The St. John Observer.

ST. JOHN, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10, 1855

☞ Our Citizens are making the most vigorous preparation, for the due celebration of the festivities projected for Friday next. The importance and magnitude of the occasion, and the universal exhilaration felt by all classes in the community, in contemplating the glorious tidings which the proceedings of the day are intended to celebrate, combine to stimulate all to active participation in the intended triumphal demonstrations. His Worship the Mayor has very properly issued a Proclamation, recommending a general closing of Stores and suspension of business throughout the whole of Friday, and we have no doubt that our mercantile and industrial community will cheerfully respond to the call, and unanimously make a general holiday of the festive day. We copy ftom the *Courier* the following details of the preparations and intended operations, of the patriotic *Polymorphian Tribe*, and feel assured, that their exertions have provided a series of brilliant gratifications for the public enjoyment:—

The Day will be opened by a Salute of Fifty Guns, which will be fired at day break by the companions of the Camp.

Flags will be strung across the streets in different parts of the City.

At ten o'clock the Regatta will take place in the Harbour. The following boats have been entered to contest for the several prizes;

FIRST RACE.

Four oared Gigs.—*Professional Oarsmen.*

GUIDING STAR.....Carleton.....by Geo. Clarke.
NEPTUNE.....Sand Cove.....by F. A. Woods.
WATER SPRITE.....Indian Town...by R. Dalton.
THE DREAM.....City.....by John Coigley.

SECOND RACE.

Six Oared Gigs.—*Amateurs.*

STAR OF THE WEST.....Carleton.....by S. Mosher.
RANGER.....Reed's Point...by J. King.
THE UNKNOWN.....Indian Town...by R. Dalton.

THIRD RACE.

Four Oared Gigs.—*Amateurs.*

LUCY DASHWOOD.....City.....by R. Seelye, Jr.
WATER LILY.....Indian Town.. by R. Dalton.

FOURTH RACE.

Sebastopol Plate.—Boys.

POLYMORPHIAN.....Carleton.....by A. Bruitt.
NEPTUNE.....Sand Point.....by G. Beaty.
WHITE SQUALL.....Indian Town..by C. H. Cunard.
ALERT.....City.....by A. J. Howard.
ECLIPSE.....Portland.....by W. Emery.

FIFTH RACE.

Skiff Race.—Two Men with Sculls.

PUZZLE.....Carleton.....by S. Mosher.
BEE.....Carleton.....by Jas. Toole.

SIXTH RACE.....*Indian Canoe Race.*
SEVENTH RACE..*Squaw Canoe Race.*

At 3 o'clock a Grand Equestrian Procession of the Tribe, in the costume of different Nations, with two Bands of Music, headed by a Car drawn by four Greys.

At 7 o'clock in the evening, the Companions will meet at their Encampment and form in Procession, with Torches, and march to the grounds where the Fireworks are to be displayed, and previous to the exhibition will fire a salute of Fifty Guns. The Fireworks will then be set off, and we know that they are the most brilliant and expensive works ever imported into this City. A number of costly pieces have been expressly manufactured for the occasion.

After the Fireworks a salute of Fifty Guns, and the proceedings of the day will close with a Balloon Ascension.

CONCERT.—Our talented and energetic fellow Citizens, comprising the ST. JOHN HARMONIC SOCIETY, have provided an intellectual treat of a high order, for the lovers of "the concord of sweet sounds," as introductory to the subsequent enjoyments of Friday, by announcing a CONCERT of Vocal and Instrumental Music, to take place at the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute to-morrow, (Thursday) evening. The Advertisement of the Society, (which will be found in another column,) announces, that the Selection of Music to be performed on this occasion is "suitable to the present eventful times," and as we are informed that the *Programme* will be entirely new, comprising many brilliant pieces never before sung in this city, (the *music* of *one* of which was composed expressly for this occasion by Mr. Wichtendahl, the Conductor of the Society,) the public may be assured that a rich treat of harmony is before them, and the Hall of the Institute will of course be thoroughly filled, as on the previous Concerts of the Society.

GRAND BALL.—Another attraction in aid of the public triumphal demonstration, is provided for our Citizens, by the ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, who have made extensive and splendid preparations for a superb BALL, to be given at Mr. T. A. Paddock's new and magnificent public room in Prince William Street, to-morrow evening. We understand that this entertainment will be carried out in the most costly and brilliant style, and we have no doubt that it will prove to be by far the most distinguished Ball ever given in this City. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Manners Sutton, have signified their intention of honouring it with their presence, and we are sure that the *elite* of this community and of various other parts of the Province will be gathered together on the occasion. It is not improbable, that many will indulge themselves by attending the *Harmonic Society's Concert* first, and the Ball afterwards, which can easily be done.

