

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Standard.

SIR,

It is a matter of equally little moment, now that the Shareholders in "our Railway" have come forward to take the management of their affairs into their own hands, and decide upon the course to be adopted for the future, whether the "scribblings" of myself and your other correspondents, aided by your own manly efforts, have had any effect in bringing this state of things to pass—or whether we receive credit or abuse for the part we have taken.—For yourself it will be satisfaction enough to feel you have done your duty, and for my "co-scribblers" and myself to know, whether from any arguments of ours or not—still, that the plans, which we have advocated, are about to be carried out.

To each of us it would doubtless be a source of gratification, when the Company's affairs have once been put upon a firm and solid footing, to feel that the necessity no longer existed for us to take up our pens either for the purpose of stimulating the Shareholders, or exposing the weakness, incapacity and wrong-doings of the Board.—For myself, I should be most particularly glad to be able in future to occupy the time with other pursuits, which, for so many months past I have employed in writing to you; nevertheless, I will not desist from what has now become a duty, so long as there appears the slightest necessity for its continuance; and I sometimes fear me, that even after the Board shall have been away, and the power which might have been worked for good, but which, alas, has but created discord and confusion; is wrested from the nervous clutch of an old man's fingers and transferred into the vigorous grasp of business men—the owners of the property I that even then, until the restless spirit which has moved the puppets at his will, has sunk into the sleep which knows no waking, we shall not be spared the anxiety of guarding against intrigues or the pain of exposing them.

If there ever was a time since the first moment of the existence of the Railway Company, when it behoved the Shareholders to be watchful, it is the present, and I am therefore impelled to urge upon them the duty of caution in listening to the statements put forward in opposition to the plain, unvarnished tale told by Mr. Byrnes the Deputation which waited on the directors a few days ago; let them consider the difference of behaviour of the two parties now opposed to each other, and judge by the contrast, which is most worthy of belief: the one quietly relying on the truth and justice of their policy, and content to exert no undue influence to carry their measures, but to leave all things to the calm, unbiased judgment of the Shareholders themselves; the other, seeking by every means with garbled ex parte statements, and active canvassing for proxies to swamp the approaching meeting, and prevent a fair decision by the Stockholders on the subject to be brought before them.

It would be insulting to suppose that any of the gentlemen who have signed the requisition will fail to be present at the meeting, or hesitate to give a free and independent vote, but doubtless many of the distant Shareholders will be unable to attend, and on them will rest a great responsibility in the selection of the persons to whom they may entrust their proxies. The members of the Board having already given their opinion by their rejection of Mr. Byrnes's offer, and their refusal to call the meeting, are committed on the subject, for the purpose of considering which the meeting is convened, and are therefore in every point of view most unfit persons to hold proxies.

It would be very desirable that every Shareholder who can possibly attend, should be present at that meeting; but to such as are unable to do so, I would suggest that the proper course for them to pursue, will be to place their proxies in the hands of some independent Stockholders who will use them without fear or favor only after calmly and dispassionately hearing every thing that may be said, and without reference to any party feeling whatever.

I am, Sir,

Your obt. servt.,
CIVIS.

EFFECTS OF THE GALE.—We are already receiving accounts of the disastrous effects of the late gale.

The schooner Rambler, belonging to Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, which sailed from this port last week for Boston, with a cargo of herring, for Messrs. Barrs & Harris, was lost in the gale of Friday night at Liverpool, when all on board, consisting of ten persons, perished. It is said that the vessel was knocked to pieces against the wharves in Liverpool harbor, and that portions of her cargo were actually floating about the streets. Four bodies were washed ashore. The particulars of the awful scene have not yet been received.

A new Barque, the Wave, belonging to S. Freeman, Esq., of Milton, was driven upon the bar, and went to pieces. Crew saved.

A Barque owned by E. Barrs was also lost at the same place. The crew were saved by means of ropes from the shore.

The brig Delegate, from the West Indies, is also a total wreck in Liverpool harbor.—She previously went ashore on Western Head, but got off by putting out ballast.

Other wrecks near Liverpool are spoken of, but particulars have not yet been communicated.—[Halifax Colonist.]

