

uncle with instant death.—Fletcher, though thus threatened, gave no alarm, sought for no weapon and attempted not to escape. He calmly conversed with his profligate relation; and at length perceiving him to be affected, addressed him in the kindest language till he fairly disarmed and subdued him! He would not return his brothers' draft; but engaged to procure for the young man some immediate relief. He then prayed with him; and after fulfilling his promise of assistance, parted with him, with much good advice on one side, and many fair promises on the other.—*Christian Recorder*.

## SUMMARY OF NEWS.

### LATEST FROM EUROPE.

#### GLASGOW, MAY 8.

The Bombay mail of the 31st of March has arrived but the intelligence it brings is not of the importance that was anticipated. Our military preparations were still in progress. The accounts from China are to the 25th of January, at which period the British men of war were blockading the Canton river. The Emperor had confirmed all the acts of Commissioner Lin, and issued an imperial edict declaring the English to be outlawed, ordering the trade with our nation to be immediately and entirely stopped, and threatening the severest punishment to any other people who conveyed or disposed of English Goods.

A frightful accident occurred at Devonport on Friday week. As the Thunderer, man of war, 84 guns, was going out the harbour, saluting the Admiral, the Quarter Master was at the foremast part of the vessel, in the chains, throwing the lead, and when the first gun was fired he moved towards the quarter deck, and as he was going by the fourth gun, the man whose duty it was to let off the gun put the match to the powder, and blew the Quarter Master into a thousand pieces. There was a boat immediately lowered from the vessel into the water, but they could find nothing but part of his skull, which was taken on shore, about a half a mile from the vessel. He has left a wife and seven children to deplore their loss. His wife and family were on board at the time the catastrophe happened.

The Lord Advocate has communicated the heads of his intended Bill for the settlement of the disputed Scotch Church question, to his friends in Edinburgh. It appears, he proposes to give the Congregations a right of rejecting three presentees in succession, without reasons, and the subsequent ones only on reasons, which may be examined by the General Assembly. Her Majesty has given to his Royal Highness Prince Albert a regiment—the 11th light dragoons—already honoured by bearing the prince's name.

Sir John Franklin, the traveller, has resigned his office of Governor General of Van Diemen's Land.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE WEST INDIES. —Southampton is the port which has been finally fixed upon as the West India Steam-packet station.—The Royal Steam-Packet Company, with whom Government have contracted, have declared their capital to be £1,500,000 in 15,000 shares of £100 each. The contract is to carry the mails to and from the British Western Colonies for 10 years at the annual cost of £2,400,000. The vessels to be employed are, by the directions of the Admiralty, to be of the most substantial and powerful description. The company is bound to have in readiness for next year 14 steam-ships of the following dimensions:—Length 230 feet; burthen 1300 tons; engines 400 horse power. These vessels will be on a similar scale of splendid equipment with the Great Western and British Queen, and will be amply furnished with every means of safety combined with comfort. Fourteen steamers are contracted for, eight of them will start together from Southampton on their first voyage in the early part of next year.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S BIRTH DAY.—Yesterday being the anniversary of the birth of the hero of Waterloo, when he entered on his seventy-first year, the royal standard was seen floating from the steeples of various churches, and the bells of St. Peter's rung merry peals throughout the day. The ships in the docks hoisted their flags in compliment to the veteran warrior. The duke of Wellington, it would appear, is at present highly in favour. What a different feeling was entertained towards him ten years ago!

Lord Kenmore, who is one of the restored Peers in Scotland, entered, some months ago, the 91st year of his age, and must be nearly at the same advanced period of life with the gallant and highly esteemed Lord Lynedoch who is also comparatively vigorous. Both these nonagenarian noblemen have lately presided at public meetings in their several districts.