His Excelleny, the Lieut. Governor, with a laudable desire of obtaining a personal knowledge of the various sections of the Province and its inhabitants, has lately been making a tour in the eastern districts. His Excellency arrived at Moncton, in Westmoreland, on the 28th ult.; and we learn from the *Westmoreland Times* that the event was celebrated by a general illumination of the Town, in a style of much elegance and taste. His Excellency subsequently visited the County Town of Dorchester; after which he proceeded, with his suite, to the adjoining County of Albert. We understand that His Excellency was expected to be at Sussex Vale yesterday, and will probably arrive in this City this evening.

IMPROVEMENT.—We are pleased to see a symptom of improvement beginning to manifest itself in our public streets. Our gallant citizen, Admiral Owen, has just set a good example, by planting trees on the edge of the side-walk, fronting his residence in Coburg Street. As these trees increase in size, they will present a cheerful appearance and afford an agreeable shade in the summer season; and will greatly add to the ornamental appearance of the street. We hope this excellent example will be rapidly imitated by others; particularly in the more retired streets, where the trees will not interfere with the busy pursuits of commerce

During this week, we have been enjoying the most lovely and delightful weather that can be wished for; more like early summer than the fall of the year. A clear atmosphere, bright sun, and warm and genial temperature, have combined to make all nature gay and all living beings cheerful; and we may well feel happy and grateful in the enjoyment of as truly delightful autumnal weather as we can remember to have experienced. The verdure of the trees has retained its freshness much later this season than usual; and we are only now beginning to notice the changing of the tints, and the gradual dropping of "the sere and yellow leaf." The poor must experience the great benefit of this charming weather, in the great saving of fuel occasioned by it.

ENGLAND'S BATTLES BY SEA AND LAND.—We have just received from Mr. Hunter, the 28th No. of this standard publication. The No. now before us is embellished with a portrait of General Sir DeLacy Evans, and a sketch of the British Light Cavalry attacking the Russian Russian Guns at the Battle of Balaklava.—The history is the usual interesting character and is well worthy of public patronage.—For sale by R. Hunter, over Kemp, Adams & Co., Market Square.

☞ Ill health has prevented our Literary Correspondent, B., from contributing this week the promised critical notice of "EVENINGS WITH THE PROPHETS;" which must therefore necessarily be postponed till next week.

We learn from the *Freeman* that the fourth Annual Collection in aid of the fund for completion of the Catholic Cathedral in this City took place at St. Malachi's Church on Sunday last, and that in the course of the afternoon, the very large sum of $1,001 was subscribed. Among the principal subscribers were George Carvill, Esq., £50; Henry McCullough, Esq., £50; John Doherty, Esq., £40; William Doherty, & Co., £30; William Doherty, Esq., £30; A. McTavish, Esq., £25; John McSweeny, Esq., £25; &c. &c., and there were several £10 and £7 10s. and £5 subscriptions. The collection in Portland, for the same purpose, will be made next Sunday.—*Courier.*

At a meeting of the Directors of the St. John Suspension Bridge Company, held on the 2d inst., Lewis J. Almon, Esq., was chosen a Director, in the room of the Hon. Judge Ritchie, resigned.—*Ib.*

COMMON COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the Common Council was held at the Mayor's Office on Monday afternoon, at which an order was passed for the regular monthly payment of the Police. The sum of £50 was appropriated to the Polymorphians to aid them in the grand celebration of Friday.—*News.*

THE COLONIAL PRESBYTERIAN.—In noticing the first number of this periodical, which we have regularly received, we expressed a hope that sufficient encouragement might be given to lead to its becoming a weekly. That hope, we are glad to learn, is likely to be realized under very favorable auspices. The marked ability and candor with which it has been conducted has procured for it a wide circulation and created a loud demand for a weekly issue, which it is intended to comply with. In addition to the talent already employed upon it, we have heard the Rev. James Bennet of this city is likely to yield to a request to take a leading part in editing the new issue, and that the Rev. Robert Irvine, who needs no introduction to our readers, and the Rev. Moses Harvey, of St. John's Newfoundland, will enrich its columns with their systematic contributions. Mr. Bennet is justly regarded as a deep thinker, and a fine writer, and Mr. Harvey's lectures on Nineveh, &c., have procured for him a high place in the republic of letters. We understand that the object contemplated is to combine a first class secular and religious journal in the same issue and a moderate price. We wish the undertaking all success.—*Courier.*

The total number of British Officers killed, wounded and missing, &c. in the storming of the Great Redan is as follows:—

Killed, - - - - - -	26
Wounded, - - - - - -	114
Missing, - - - - - -	1
Total,	141

We regret to perceive, under the head of "killed," the name of Major Welsford, 97th Regt.—This gallant officer was stationed in this garrison a few years ago, and was highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.—*Ib.*