PENALTY FOR ASSISTING A SLAVE.—Mr. Wauke, Jan. 23.—S. M. Booth, convicted

aiding in the escape of a fugitive slave, was yesterday sentenced, in the U. S. District Court, to pay a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment one month.

John Reynolds, for same offence, ten days imprisonment and a fine of \$200.

Latest from Europe.

New York, Jan. 25, 1855.

The Pacific arrived this morning. The news is important.

The Eastern question has assumed an entirely new and most important aspect.

The Czar has accepted not only the four points of guarantee, but also the interpretation thereof, as explained by England, France and Austria; but no armistice is granted, consequently hostilities continue without abatement.

Serge of Scherzopol continues without change up to the 21st.

A terrible inundation had occurred at Hamburg. The Pacific ran into and sunk the Cornishian in the Mersey. Cargo valued at £29,000. The ship George Caning from New York had been lost with it, it is supposed, 160 passengers.

Markets.—Breadstuffs dull at former quotations. Consols 91.

SECOND DESPATCH.

A second despatch to the News Room says—It is yet doubtful whether Russia's acceptance of the four points is unconditional or with important explanations. The immediate effect of this new phase of affairs was the rise of 2 per cent., but they afterwards fell off.

Sardinia has formally joined the Western alliance.

Prussia claims to take part in the negotiations, but declines at present to increase her army.

Omar Pasha has gone to the Crimea.

The Russians have recrossed the Danube, invaded the Dobrujska and retaken the cities Juchessa and Kidachi.

Latest.—Reported invasion of the Dobrujska by the Russians doubtful.

The Liverpool cotton market had fluctuated. All circulars quote 4 advance.

Ex-Archdeacon Wilberforce has been received into the Roman Catholic Church.—He left London in company with the Right Rev. Dr. Grant, of Southwark, and some other Roman Catholic clergy, for Paris, where his reception took place. Mr. Robert Wilberforce has recently been left a widower, and may probably take orders in the R. Catholic church.

New York, Jan. 16.—Notwithstanding the increased vigilance of our police, gangs of expert robbers are committing serious depredations in our midst. In addition to the \$25,000 stolen last week from the Merchant's Bank, robberies of jewelry to the value of \$10,000 from the stores of Messrs. Tiffany & Co., Broadway; \$2,000 from Messrs. Faneuil & Co., and stills and saws to the value of \$15,000 from the importing house of L. A. Freud, have come to light, without any arrests being made.

The strike of the "long shore men," caulkers, laborers, &c. has become general, and the work of repairing, loading and unloading ships at our wharves is almost entirely suspended. It is stated that they have a fund sufficient to last them a month, while the merchants declare they will not yield.

The late James McBride, of New York, bequeathed \$500 each to fifteen different benevolent and charitable institutions, mostly located in the city of New York. Mr. McBride was a Presbyterian from the North of Ireland, and carried on an extensive business, as a shipping merchant, with his native country for many years.

A farmer of Newton, L. I., was waited upon on Friday by a parcel of men and boys, who summoned him to deliver to them some of the fruits of his farm for the "poor of New York." He opened his cellar door, telling them to "be merciful," when they took out two wagon loads of pork, potatoes, carrots, cabbages, &c. and started for the city.

The Patriotic Fund.—The Royal Gazette has commenced publishing the contributions to the Patriotic Fund. The following are acknowledged in the last Gazette: From His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, £50 currency; Lady Manners Sutton, £10; Albin Loder of Free Masons, No. 570, £50; Midian Lodge of Free Masons, No. 770, £5 cy; Victoria Temple of Honor and Temperance, No. 2, £30; Police Establishment, St. John, £12.

Earthquake.—Springfield, Mass., Jan. 16. A shock of an earthquake occurred at about half-past 6 this evening, in Hanover, N. H., and at Bradford and St. Johnsbury, Vt., which lasted about half a minute, and caused considerable rattling of windows, crockery, &c. in the vicinity.

Charge of Forgery Dismissed.—The charge of forgery preferred some time since against Dr. Abraham Gesner, of Brooklyn, was yesterday dismissed by Justice Osborne—an examination having entirely failed to substantiate it.—[New York Tribune, Jan. 12.]