The Steam Ship *Acadian*.—Another of those large steam ships intended for the Halifax station named the *Acadian*, came up the Clyde

from Port Glasgow on Sunday Morning, and now occupies the berth which was previously filled by the *Britannia*. This splendid vessel is intended as a consort to the *Britannia* and is of the same proportions as that vessel. She is built by Mr. John Wood, of Port Glasgow. The engines are in the course of erection by Mr. Robt. Napier of the Vulcan foundery.—*Scot. Standard*.

#### HOUSE OF LORDS, MAY 5.

##### THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The Earl of Aberdeen presented his Bill on the subject of the Church of Scotland. The noble Earl began by expressing his opinion that Ministers ought to have brought forward a measure on the subject.—He pronounced a long, elaborate, and just eulogium on the Church of Scotland. The noble Earl adverted to the several plans which had been suggested to put a stop to the dispute, and then explained the system which would be established by the present bill. The nominee of the patron would be directed by the Presbytery to preach in the parish Church, and an intimation would be afterwards given that they would receive any objection on the part of the parishioners to the minister, either generally or to his settlement in that particular parish, which objection should on a day appointed for the purpose, be carefully considered and decided upon, the appeal on the part of the minister of the parish being to the superior ecclesiastical courts. He trusted that this measure would prove more satisfactory to both parties than either of those which had been before proposed, and he hoped that no political considerations would interfere in its discussion.

The Duke of Buccleugh, the Duke of Argyle, and Lord Galloway, having expressed their concurrence with the principles of the bill.

Lord Melbourne said, that in its present stage he should not offer any observations upon the measure, or upon the attack that had been made against the ministers for not having themselves brought forward a proposition on a subject of such importance, as he expected it would soon appear, that any defence was wholly unnecessary, and that his conduct had been most prudent. He did not consider the matter of so urgent a nature, but he was extremely anxious that it should be satisfactorily settled.

After some observations from Lord Haddington, the House adjourned until Thursday.

##### EAST INDIES.

The Singapore *Free Press* of the 20th of February received at Bombay on the 29th of March, (in seventeen days from Singapore,) brings intelligence from Canton to the 20th of January.

Mr. Gribble was released from confinement at Canton on the 14th, and is expected to arrive outside in the *Thomas Counts*. Her Majesty's ships *Volage* and *Hyacinth* are blockading the Bogue, until, it is presumed, Mr. Gribble's arrival there.

Captains Smith and Elliott, when walking on shore one day, near Chumpea, were nearly taken by a number of Chinese soldiers, had not their swift retreat and the guns from the Queen's cutter bearing upon their pursuers saved them.

The latest news from Arracan, is, that the Burmese, with 15,000 men (muskets) are at the Sungyoch Pass, in a threatening position.

##### BOSTON, MAY 27.

LATER FROM CHINA.—The ship *Eben Preble*, Capt. Crocker, from Canton, Feb. 2, arrived at New York on Sunday. We do not understand from the extracts from Canton Papers, and the whole intelligence furnished to the New York editors, that any important changes had taken place, either in the policy of the Chinese Government, or in the relative position of the foreign merchants.

A slip from the office of the *Herald* contains the following. The *Lehigh* sailed from Canton in company with the *Eben Preble*.

The *Lehigh*, Captain Rogers, arrived yesterday from Canton. She brings late and important intelligence. When he left, every preparation was making by the Celestials to carry on a long war against the barbarians of that obscure Island, called England.—By the next arrival we shall undoubtedly receive the news of actual hostilities between the forces of the countries.—Neither party will back out, or show the white feather for the present, according to the last intelligence.

The despatches from England were anxiously looked for. The Chinese Government have purchased two ships of about one thousand tons burthen, and from appearances, intend to arm them for the purpose of offering resistance to the British vessels of war, as it is fully believed that the British will take possession of Canton, if they can.

One of the British ships had anchored in the inside of Macao, to protect the British subjects who had been ordered to leave by the Chinese authorities.

