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"It has been the opinion of Parliament hitherto, that such grants could not be made on ordinary occasions without leading to great abuse of the funds. Be that as it may, however, we know that there are no such funds at present, and that it is to the voluntary zeal and liberality of their countrymen that our soldiers and sailors dying in battle must look for supplying comforts to their widows and orphans."

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**MORE STEAM IN THE GULF.**—The new steamer *Rosebud*, built and owned by Mr. Head of Charlottetown, made her first appearance on our waters on Wednesday evening, 15th inst., and returned next day to Charlottetown. Her model and general construction appear to be well adapted to the navigation of the gulf, and her Cabin is spacious and comfortable. The *Rosebud* is commanded by Capt. Matheson, so long favourably known to the travelling public. It is expected that she will next season be placed on the route between Charlottetown and Pictou, making three trips a week each way.—*Eastern Chron.*

### New Brunswick.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**—The Lecture Season of this popular institution will commence on Monday, the 27th inst. The Rev. Mr. Forrester, of Halifax, will deliver the opening Lecture, and will also in the course of the season, give a course of Lectures on Botany. The Directors of the Institute have already secured the promised aid of a goodly number of well qualified Lecturers for the coming season; and are also in treaty with others.—*Observer.*

The *Royal Gazette* of the 11th inst., contains the Proclamation issued by His Excellency, enjoining the articles mentioned in the Schedule of the Reciprocity Act, hereafter to be admitted free; and also, for the free exportation of American lumber brought down the St. John; subject, however, to bonds for subsequent payment of duty, in case the treaty does not go into effect within six months. The articles enumerated are as follows:—

Grain, Flour, and Breadstuffs of all kinds; Animals of all kinds; Fresh, Smoked and Salted Meats; Cotton Wool, Seeds, and Vegetables; Dried Fruits; Dried Fruits; Fish of all kinds; Product of Fish and other creatures living in the water; Pottery, Eggs; Hides, Fur, Skins of all kinds; Undressed, Stone or Marble in its crude or unworked state; Slate, Gypsum, Cheese and Tallow; Lard, Horns, Manures; Ores of Metals of all kinds; Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Ashes; Timber and Lumber of all kinds, round, squared, and sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part; Firewood, Plants, Shrubs, and Trees; Felt, Wood; Fish Oil; Rice, Broom Corn, and Bark; Gypsum ground or unground; hewn or wrought or unwrought Burr or Grindstones; Dye stuffs; Flax, Hemp, and Tow, unmanufactured; Unmanufactured Tobacco; Hags.

The **GREAT STORM** which commenced on Thursday night and continued up to Tuesday morning, has been productive of great damage in various parts of the Country. So great a storm has perhaps never before been known here. The rain came down incessantly for upwards of fifty hours, and the rivers and streams have overflowed their banks and deluged the low lands in every direction. The Great Marsh in the vicinity of this City presented an extraordinary spectacle on Tuesday, being completely under water, in some places to the depth of several feet, and all travelling was consequently suspended. Bridges have been carried away in every direction, and the travelling both East and West is suspended except by water; consequently the mails are all behindhand.

The members of the new Government, who require to be elected, appear to possess the confidence of the people, as we hear of no opposition to them in any quarter. The Hon. Charles Fisher was elected in York County on Tuesday last to the relative of those who fall in the war. About £16,000 was subscribed.—*London Paper.*

**ARCHDEACON WILBERFORCE.**—The public will not be surprised to learn that the Rev. Robert J. Wilberforce, late vicar of Burton Agnes, near Bridlington, Yorkshire, and ex-Archdeacon of the East Riding, has been received into the Roman Catholic Church. He left London last week, in company with the Right Rev. Dr. Grant, of Southwark, and some other Roman Catholic clergy, for Paris, where his reception took place. Mr. Wilberforce has recently been left a widower, and may probably take orders in the Roman Catholic Church.

**THE RECKING EPIDEMIC.**—The return of the BRIGHTON-GENERAL, which appears this morning, fills the anticipation that the epidemic which has raged in the metropolis during the last seven weeks is departing from us, like an exhausted steam-rod, and has left its stores of lightning, hail, and rain, and leaves the horizon tranquil again, and perhaps purified by the visitation.—*Watchman, Nov. 8.*

**SPAIN.**—Accounts from Madrid mention reports of differences in the Cabinet upon various questions. The subjects of most importance, and upon which some discussion must soon be taken, are—1. The formation of a project of a new constitution. 2. Are the Cortes to be opened with a royal speech merely, or without it? 3. The question of raising 25,000 men by a new conscription, to supply in some measure the vast gap made in the army by the giving up of two years' service, independently of the usual number whose term of service expires every year. Rumours of a ministerial crisis were current, and the persons likely to form a new Cabinet were mentioned. Espartaco figures among them as President of the Council, but O'Donnell is not named; he is, it is said, to be appointed President of the Supreme Tribunal of the Army and Navy.

## General Intelligence.

### Domestic.

The Supreme Court has been in session since Tuesday week. The time has been occupied in hearing arguments. There will be an unusually large number of criminal as well as civil cases for trial. On Saturday five prisoners were arraigned, two of whom pleaded guilty—one a soldier, charged with stealing money from the Countess House of T. A. S. Dowell, Esq., the other a coloured woman, also charged with stealing.

In the case of Nicholas H. Martin, application was made for his discharge by custody, but the Court was unanimous in their opinion, and refused