

Our harbour during the past month has been visited by no less than six Steamers of the Cunard line. In addition to those which touched in their regular course between Liverpool and Boston, we had the Asia on the 1st and the Arabia on the 13th, both having put in for coal. The latter is one of the finest vessels ever in harbour, and was visited by numbers of our citizens during her first visit.

By the several arrivals we have European News to the 8th inst. The principal event that has excited general interest is the resignation of the Derby Cabinet consequent upon their defeat on the question of the Budget. The New Ministry is composed as follows:

The Earl of Aberdeen.....	First Lord of the Treasury.
Lord Cranworth.....	Lord Chancellor.
Lord John Russell.....	Secretary for Foreign Affairs.
Lord Palmerston.....	Secretary of State for the Home Department.
Hon. W. E. Gladstone.....	Chancellor of the Exchequer.
Duke of Newcastle.....	Colonial Secretary.
Sir J. Graham.....	First Lord of the Admiralty.
Hon. S. Herbert.....	Secretary at War.
Sir Charles Wood.....	President of the Board of Control.
Lord Clanricarde.....	Post Master General.
Lord Clarendon.....	President of Council.
Lord Canning.....	Post Office.
Sir W. Molesworth.....	Board of Works.
Lord Granville.....	Duchy of Lancaster.
E. Cardwell.....	Board of Trade.
Sir A. Cockburn.....	Attorney General.
Page Wood.....	Solicitor General.
Hayter and Wilson.....	Secretaries to Treasury.

Our neighbours in New Brunswick have learned with great satisfaction that the Royal assent has been given to their Railway Bills and that active preparations are making by the English Contractors to begin their construction in the ensuing spring.

We regret to notice in the obituary record of that province, the name of the Rev. W. T. Wishart, a popular divine and lecturer of the city of St. John. Mr. Wishart was by birth a Scotchman and in immediate expectation of a Baronetcy which will become extinct by his decease. For scholastic attainments, originality of mind, and strong vigorous intellect, few in these Provinces have equalled this gentleman. He had published several works on Theology, and as a Lecturer commanded extensive attention and admiration. 'The Provincial' has also been indebted to his pen for an occasional article.

We have intelligence of the death of Professor Wilson, one of the most distinguished literary men of the present century. He was better known by his cognomen of Christopher North, under which signature he contributed many of the best articles to Blackwood's Magazine. He was also for some time Editor of the Edinburgh Review.

From the United States we have little of interest. It should, however, be mentioned that the caloric steamship Ericson, on her trial trip has equalled the most sanguine expectations, and it is contemplated to build on the same principle six ships of 4,000 tons each, in New York.

From California we learn the gold harvest is abundant, and disease on the decrease. Fires have occurred to a most destructive degree, and heavy gales have done great damage to shipping and other property. Provisions still command an enormous price.