Patriotic Fund.—We with pleasure announce that Northumberland Division, Sons of Temperance, located at Chatham, Miramichi, contributed £20 from their Division in aid of the Patriotic Fund. Who dare assert that true and devoted Loyalty to our beloved Queen and Constitution does not exist among the Sons of Temperance in this Province.—[Temperance Telegraph.]

Patriotic Fund.—At a meeting of Victoria Division No. 9 Sons of Temperance, held last evening, the sum of Fifty Pounds was voted in aid of the above fund, and the like amount subscribed by the members of said Division, making the handsome sum of one hundred pounds.

Union (Masonic) Lodge, of Carleton, has generously appropriated £25 to the Patriotic Fund.

Portland Division, (Sons of Temperance,) has also appropriated the handsome sum of £50 towards the same object.—[Courier.]

The Standard.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1855

SPECIAL MEETING.—We direct attention to an important notice in our advertising columns, calling a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad Company, to be held in the Town Hall, on the 5th of March next, at 11 o'clock.

For the purpose of considering the expediency of transferring to the Class A Shareholders, the rights, powers, property, and privileges now vested in the Corporation, to enable them to carry on, and complete the line of Railroad from St. Andrews to Woodstock.

We trust that there will be a full attendance of Shareholders, and that after hearing the statements, they will vote independently. It is said that obstacles will be thrown in the way by interested persons, to prevent a fair decision being given by the Stockholders—it is to be hoped however, that they will fail as signally, as they have done already in their endeavors to thwart a public meeting from being called.

The Board of Directors having already refused Mr. Byrnes's offer, will of course adhere to their policy, and to the utmost of their power, oppose the object of the meeting. It then behoves stockholders, who reside at a distance and cannot attend the meeting, to be careful to whom they entrust their proxies, and give them only to those Stockholders who will use them free and independently, for the benefit of the undertaking.

The Patriotic Fund.—It is with much pleasure we record that even the mere youth of our Town, are desirous of showing their loyalty and patriotism by emulating the noble example of their seniors, as is proved by the fact that on Monday evening last, the little lads belonging to Cold Water Army No. 1, met in Pauls Hall, and appropriated the sum of Two POUNDS, being the whole amount of the funds, "for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the gallant soldiers who have been slain in the Crimea." Is not even this act, emanating as it did from mere children a positive proof of the loyalty and devotion of Colonists. Well done Cold Water Army of St. Andrews.

We are also gratified to notice that large sums are being appropriated to this Fund, by the National, Masonic, and Temperance Societies throughout the Province.

Madame Krollman's Concert given in the City of St. John last week, in behalf of the same praiseworthy cause, is described in the papers as a brilliant affair. The proceeds of the concert amounted to £56—which will be forwarded to the Lieut. Governor, as a contribution to the Patriotic Fund.

Many thousand dollars have been subscribed in New York towards the same object.

We learn from the St. Stephens Patriot, that the body of a man named Archibald Young, whose mother lives at the Lodge, was found lying in the mud at the end of a wharf in St. Stephens, on Friday evening the 19th instant.

We learn that the report of "a full rigged brig, with sails furled, being sunk near Bliss's Island," is not true. The masts, sails, rigging, &c. have since turned out to belong to the bark "Linden" which was lying in Mace's Bay, during the storm of the 19th, and which were cut away to prevent the vessel going ashore.

The Linden has since been towed into St. John.

On our first page we have inserted the "Prologue" spoken at the opening of the Theatre, and regret that want of space prevents our giving an extended notice of the Performance this week; the following remarks from the pen of a young friend, will suffice for the present:—

Mr. Editor.—The scene witnessed at the Amateur Theatre, on the evening of the 23d inst., was indeed a most magnificent display of talent and skill. Nothing could excel the tasteful fitting up of the theatre, and the general camp d'ait seeming to excite in the beholders smiles of gratification and approbation. Though I regret circumstances will not admit of my extending at length into those critical details which Mr. Buck's admirable "Prologue" ought to elicit, yet I cannot

omit saying, that its beauty and sentiment render it quite worthy of the pen of its author. I am happy, and not surprised to hear, that the whole of the Performers realized by their excellence the high expectation that had naturally been formed from the preceding preparations, and I cannot conclude this hurried notice, without observing, that the greatest praise is due to the "Gentlemen Amateurs" for the very careful and able manner in which the whole performance was conducted.

