

opposition.—We learn from the *Herald* that the return of the Hon. Charles Fisher, for King's Ward is disputed by Thos. R. Barker, Esq., and the matter is likely to come before the Court for adjustment.

DOMESTIC.

Mechanics' Institute.—John S. Thompson, Esq., delivered an excellent Lecture at their Institute on Wednesday evening last—subject, "Intellectual Inquiry, its modes and results." The lecturer divided his subject into three branches, and generally treated in the second part of his lecture, reading and observation, the positions practical in the arts, and the higher studies in public science.

The Officers of the Halifax Mechanics' Institute have the pleasure of acknowledging the presentation of two Elephants' teeth to the Museum of the Institute, by G. Harvey, Esq. The Elephant, the owner proprietor of the specimens, has been deceased at the age of 35 years—height, above the shoulder of resort, 6 feet 9 inches—Provinces of India, East of the Ganges. JOHN S. THOMPSON, Secy. M. I.

Registry of the Court of Vice Admiralty of Halifax, 2nd April, 1853.

The Honorable and Worshipful Judge of this Court having been pleased to appoint

- John W. Ritchie, James R. Smith, James F. Harrington, Charles McKee Gray, and William A. Henry, Esquires.

to be Surrogates of this Court, in and throughout this Province—they were this day sworn into Office. SCOTT THOMAS, Regr. C. V. A.

The BANNER recently presented to the Mac Donnell Sons of Temperance is described as being an imposing ceremony, and the Banner itself as a very splendid affair—reflecting credit alike on the interesting donors, and on VALENTINE, the artist. This beautiful decoration cost, we have been told, the sum of £20.

PICQUET, March 29.

On Wednesday the 21st inst., we had an unusually severe gale of wind, which, combined with a very mild day, occasioned a very rapid diminution of the large quantities of snow on the ground. The gale continued all that day and night, and early on Thursday morning it commenced raining most violently, occasioning heavy floods in every part of the country. The mail from Halifax, which was due on that morning, at 9 o'clock, did not arrive till 12 o'clock on Friday. It brought the intelligence of a Millford bridge, West River, having been carried away by the ice, as also the bridge on the main Post Road over the Eight Mile Brook.

Distress in CAPE BRETON.—We learn that the utmost distress, as usual, again prevails in this devoted section of the Province. Daily instances of the most abject distress are coming under our observation. But yesterday we heard of the death of a person named Spiter, residing at Cow Bay, from actual STARVATION! and should even tell the one-third of the stories told by the destitute, we may anticipate the existence of a fearful state of things before the coming harvest. A meeting is about being held for the purpose of laying these facts before the Executive.—Sydney Times, March 17.

BY THE R. M. STEAMER.

The Royal Mail Steamer Niagara arrived at this port at half-past Two o'clock P. M. on Thursday last after a passage of 11 1/2 days from Liverpool. The Niagara carried 60 passengers—17 for Halifax, 43 for Boston.

We give below an abstract of the most important news:

COMMERCIAL.

The general tone of commercial affairs during the past fortnight, although not of an active character, has been satisfactory. Much of the gloominess which had been caused by the news from India, which reached London in the beginning of the month, has been dissipated by subsequent accounts from Bombay and Calcutta. The cotton market has been quiet, and prices are again a point lower. In the market for Broadstuffs there is not any improvement to report. Buyers only make purchases to satisfy present wants, in the hope that lower prices will continue to prevail. The metal trade has been less active, and the demand confirmed to fill up previous orders. From the manufacturing districts there are satisfactory reports, and although there has been less activity in the market for manufactured goods, there is not any diminution in the extent of employment.

During the past two weeks the Corn markets of the United Kingdom have been quite as dull and inactive as before the sailing of the last steamer. Western Canal Flour is selling at the reduced price of 23s per barrel. This fall produced some speculation in the above description, as well as for Philadelphia and Baltimore, though for Ohio of prime quality 24s is obtained. American Wheat 6s. to 7s. per 70lb. Indian Corn in moderate demand, and sold at 37s. for inferior white, up to 29s. per quarter for the best yellow. Indian Corn Meal 1s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per barrel.

THE CHOLERA.

