

Halifax. An address was also presented to His Excellency by the members of the executive and others, to which his lordship returned a suitable reply.

On the 2nd the Governor General and family embarked on board the Royal Mail Steamer America. He was attended by a guard of honour at the wharf, and salutes were fired on the occasion from the Flag Ship and Citadel.

A murder occurred in a house in Barrack Street on the night of the 7th. A sailor belonging to H. M. Ship Cumberland was found lying dead at the door step of the house. A Coroner's Inquest was held on view of the body, and a verdict of wilful murder returned against six persons, occupants of the house in question. An attack was anticipated from the shipmates of the deceased on the houses in the vicinity of the murder, which induced the authorities to have special constables sworn in for the protection of the city. No riot, however, or disturbance occurred.

A great demonstration took place in the City of St. John on the 14th, to celebrate the turning of the first sod of the European and North American Railway in New Brunswick. An immense concourse of persons assembled from the Provinces and the United States, and the proceedings of the day were of an interesting character. A procession two miles in length passed through the streets, comprising the various trades in the city attired in appropriate uniform, and accompanied by their several trade emblems. Full rigged ships, mills, &c., and a printing press in full operation. The first sods were turned by Lady Head and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. A sumptuous lunch was served at three o'clock, of which about six hundred persons partook. Speeches were made by His Excellency, Mr. Jackson, M.P. Mr. Johnston, M. P. P., John A. Poor, Esq., and others. In the evening there was a brilliant display of fireworks, and the day terminated with a ball, which was given on a most extensive scale. An accident occurred near the close of the entertainment by the fall of the orchestra. Several persons standing beneath it were injured, and the death of one ensued on the 24th.

The remaining portion of 'Table Rock' at Niagara was swept away on the morning of the 9th inst.

The scourge of yellow fever has swept over New Orleans; the city was almost deserted, whole families, including a number of the principal literary and official persons, have fallen victims to the disease.

By the arrival of the mail boat from Bermuda, we learn that the Islands are also visited with yellow fever. A number of cases have occurred at St. George's and several deaths have ensued.

From Europe we have little of interest to record.

The Queen and Royal Family have paid a visit to Ireland, for the purpose of being present at the Exhibition of Art and Industry at Dublin. She was received with great demonstrations of welcome, and expressed herself much pleased with her visit. Among other acts of gracious condescension on her part, we notice her visit to Wm. Dargan, the principal projector and commissioner of the Dublin Industrial Exhibition. This is said to be the first instance on record of such an honour being paid by the Sovereign to an untitled subject. Mr. Dargan had previously declined the honor of Knighthood.

In the obituary list we notice the names of General Sir Charles Napier, Sir Neil Douglas, and Admiral Sir George Cockburn.

Matters are still in abeyance between Turkey and Russia.

The strength of the insurgents in China is increasing and they are rapidly gaining the ascendancy.