

P—, COUNTY CORK, JULY 3.

The absorbing event of the past month, has been the loss of the unfortunate "Tiger." Every lip has talked of it, every heart has been full of it. One of the last current reports on the subject, is that the Pilot, having been bribed, purposely drove the ship aground, and that the Captain had him shot on the spot. This, however, wants confirmation. Captain Gifford declared almost with his latest breath, that had it not been for his wound, he would have blown up the ship, with all on board, and told his men that they owed their lives to his death. The unfortunate wife of this first fruits of the war, as he may be called, was in Malta, when the dreadful event occurred, and hastened to Odessa immediately, to yield herself prisoner for the sake of being with her husband, but arrived too late, and had only the miserable satisfaction of seeing the narrow strip of "stranger-earth," in which he lies buried.—She was treated with great kindness by the authorities, and is now with her children, on her way home. The seat of war is not, however, the only scene of death and horror.—As deep a tragedy as ever was enacted, took place lately, at Esler near Claremont, the present residence of the Ex-Queen of France, in which a mother cut the throats of her six children, and then her own, in a fit of despair at her husband's jealousy. The horrible details are like those of similar scenes in Paris, beginning with dice and ending in *La morgue*.

The great event of the month at home, has been the opening of the Crystal Palace at Sydenham. The situation chosen is said to be the best possible; on one of the finest of the Surrey hills, and exactly the right distance from London. It was a right royal pageant as is always the case with any thing public in which our Queen takes a part. The popular applause was as usual of the most enthusiastic description, the ministers, both present and past, coming in for a great share,—a large portion of which, as usual, fell to the lot of Mr. Disraeli. During the past month, the long popular favourite, Madame Grisi, has been for the last time on the boards of an English Opera House. It is now more than 25 years since her first appearance, and during the whole time she has kept her ground without a rival;—none are left to fill her place, who can in any degree hope to arrive at the dizzy height of fame and admiration, to which she has reached. She looks still, after so many years of hard work, a young and handsome woman. The literary world has been gratified with the appearance of the last Volume of Lord Mahon's noble and enlightened history of England. Books of all kinds and descriptions on the seat of war daily issue forth, some good, some worthless. Mr. Oliphant's work still keeps the lead, and that of Colonel Slade is very popular. Of novels we have a plethora;—"The Iron Cousin," "Aubrey" by the Authoress of "Emilia Wyndham," "Pin-Money" by Mrs. Gore, "Margaret Hepburn" a Scottish Tale, are the most talked of: also of a superior order, "Edward Willoughby" by Lady Emily Ponsonby, and "Sir Gervase Grey," which last has created quite a *furor*. For young persons we have "Katharine Ashton" by Miss Sewell, of which it is enough to say that it follows in the track of its predecessors, "Amy Herbert" and "Lancton Parsonage" &c.

The young King of Portugal has been engaged in a visiting tour through our manufac-

turing districts, and seems determined to see every thing that may be seen. He is said to be clever and amiable, and to have received the best education possible. It is much to be hoped that during his reign something of good may be effected for his miserable country, in which there is not even a road fit for wheels, ten miles beyond the capital! At any rate, it will be his own fault if he leaves England without a few hints.

The Oxford University Bill, is slowly labouring through the House of Commons. Parties are pretty equally divided concerning it. One clause, however, the admission of Dissenters, is almost universally inveighed against, as being unjust to the Dissenters themselves, and in an high degree unjust to the Church. The reasons for this last proposition are apparent, but the former is only to be understood when it is remembered, that though the Bill will permit the Dissenters to enter the University it will deny them the privilege of taking degrees or attaining to any eminence whatever.

The return of the noble and Apostolic Bishop of New Zealand, after twelve years of incessant labour in his heathen Diocese, has been hailed with great delight by the Church at home. I hope to give you next month some details of his experience, as reported by himself at a meeting held for the purpose in Oxford, by the Bishop of Oxford, whose guest he is. He has preached in various places, and his elocution, phraseology, manner &c., are said to be unrivalled

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At a meeting of the Mill-Owners, Lumbermen, and others interested in advancing the manufacturing resources of the Chaudiere waters, held at the Chaudiere House, the 17th July, 1854, it was

Moved by John J. Harris, Esq., and seconded by Levi Young, Esq.—

That Nathaniel Burwash, Esq., take the chair and that John A. Winn, Esq., act as Secretary.