The cholera is fast disappearing. The total of cases has reached 14,304, of which 1200 were in the metropolitan districts, about 1100 in the country and more than 1250 in Scotland. The total deaths have been 2164, bearing about the same proportion

in the several districts as the total number of cases. In Paris the mortality has again abated, but not to an alarming extent. On the whole, the mortality of the metropolitan country has decidedly diminished, 741 in Scotland the mortality has correspondingly decreased.

IRELAND.

Irish news continues to present with excitement and interest. The 7th of April, a day which has been marked with a violence of language, was very appropriate to the importance of the day. It was a day of noble heroism in the country of Ireland. It was a day of noble heroism in the country of Ireland. It was a day of noble heroism in the country of Ireland.

The west and south of Ireland appear to be in a deplorable state. Several frightful murders are reported. The cholera is committing extensive ravages in Limerick. To compensate for these sad and distressing visitations, the farmers have commenced tilling the ground to a vast extent, and the potato is again planted to a greater breadth than heretofore.

NAVIGATION LAWS.

The second reading of the Navigation Laws was carried in the House of Commons by a majority of 260.

Waller & Smith give the following important items, under the head of latest intelligence:—

ITALY.

The Marseilles journals say that Modena has been evacuated by the Austrians and that the Duke has fled. This is confirmed by a proclamation published at Leghorn on behalf of the Governor.

RADKIZKY has also evacuated Plozeny.

NAPLES.

The Chambers were dissolved on the 13th by royal decree.

INDIA.

The news from India contains many interesting details of the fall of Mooltan, and of the recent flight of the Jhelum, but no new action, or occurrence of moment. Lord Gough was fortifying his camp, and awaiting the arrival of General Whish and the force advancing from Mooltan, which carries along with it the redoubtable prisoner, Moolraj, in the direction of Rannungar, whence he will be sent off to Lahore. Sirre Singh has transmitted some proposals to Lord Gough; but that General is said to require "unconditional surrender."

CONTINENTAL ASPECTS.

There is a deepening gloom overcasting the political horizon of Europe. The death of the King of Holland, William III., has left his country in perplexity and trouble. Born in that eventful year, when Lafayette and the Duke of Brunswick, Dumourier and the Archduke Albert made the Netherlands the fighting ground of the first revolutionary quarrel, where the Duc de Chartres—now the discredited exile of Clermont, won his early laurels—the misfortunes of his country brought the young Prince to our shores. He received his education from an English Archbishop; and, afterwards, accepting a commission in our army, he passed his youth in camps—served under Wellington in the Peninsula—and was wounded at Waterloo. On the announcement of his death, last Saturday, the States General immediately acknowledged William III., then in London, as his successor—but it is reported that this personage is required to abdicate in favour of his son, not yet nine years of age, with an uncle for Regent.

On the other side of the Rhine, we see again the Imperial crown ready to be laid at the feet of Prussia; and the only doubt is, whether Frederick William will pick it up and place it on his brow. M. Welcker, who moved that the Imperial dignity should be conferred on the Emperor the King of Prussia, is the well-known representative of Baden, and has hitherto been opposed to the northern German power. But the new constitution, just dictated by the Ministry of the young Emperor of Austria, in its aim to consolidate his hereditary provinces, tends necessarily to dismember Germany. It is said that Austria cannot detach her German provinces in any degree from her own empire. Of course those provinces cannot serve two imperial masters, and the immediately apparent consequence is the separation of Austria from the German Fatherland—pushing her back as an European power upon her Sclavonic territory; and identifying her policy with that of Russia, whose aid in an evil hour she has accepted. Another consequence is that western Germany must become more self-dependent and consolidated. She looks now to the King of Prussia as the representative of her unity. The Committee upon M. Welcker's proposition advises its adoption; the Prussian Chambers beseech the King to accept the Kaiser Crown—he is desirous of a unanimous vote from all the German Princes, but his individual hesitation will probably be overcome.

South of the Alps, we find Italy divided into six great interests. Naples and Sicily—if it be true that the latter has rejected the Constitution of which the English and French Admirals were the bearers—will most likely find sufficient occupation in their civil differences. Two others, Rome and Tuscany, are connected by the same republican sympathies, and a common hatred of Austria. Piedmont, the fifth of these miserable fetters, is again about to precipitate itself upon the bayonet's

of Rubezsky's army, which holds with an iron grasp the sixth days of unhappy Italy—comprising the fertile plains of Lombardy. Every one predicts that this new invasion will be disastrous to Charles Albert. This prince, has been forced by the violence of the National party in Piedmont to accept the resignation of one minister after another, who should some day transfer after another, of danger and now attends his own army without a cent of pay, the prisoner of his troops, rather than the hero of the Emperor of Italy.