Yours, &c.

Concert for Charitable purposes.

We have been requested to intimate that a number of Amateurs, residents of St. Andrews, intend giving a concert of Instrumental and Vocal Music, in the Town Hall, in the course of a few days, the whole proceeds of which, are to be devoted to the relief of the poor. We feel confident, that the efforts of those gentlemen who have so kindly volunteered to relieve the distressed, at this inclement season, will be appreciated, and that the concert will be well patronized.

The first Rail-car in Nova Scotia was put in motion on Saturday last, and traversed a distance of six miles from Halifax, much to the delight of the people.—[Courier.]

Light House on Cape Race.—We are glad to find that measures are progressing in the American Congress, with the view of securing the erection of a Light House on this prominent point on the coast of Newfoundland.

The value of such an establishment to the commerce of Great Britain and to that of the United States, is evident to every one, and it is only surprising that such an establishment has not been in operation long since. We trust that our own Government will not be backward in its completion without further loss of time.—[Id.]

The Annual Meetings of the Wesleyan Branch Missionary Society, took place in this City and in Portland village, during the last week. The Missionary cause was ably advocated by the Rev. Messrs. Bill, Muckay, Bennet, Staveland, McLeod, and Taylor, and by Mr. Justice Wilton, Dr. Samuel Bay-John Owens, Esq., and by the Wesleyan Missionaries on these stations. The collections were considerably in advance of the previous year. The following amounts were collected at the meetings: In Carleton, £18; Gormain Street Chapel, £48; Centenary Chapel, £50; and Portland, £43. The attendance of the congregations in each place evinced a lively interest in the cause of Missions.—[Nbrk.]

KILLED.—The body of an unfortunate man was found at Reed's Point on Tuesday morning. He was supposed to have fallen over the wharf. Surely something should be done to make that place less dangerous.—While in its present condition accidents will be constantly occurring.—[Christian Visitor.]

Rumour has it that WILLIAM TODD, Jr. Esq., of St. Stephen, and ROBERT JARDINE, Esq., of St. John, the former a highly popular man in his County, and the latter an influential merchant and agriculturist in St. John, are to be added to the Legislative Council. If these appointments are made they will no doubt tend very much to strengthen the position of the present Government; but they will also do much more, they will add a large amount of practical intelligence and patriotism to the Second Branch of the Legislature.

Another addition to the Council is spoken of in the County of York—but more of that hereafter.—[Fredericton Reporter.]

The St. Stephens Patriot says:—We have from an unquestionable authority, that Wm. Todd, Esq., has thought proper to decline accepting a seat in the Legislative office, completely quashes the little-tattle that Mr. Todd was seeking office.

In that case, it is reported that J. G. Stevens, Esq., will be elevated to the seat.

OMER PASHA AND THE ALLIES.—"Spectator," the London correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser, expresses the opinion that there is no longer a doubt that Omer Pasha has been sent into the Crimea, not so much because his military talents were required there, as because he had grown troublesome to his government by his opposition to the Austrian occupation of the Principalities. His feelings of hostility to a cordial joint occupation was impossible, and had it not been for the imperatively expressed wish of England and France, the Ottoman government would never have conceded this right to Austria. At the commencement of the war Omer Pasha had the eyes of all the world directed towards him; since the arrival of the allies he has sunk into an insignificant position, and he has naturally grown irritable, overbearing, and difficult to satisfy.

A PRISON TENANTLESS.—The New Haven Advocate says that the jailer of the New London county prison was in the office of that paper on Tuesday, and stated that he was out of business—his prison being empty. During the five months under the Maine Law, the difference in prisoners, compared with the corresponding months of 1853, was fifty. On Dec. 28, 1854, the number of prisoners was 2; on Dec. 1853, 46. On Monday last, one person occupied the hitherto well tenanted premises—and he was simply awaiting trial for a violation of the Liquor Law.—[Maine Temperance Journal.]



LATEST.

