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**Appalling Shipwreck.**

**LOSS OF FOUR HUNDRED LIVES.**

[To the Editor of the Mercury.]

The "T. Plein" left the Mersey on Thursday last, having on board about 600 souls, including crew and passengers of all ages. The ship was fair weather of for some hours, but at 10 o'clock, when the wind freshened, she was driven against a heavy sea, and in consequence of her pitching and rolling, she was obliged to anchor. She was then blown off her anchor, and at 11 o'clock, she was driven on the rocks, and in less than 20 minutes she was a mass of splinters and wreckage. The crew and passengers were all saved, but the loss of life was appalling. The wreck was discovered on the coast of Lambay Island.

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There is a doubtful rumor that Count Parnis has succeeded Nesselrode as Chancellor. A quiet tone is observable in the Russian organs, but the appearance of peace is no nearer.

**St. Valentine's Day.**

Scarcely any one will need to be told that this day, so prolific of amatory mistakes, is the anniversary of the death of one of the numberless affectionate individuals who existed in the early days of Christianity, and who as the ancient calendar informs us, made the forfeiture of their lives the price of the retention of their faith.

The Russian squadrons, which have been so long engaged in the Black Sea, are reported to have sailed for Varna.

**ENGLAND.**

There is no news of importance from England or France. The British fleet in the Tagus was ordered to sea.

**The Wellington Mercury, and Guelph Chronicle.**

**Saturday, February 18, 1854.**

**COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Directors of the Agricultural Society of the County of Wellington, held at the British Hotel, Guelph, on Wednesday last, and presided over by Mr. J. H. L. Sloter, Esq., having taken the chair, called upon the Secretary to read the following Report, which was approved, adopted, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes:

Divided by the Colonial Government making it a condition of the Grant of Steam Navigation Company's charter, that they shall convey all live stock from England intended for the improvement of the breed in this Province at some fixed rate, which shall be so reasonable as not to prohibit or deterable certain means of adding to the wealth of this community.

**REPORT.**

The following gentlemen were then elected: JOHN McCREA, President; JOHN HARLAND, Secy.

There's no mistake about that! Ask Elcks.

**THE NEW CEMETERY.**

Notices for Tenders have issued for the erection of a Stone Wall in front of the New Cemetery, on the Scotch Block Road. The wall to be 18 inches thick at the foundation, and to be 6 feet 9 inches in height from the bottom of the foundation; it will graduate from 18 inches thick at the bottom to 12 inches at the top, and to be covered with rubble masonry, and to be finished with a coat of red brickwork, and to be finished with a coat of red brickwork, and to be finished with a coat of red brickwork.

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**INTENDED ACTION IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.**

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**FROM THE LONDON TIMES.**

The following clear and graphic narrative has been given us by a first cabin passenger, a gentleman of the greatest intelligence and humanity, who exerted himself in a praiseworthy manner to assist the unfortunate sufferers.

**ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICA.**

The "America" arrived this morning from Liverpool, Jan. 31. She got ashore at Bird Island, coming up, but will be got at high tide.

**ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA.**

The "Africa" arrived this morning at New York, Feb. 14. She came with Liverpool dates on account of the fog.

**THE ARMY AND THE PRINCE.**

A daily paper says: "Lord Hardinge is too fond of wearing a certain high personage, who is beginning to make himself much to be feared in the army."

**LIVERPOOL MARKETS.**

Breadstuffs were in less demand and some lots of flour sold at 4d under Tuesday's prices.

**THE TURKISH WAR.**

There is but little news as to the Turkish war by this arrival. The war is still going on, and the news is not very encouraging.

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