France regards these neighbouring commotions with great interest, and has not yet been decidedly committed. The President is said personally to disapprove the intervention. His own capital has been in the last week the gallant, which was abolished by the Convention, again brought forward to execute the sentence of martial law. Two of the murderers of General Bava have been decapitated at the Barracks of Lyons, perhaps not undesignedly, but this should be a warning to the people, and should not be a precedent for their blood-stained coats. The Electoral law having been now almost unanimously adopted, the new elections are to take place on the 10th of May, and the Legislative Assembly will meet on Monday, May 25th. It is anticipated, from the present feeling of France, that the Legislative Assembly will manifest a reactionary and anti-republican tendency.

The Queen of Spain has become an amateur actress, and is busy rehearsing for performance on the boards of a new Theatre just now constructed in her palace at great cost, and this while the churches in her Catholic Majesty's dominions are falling into ruin by scores, and the priests are starving. Concha is said not to be severe enough in Catalonia, and is likely to be superseded by some one who will shed blood with greater zest. Cabrera has shot a Baron Abella and some others, for having attempted to bring his faction, (the Montemolinists), into junction with the moderados. During the pantomime of the palace, and the tragedy of provinces, the Government think to play a part of their own, by shutting up the Cortes, and sending off an armament to restore the Pope.—Hatchman.

In the House of Commons, March 19th, Mr. Haues stated, that there was no foundation for the report that a bill had been introduced into the Colonial Legislature of Canada to indemnify certain persons, convicted of rebellion in 1837-8, and pardoned by Her Majesty, for the losses they had sustained in consequence of their rebellion.

Quebec: What are we to infer from this statement? That, should such a bill pass (as it has done) the Canadian Parliament, and be reserved for Her Majesty's assent, the Home Ministry would advise Her Majesty not to sanction it?

We deeply regret to learn that Captain John S. Shore, of the 21th Regiment, son of the Hon. George Shore, of this city, fell at the head of his Company in the late engagements with the Sikhs.—Friedelstein Head Quarters.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Letters have been received from the Rev. H. Pickard, A. M., Rev. J. Marshall, Rev. R. Weddall, Rev. R. Smith, Rev. W. Wilson, Rev. J. McMurray, Rev. R. E. Crane, Rev. E. Botterell, Rev. R. Morton, Rev. G. O. Houston and Rev. W. McCarty; all with subscribers.

Copies of the Wesleyan may be obtained, at Miss Smith's Book-Store, No. 9, Corner of Duke and Hollis Streets, by transient and other persons.

Owing to delay in receiving our type, we have not been able to get out this number until this evening. After this, it will be issued early in the morning of the day of publication.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The "Biography" from Barrington came to hand too late for this number—it shall appear in our next.

The advance at present required is only for the proposed seven fortnightly numbers; and to our rule in this respect we can make no exception. Our Ministers will please bring the amount with them to the D. meeting.

MARRIAGES.

At Halifax, on the 31st inst., by the Rev. E. Evans, Mr. James Cahill, to Miss Sophia Labell.

At St. John, N. B. on the 26th ult., by the Rev. Henry Bond, Mr. Hugh Irvine, to Mrs. Maria Bourne, 14th of that city.

At P. E. I., on the 10th ult., by the Rev. E. Botterell, Mr. C. W. Jelson, of Lot 49, to Miss Elizabeth Wood, of the same place.

At Co. St. Catharine House, Edinburgh, on the 21st ult. by the Rev. Henry Renton, Rev. A. Renton of the United Presbyterian Church, Hull, England, to Jane, fourth daughter of James Leishman, Esq. of this city.

DEATHS.

On Wednesday night the 14th ult., at Binstreet, P. E. I., George Wheelock, son of Charles Braddock, Esq., aged 1 year and 4 months.

On Thursday last, after a short illness, Catharine eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Ashmore, in the 23rd year of her age.

On Saturday last, after a long and severe illness, which she bore with resignation to the Divine will, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lockhart, relict of the late Alex. Lockhart, of H. M. Navy.

