

£3,350,000 per annum, or just about a pound a mile. They have an aggregate revenue of £11,000,000, and owe among them £27,000,000, or just two years and a half's income. They import goods to the amount of £60,000,000 yearly—half from ourselves, and half from all the rest of the world. They export produce to the value of £50,000,000, of which three-fifths come to this kingdom; and all this is done by a population which is under 10,000,000 in the aggregate, and of which only 5,000,000 are whites. Add to these figures, 900,000 square miles for India, and 200,000,000 of people, with a trade of £71,000,000, and we have as a result that the Queen reigns over nearly one-third of the land of the earth, and nearly a fourth of its population.—*London paper.*

HOW TO SAVE A DROWNING PERSON.—

It may not be generally known that when a person is drowning, if he is taken by the arm from behind, between the elbow and shoulder, he cannot touch the person attempting to save him, and whatever struggles he may make will only assist the person holding him in keeping his head above the water. A good swimmer can keep a man thus above the water for an hour. If seized by any other part of the body, the probability is that he will clutch the swimmer, and perhaps, as is often the case, both will be drowned.

THE DUKES AND THE BAGMAN.—Not long since there were travelling in a Scottish railway three individuals of the male gender. Two of them were small, the third was not. One of the smaller gentlemen was known to the larger one. They conversed instructively, it is to be hoped; and the third, who was a begman, joined in the talk, and was courteously treated. At a certain station the taller gentleman rose to leave, and his companions beheld two footmen ready to receive him, and a carriage awaiting him behind the palings. The train went on, and the bagman said, "I wonder who that swell was?"—"That," replied his companion, "was the Duke of —." This information was given in a manner that left no doubt of its truth, and the begman was silent, and self-congratulating on the thought that he had been talking to a duke. At length his honest heart broke out with a gush which did him no discredit. "That was a duke? Well, now, I say it was very kind of him, very affable, to talk in that familiar way to a couple of little snobs like you and me." His companion laughed cordially;

and when he got out at the station nearest his castle, much amused, told the story, for he too was a duke, and one of the most distinguished men of the day.

News of the Week.

THE CHESAPEAKE.—Since the arrival of the Chesapeake from Sambro, it was found that one of her Confederate captors, named Wade, and two others, were confined in irons on board one of the Federal war vessels. In compliance with an order from our Government the prisoners were conveyed on Saturday to the Queen's Wharf, and there released in presence of the Hons. Provincial Secretary and Solicitor General, the High Sheriff, the Acting American Consul, and a large number of citizens. Immediately after his release, Wade (who is supposed to be the man who shot the Chesapeake's engineer) jumped into a boat lying alongside the wharf, and two fishermen who were in the boat pushed off with him.—Policeman Hutt (as we learn from the Christian Messenger), stood ready to take him in charge, but not being sufficiently alert, he allowed the man to escape, and on finding he had got into the boat, aimed a pistol at him, and threatened to fire at him unless he returned, when Drs. Almon and Smith, who were among the spectators, interposed, and the former struggled with Hutt to prevent his shooting at the men, and in doing so, both got into the water. In the meantime, however, Wade got away, and was rowed down the harbor, followed by the cheers of those on the wharf, and thus he escaped capture.

The Chesapeake remains here at anchor, and it is the intention of the government, we believe, that she shall so continue until the Court of Admiralty have determined what are the provisions of the law in her case.

A proclamation in the Gazette of last evening summons the Legislature of this Province to meet for the dispatch of business on Thursday, the 4th of February next.

The Spanish prisoner, Llines, has been discharged by order of the Judges of the Supreme Court; Judge Wilkins dissenting.

PROVINCIAL DIRECTORY.—Mr. Thomas Hutchinson is preparing for the press a publication entitled "*The Provincial Directory of Nova Scotia.*" It will contain accurate descriptions of all the towns, villages, &c. in the province; with the names and occupations of the inhabitants. Agents are now engaged taking the names of citizens: and the Directory will be published about the 1st March next. This work commends itself to the favourable consideration of the people of Nova Scotia,—as it will afford a great public

convenience, particularly to persons in business. We hope therefore that the efforts of Mr. Hutchinson, in this undertaking, will be duly appreciated by the public generally.

Nearly £110 was realized at a Bazaar held in the Dartmouth Mechanics' Institute, on Wednesday the 16th inst., in behalf of that institution.

AN EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENT.—A couple of score or more of the sweeps, and other boys, that have been superseded in chimney operations by the clernator process, are now employed in and about the country markets carrying home the purchases made by customers. These juveniks are neatly and comfortable clothed in brown pants, blue guernsey frock and glengarry caps. It is understood that our worthy Mayor, who is always concocting some scheme for the benefit of his constituents, the citizens of Halifax, is the head and front of this truly excellent arrangement. A regular system has been adopted in the management of these market carriers, and the philanthropy manifested can scarcely fail to prove as beneficial to the lads themselves as it is convenient to the citizens and creditable to the originator. Deran's Parker's, Cody's, and the New Market have each a detachment of these cupid like carriers.—*Reporter.*

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

By Telegraph to Morning & Evening Papers.

St. John, Dec. 18.—St. Louis Democrat has overland despatch that Federals had entire possession of the coast of Texas, including Sabine Gulf, Galveston, and Bronsville; and Federal force was ascending Red River, and marching on Alexandria, where General Taylor awaited attack.

Evening.—Newbern despatch says that blockade running into Wilmington, N. C., increases. It is estimated that half a million of dollars worth of goods arrive there daily.

Gen. Butler is raising an army of colored troops in his department. Three black regiments of cavalry rapidly filling up.

Texas news says Confederate conscripted negroes, promising them freedom—Confederate army, in State generally at posts on outskirts of State. Gen. Magruder ordered in circulation a pledge, devoting life, liberty and property to support the Confederacy. Recusants to be treated as enemies and traitors.

Dec. 19.—Mutual friendly and satisfactory explanations took place yesterday between the Secretary of State and Lord Lyons concerning the recovery of the Chesapeake within British jurisdiction.

Stuart's cavalry, accompanied by Mosby, made a bold raid on the night of the 17th inst., on Orange and Alexandria