## COLONIAL.

### MONTREAL, MAY 26.

It will be seen, by reference to an announcement in another column, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed CHARLES D. DAY, Esq. Queen's Counsel, to the office of Solicitor General, vacant since the death of the lamented ANDREW STUART, Esq. We are confident that this appointment will give every satisfaction, as from his abilities as a lawyer, his eloquence as a speaker, and his admirable temper and judgment, Mr. DAY is well-qualified to discharge efficiently the onerous duties of his office.

An instance of honesty in a carter boy occurred which is worthy of being recorded. The boy whose name is Leandre Portelance, is in the employ of F. Chef dit Vadeboncoeur, Jr. On Thursday se'night the boy had driven many persons in different directions both in the town and vicinity. In the evening previous to going home, he went to the river as usual to wash his calech, when to his surprise he found under the cushion a pocket-book containing £101 3s. 5d. which he handed to his master when he went home. His master advertised it and the loser turned out to be Hugh Ferns, Esq. who had employed the boy on the day in question to drive him round the mountain. Mr. F. got his money, and the boy besides being rewarded for his honesty has been presented with a testimonial badge which he will in future wear on his hat.—*Montreal Herald*.

His Excellency Sir Richard Jackson, Commander of the Forces, accompanied by Sir Charles O'Donnel, Military Secretary and Mr. Warre, A. D. C., left Montreal, on Wednesday last on a tour of inspection in the Upper Province.

### ST. JOHN N. B. JUNE 4.

LAUNCHES.—A splendid new ship named the *Herald*, of 911 Tons, was launched last Monday from the Ship Yard of Mr. John Owens, in Portland. On the same day a fine ship built by Mr. Briggs, in Portland, was launched for James Kirk, Esq. of this city.—Last Saturday, was launched at the Aboideau, in the rear of the city, the superior ship *Hannah Kerr*, 634 tons, copper fastened, and is we are informed a first class vessel.

We understand that Patrick Healy was, on Friday last, discharged from his confinement in the Gaol at Kingston, by warrant from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, sent express for that purpose, Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to extend to him Her Royal Pardon.

ACCIDENT.—On the 7th inst. Reuben Withrow, a native of Nova Scotia, was killed in a Mill belonging to E. Burpe, Esq. Gaspereau River, Queen's County, by the bursting of the wheel in a Shingle Machine.—*St. John, N. B. Courier*.

### MIRAMICHI, June 2.

COUNTY OF KENT.—On Saturday the 23d being the birth day of Her Majesty, and the day appointed by His Excellency for the celebration of her union with his Royal Highness Prince Albert, a large concourse of people assembled at Richibucto to do all honor to the occasion.

FIRE.—The Dwelling House belonging to Mr. Tavish M'Tavish, of the parish of Northesk, was consumed by fire on Friday evening, the 22d ult. and almost every article it contained, destroyed. The fire is believed to have originated from a spark from the chimney falling on the roof; and as the wind blew strongly at the time, it was found impossible to extinguish the flames.

### P. E. ISLAND, May 30.

Monday last being the day set apart for the celebration of the birth-day of our youthful Sovereign, it was observed here with every demonstration of respect, becoming loyal and affectionate subjects. At 12 o'clock the detachment of the 37th regt. in this garrison, under the command of Major Thoreau, the First Queen's County Troop of Cavalry—the Militia Artillery, with two brass field pieces, and four Companies of the first Queen's County Regiment—making altogether a very respectable force—were reviewed in Queen's Square, by his Excellency the Commander in Chief.

At 2 o'clock his Excellency held a Levee at Government House, which was attended by the various Heads of Departments, Officers of the Garrison and Militia (all in full uniform) and a number of other gentlemen.—*P. E. I. Colonial Herald*.

PR. ED. ISLAND, June 2.—During the recent warm weather, fires have been raging in the woods to an alarming extent, both to the eastward and westward of Charlottetown. At Three Rivers, the Barn of Mr W. Lewellin, also the barn of Mr. Connors, the house and barns of Mr. W. and B. Graham, with a quantity of grain, and a school house, have been burnt down.—The house of Mr. Owen was several