out with sleds and broke the road from the Town out nearly six miles. On Friday it commenced raining & continued during Saturday, melting the snow off many of the fields and leaving the streets bare in some places. The weather still continues moderate.

The *Royal Gazette* of the 15th inst. contains an abstract from the Provincial Revenue, by which it appears that the receipts for the quarter ending the 31st of December last was £25 664 5s. 7d., which is an increase as compared with the corresponding quarter in 1843 of £6,359 2s. 9 1-2d., and making the total Revenue for the year 1844 £90,000.

The New Brunswick Marine Assurance Company has declared a Semi annual dividend of twenty per cent, payable to Stockholders on and after the 2nd of February next.

A conspiracy has been discovered among the negroes of New York to murder all the white people on some plantations in Virginia.—*Halifax Post.*

Mrs. Tyler the presiding genius of the White House, says the correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, has issued a ukase, requiring the foreign ministers to appear in court dresses, and our Navy and Army in their appropriate uniforms, at her drawing-room parties. The arrangement will give additional splendor to those occasions. If I had a title!

BLACK INIQUITY.—In six months, 36 vessels under American colors, have been brought into Rio Janeiro, with average cargoes of 500 slaves each—making in all eighteen thousand.

Tired of their Husbands.—Since the 1st of January, 1845, no less than 159 married women in France have been legally charged with assassinating or attempting to assassinate their husbands.

MARRIED.

On the 12th inst. by the Rev John Cassis, A. M., Mr. John Irvine, to Miss Catherine Gow.

On the 23d inst by the same, Mr. John Simpson, to Miss Eleanor Jane Orr, both of St. Patricks.

On the 24 h inst by the same, Mr. Wm. Simpson, Jun to Miss Elizabeth Crosset, both of St Andrews.

At St. John, on the 13th inst, by the Rev. Mr Holket, Mr. Andrew Mason, to Miss Jane Currie, both of Chatham, Miramichi.

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On the 20th inst, by the Rev. Robert Irvine, Mr. Isaac Hatfield, to Miss Fanny Houghton.—and Mr. W. H. Spragg, to Miss Mary Jane Vail, all of the Parish of Springfield, K. C.

SHIPPING JOURNAL.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

—ARRIVED.—

Jan. 25, schr. Mary Jane, McMaster, Eastport, sundries.

——28, sloop Hornet, Chandley, Eastport, sundries to sundry.

—CLEARED—

Jan. 23, sloop Hornet, Chandley, Eastport, ballast.

ARRIVED AT MAGADAVIC.

Jan. 21, bqe. Plutus, Mack, Liverpool, Ballast to D Gilmor; and goods, to J Brewer Esq and Robert Walton.—Decr 19th, lat. 43 16 long 31 06 W. spoke Danish bqe Achilles, bound to New York, but lost foremast by the deck, bowsprit, and main topmast was then steering to the Eastward going back to England.

Jan. 14th, Spoke bqe Glenner, of Cambleton, Cape Sable, N. by W. distance 35 miles from St John, N. B.

ENCAMPMENT.

A MEETING of Knights Templars, and Knights of Malta, is Summoned at their Encampment, Masonic Hall, on Monday 10th February next for the purpose of Electing officers, for the Ensuing year.—A full attendance of Knights is particularly requested.

By Order of the G. C.
St Andrews, January 25, 1845.

Hibernian Lodge, No 318,

A MEETING of the Hibernian Lodge, No. 318, under registry of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, will be held at the Lodge Room on Tuesday evening next at half past 6 o'clock.—*Regular Night.*

By order of the W. M.
S. McCURDY,
Secretary.

January 29, 1845.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late DANIEL CUNNINGHAM, of the Parish of St. David, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within 3 months from this date, and all those indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

LAUGHLIN DOON,
Administrator.

St. David, Dec. 21, 1844.