Moved by J. J. Harris, Esq., seconded by Henry R. Soper, Esq.—

That the Mill privileges on the Chaudiere waters possess many advantages, and will be the source of a large commerce at no distant day, nevertheless the limited space now available for holding logs, convenient to the mills, detracts much from their value, and is a serious discouragement to those now engaged in cutting Lumber.—Carried.

Moved by Levi Young, Esq., seconded by Elanson H. Baldwin, Esq.—

That the space available for retaining logs is barely sufficient to keep the mills now being constructed in 24 hour's work, and the nearest retaining water is Thompson's Bay, over three miles distant.—Carried.

Moved by James Skead, Esq., seconded by H. F. Bronson, Esq.—

That by constructing a dam from the Table Rock to the Island above the Falls, and stretching a boom to said Island the Bay from the foot of the little Chaudiere to the slides, forming an area of 140 acres, would be converted into a safe pond of smooth water, without a current, save when the spring flood would be passing, retaining a large supply of logs, and preventing an annual loss which now arises from cribs breaking up in the Little Chaudiere and being carried over the Falls.—Carried.

Moved by H. F. Bronson, Esq., seconded by John J. Harris, Esq.—

That such a dam and boom would prevent an annual loss to the lumber trade,

from the cause just referred to, of some £3,000, and would secure to the Mills and Slide a full supply of water at all seasons of the year.—Carried.

Moved by E. H. Baldwin, Esq., seconded by John J. Harris, Esq.—

That a memorial to the Governor and Council praying for the construction of the said improvements and based upon the foregoing resolutions be forwarded, and that the co-operation of the Mayor and Town Council of Bytown be requested in behalf of the object of this meeting.—Carried.

Moved by H. F. Bronson, Esq., seconded by Levi Young, Esq.—

That Nathaniel Burwash, Esq., leave the chair and that John J. Harris, Esq. be called thereto.—Carried.

Moved by James Skead, Esq., seconded by Philip Thompson, Esq.—

That the thanks of this meeting be awarded the Chairman and Secretary for the manner in which they have discharged their duties on this occasion.—Carried.

Moved by J. M. Currier, Esq., seconded by Martin Daniels, Esq.—

That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Ottawa Citizen, Railway Times, and Gazette*.—Carried:

JOHN J. HARRIS, Chairman:
JOHN A. WINN, Secretary.

Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

MONTREAL, July 28th, 1854.

Return of Traffic for the week ending Saturday, the 15th July, 1854:—

First Class Passengers, 4815	.....	\$5822.04
Second do. do. 4464	.....	371.85
Tons Merchandize, 31754	.....	6791.11
Feet of Lumber, 640624	.....	2186.14
Cords of Firewood, 636	.....	932.59
Mails, &c.,	.....	779.27

Total. } Cy. \$16,781.74
£4,195 8 11

Total receipts for current half year commencing July 1st, up to Cy. week ending, July 15th, 1854. £84,523 1 4
292 Miles open.

JAMES HARDMAN, Auditor.

GREAT FIRE AT FREDERICKTON, N. B.—We have news from New Brunswick to Friday last. The cholera was raging at St. John N. B., and some alarm existed in consequence of the filthy state of the city. At Frederickton, a destructive conflagration occurred on Tuesday the 17th instant, by which forty-five buildings were consumed, involving a heavy loss.

The *Mercury* learns "by private letter from St. John's, N. B., that Sir Edmund Head has received the appointment of Governor General of British North America, and will leave for Quebec immediately on the arrival from England of his successor, the Hon. John Henry Thomas Manners Sutton."

A little boy hearing his father say that "there is a time for all things," climbed up behind his mother's chair, and whispering in her ear, said, "When was the proper time for hooking sugar out of the sugar bowl?"

Why is a dentist likely to be a melancholy man?—Because he always looks down in the mouth.

Yours is a very hard case, as the monkey said to the oyster.

Arrival of Rafts at the Port of Quebec.

July 22.

J. & Alex. Cameron, Woodfield Harbour, Sag. Timber & Tamarac, Bear Creek, Gatin & Co.

July 24.

W. G. Ross, St. Nicholas, White Pine and Tamarac, St. Francois, owner.
Jos. Almond, (Lawless.) St. Michael's Cove, White Pine, Westneath, do.