At Liverpool, on Tuesday, 27th March, after a short illness, Joshua Newton, Esq., late Collector of H. M. Customs for that Port, in the 78th year of his age.

Mr. Henry Collins, the celebrated Green Green Blacksmith, who married so many runaway couples, died recently at Lambeth, Till, Scotland, aged 70. In twenty-three years he celebrated 7000 marriages and left a considerable fortune, the avails of his matrimonial fees.

At St. John, N. B. on the 21st ult. Mrs. Ann, wife of Mr. Wm. Atkinson, and daughter of the late John Wm. senr. Esq. of Dorchester, aged 75 years. Mrs. Atkinson was many years a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and died trusting in the mercy of God through Christ Jesus. She has left a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her removal.

At St. John, N. B. on the 15th ult. of consumption, Mrs. Jane, wife of Mr. Robert Atkinson, and daughter of the late Mr. David Chapman of Dorchester, aged 37 years. Mrs. A. was a worthy member of the W. M. Church, and experienced during a protracted and painful sickness the rich consolations of religion. She died triumphantly, praising God in death. She has left a deeply afflicted husband and five young children to mourn their sore bereavement.

On the 1st ult. at Beatty's Ferry, (so called,) Mrs. Beatty, wife of Mr. James Beatty, of that place, aged 84 years.

At Indian Town, on the 28th ult. aged 30 years, Margaret Ann, wife of Mr. John Curry.

At his residence on Dorchester Island, on the 20th ult. in the 86th year of his age, James Sarya, Esquire.

In Salisbury, Westmoreland County, on the 12th ult. Mr. Thomas C. Colpitts, in the 76th year of his age.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Monday—Schr. Wave, Laysbold, Boston, 9 days; schr. Liverpool, McLearn, Liverpool, N. S.; brig Peteral, Arestrup, Matanzas, 27 days; brig Mary, Jones, Matanzas, 23 days; brig Samuel French, Brown, Alexandria, 19 days; schr. Jane Sprull, Shelnett, Philadelphia, 12 days; schr. Nancy, Crowell, Barrington; brig Brookline, Matanzas, 18 days; schr. Charles, Cooper, St. John, N. B., 24 days.

Tuesday—Brigt Halifax, Laysbold, Boston, 10 days; brig Tweed, Hall, New York, 8 days; brig Falcon, Simpson, Cienfuegos, 32 days; schr. Victoria, Hammond, Yarmouth; brig Dasher, Grant, Matanzas, 16 days; brig Rob Roy, Gallagher, Bermuda, 10 days; Emerald and Bride, Barrington; schr. Bloater, Day, Boston, 48 hours; schr. Thistle, New York; barque Medora, Liverpool, 37 days.

Wednesday—Schr. Highlander, Sands, Fredericksburg, 12 days; schr. Delaware, Harding, Philadelphia, 21 days; schr. Mary, Bond, New York; brig Ephrosyne, Paon, Philadelphia.

Thursday—Schr. Albion, Rogers, Boston, 2 days; brig Fanny, Currie, Wilmington; steamer Niagara, Ryrie, Liverpool, 11 1/2 days.

Friday—Brigt Portland, Scott, Boston, 3 days; Steamer Canada, Jenkins, New York, 52 hours.

PASSENGERS.

Per R. M. Steamship Niagara, from Liverpool for Halifax—Capt Ireland, Lieut. Holden, Messrs Callum, W. Warren, Jr., T. F. Knight, John Doull, John Gunn, Skerry, John Crawford, Bowman, J. Venning, James H. Vangh, Hart, S. Strong, Doherty, Cleverdon, C. Kelly. For Boston—Mr. J. C. Clarke, (bearer of dispatches) and 42 others.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Notice to Anglers.

In angling there's a mighty charm, An angler's heart is always warm; Oh! may they never come to harm; When they go out in the morning And he that won't an angling go In wet or dry, in frost or snow, Can never the joys of anglers know. When they go out in the morning.

FISHING TACKLE.

GENTLEMEN are politely invited to call at the Old Establishment, No. 6, Grandville Street—where they can supply themselves with a SUPERIOR ARTICLE in the above line at a low rate.

April 7th '49. PETER NORRIS, PROP.