The steamship Africa arrived at Halifax yesterday Tuesday morning.

Affairs at the Crimea remain the same as they were. The latest dates are to the 10th. Omar Pasha was on the 5th at Camp in front of Allies.

Reinforcements continued to reach Allies. Lord Raglan has sent to India for the 10th Hussars.

Turks in the Crimea to be increased to 60,000.

Russian reinforcements are advancing by forced marches through Bessarabia. Weather frosty—roads passable.

Piedmontese Contingent for Crimea, 20,000.

Russians crossed the Danube near Tulota, surprised Turkish garrison—made great carnage, and recrossed Danube with booty.

France, Marsellais 13th T. 800 Imperial Guard embarked for Crimea. Consols 91½ to 91.

MARRIAGES.

At St. John, on Wednesday last, by the Rev. Wm. Armstrong, Mr. Ross Woodrow, Publisher of the British Constitution, to Miss Savannah Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr. Charles Sickney.

At St. John, on the 25th, by the Rev. W. Ferrie, A. M., Alexander, second son of Mr. Thomas Rankine, baker, to Jessie Helen, youngest daughter of Mr. Wm. Anderson, of Portland.

DEATHS.

At St. John, on the 21st inst. Eliza Sarah aged three years and eight months, third daughter of John Gillis, Esq. of that city.

Shipping List.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.—

Jan. 25.—Schr. Crown, Lord, Indian Island, Live Stock, H. Bradridge

27.—Schr. Flora, Gould, Picton, Coals, R. Ross

Sarah Ann, Tatten, Bliss's Island, Wreck Materials.

31.—Vandelin, Ferguson, Robinson, wood, master.

CLEARED.

Jan. 30.—Sloop Matilda, McMaster, Eastport, passengers.

ST. ANDREWS & QUEBEC RAILROAD COMPANY.

WHEREAS, in consequence of the present state of the Company, and the refusal of the Board of Directors to adopt the suggestions made to them by Mr. Byrnes, as the Agent and Delegate of Class A Shareholders:

We, the undersigned Stockholders and Members of the Company, deem it necessary that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Members of the above Corporation should take place:

Notice is therefore hereby given, in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Stockholders and Members of the said Corporation, will be held at the Town Hall in the town of Saint Andrews, on THURSDAY the 5th day of MARCH next, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the expediency of transferring to the Class A Shareholders of this Company, the Rights, Powers, Property, and Privileges, now vested in the Corporation, to enable them to carry on, and complete the Line of Railroad from Saint Andrews to Woodstock, and of adopting such further measures as may be necessary to carry that object into effect.

Dated at St. Andrews, the 19th day of January, A. D. 1855.

W. F. W. Owen,	Jan. W. Street,
W. Whitlock,	Harris H. Hatch,
Geo. D. Street,	Geo. F. Stickney,
Thomas Berry,	Donald Clark,
James Boyd,	Charles Power,
J. J. Robinson,	John Bailey,
Thos. Moors,	A. W. Smith,
John Farmer,	Michael Faul,
J. W. Chandler,	John Townshend,
Dennis Bradley,	Julius Thompson,
Isaac Snodgrass,	D. W. Jack,
J. Irwin,	Charles Gilliland,
Wellington Hatch,	Charles Kennedy,
James Dougherty,	Robert Glass,
James McMaster,	Michael Kearney,
Edward Stentford,	Charles Ingram,
Henry O'Neil,	John Wilson,
Alexr. Grant,	Charles Bradley,
John Aymar,	N. Trendwell,
J. H. Whitlock,	Robert Stevenson,
Wm. Mahood,	Henry Hichings,
Edward Snell,	Hugh O'Hara,
George Gilly,	

Real Estate for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale by private bargain, that valuable

LOT or PARCEL of LAND.

Situated between John Townsend and John Wren's land on the road leading to Chamcook, only 3 miles from town, containing about 7½ acres of excellent ARABLE LAND, which for richness of soil, and easy cultivation, cannot be surpassed in the County.

Should the above not be disposed of by the 1st of March next, it will on that day, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, be offered at Public Auction in the Market Square.

JOHN McDONALD.
St. Andrews, 29th Jan. 1855.