On Tuesday the anticipated demonstration in honor of the reduction of Sebastopol took place in this City, and was conducted with a degree of taste and spirit which reflects much credit not only upon its managers, but also upon the vast multitude from which it was composed. Thick-set rows of Flags—national and miscellaneous—spanned Queen Street; below, from the Court House in course of erection by Mr. Davis, and above, from Mr. Richards' Store to the new Building near the Reporter Office. Hundreds of gorgeous flags and streamers also waved from the public buildings and private residences of the city. At an early hour the Church bells rung out a warning peal, and guns were fired at both ends of the City, while a great concourse of people commenced assembling on the streets, preceded by Price's Brass Band from St. John, which had been brought here for the occasion. These were followed by two grotesque companies known by the familiar name of Polymorphians and Calathumpians. The appearance of these last was extremely ludicrous. A boat right well manned, and from want of sufficient "native element" being hauled upon wheels, represented the honor of the marine on the occasion.

The general procession formed at 11 a. m., at the Province Building,—the High Sheriff on horseback, as Marshall, leading the way. Then followed the Band; then His Worship the Mayor and the City Council in carriages—then the boat "Sweaborg"—Fantastics—private carriages—and citizens. Next came the St. Andrews Society and the Freemasons—each in the insignia of their order; next a number of boys from the day schools of the City, and last the assistant Marshalls, Messrs. Myshrall and Mackay.

The procession thus formed, passed up Queen street, and continued its way to Government House, where three hearty cheers were given for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and his Lady. It then returned by King Street to the vicinity of the Cathedral, where His Worship the Mayor addressed the vast multitude in that strain of eloquence so peculiar to himself;—so ready—so nervous—and so well to the purpose. He dwelt principally upon the stirring events of the times, and concluded by proposing three cheers for Miss Nightingale and the other ladies who have risked health and life itself, and have left their comfortable and affluent homes, in order to tend the wounded heroes of the Crimea.

The sports on the flats then commenced, and under the direction of Col. Hayne, Dr. Toldervey, Mr. Wedderburne, Mr. Richards, and others, occupied a great portion of the day.

In the evening all the public Buildings, including the Temperance and Masonic Halls, were illuminated. The arrangements in the Province Buildings were executed by Mr. Williams, and were well worthy of the occasion, the order of the lights throughout the whole range being admirable. Several private houses also sent forth a blaze of light, and displayed transparencies beautifully got up both in design and execution. The residence of the Hon. Judge Wilmot was graced with a large number of variegated lamps, exhibiting the taste and talent of its Hon. proprietor; and with the dwelling House and Office of Queen's Printer formed a centre of attraction for large numbers of admirers. In the front Street, the Barker House, and the dwelling houses of Messrs. Mount and Anderson vied with each other in the brightness and beauty of their illuminations—but we cannot find room to particularize all who took part in this grand display alike of light and loyalty.

Next in order came the Torch-light procession led by his Worship the Mayor and W. D. Hartt, Esq., the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. This procession covered in length (four deep) about a quarter of a mile, and presented a most splendid illumination:—certainly the greatest ever seen in Fredericton. It paraded through nearly all the Streets, and again halting at Government House loudly and enthusiastically cheered its distinguished inmates. A vast bonfire which was taken in special charge by Mr. Enoch Bradley, concluded the scenic amusements of the evening, if we except the enthusiastic cheering for the Queen, for Napoleon, for Prince Albert, and for several of the parties present.

In noticing this affair, which may be excelled in magnitude, tho' not in good taste, even by St. John, we may in conclusion refer to the unremitting zeal, judgement, and assiduity displayed by Mr. BOTSFORD, to whose efforts from the first, in conjunction with those of his Worship the MAYOR, the public are deeply indebted for the management of the demonstration. The whole affair passed off quietly, and amidst the great multitude we saw no instance of intoxication during the whole proceedings.

The following is perhaps the best part of the whole programme, as it shows the care which has been taken of the poor; and we will only add that instead of the indiscriminate distribution at one time spoken of, in gives us much pleasure to see that the provisions alluded to have been placed in the proper hands;—the distribution has been made by Mr. Councillor Segee as directed by checks from the Committee; and consisted of

250 lbs. Corned Beef,
221 lbs. Fresh Beef,
131 lbs. Mutton,
10 Tongues,
239 lbs. Ham,
150 Loaves of Bread,
106 lbs. Sugar,
30 lbs. Tea.

Eighty-four or five different families have been put in receipt of the above; and we have heard that the whole charity has been exceedingly well applied.—*Fred. Reporter.*

The *Eastern Chronicle* announces that J. W. Dawson, Esq., of Pictou, has accepted the situation of Principal of McGill College, Montreal.

United States.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—A meeting was held last evening in the Metropolitan Theatre to take measures for the relief of the orphans caused by the yellow fever in Norfolk and Portsmouth. Owing to the heavy rain the attendance was not numerous. The meeting was ably and eloquently addressed by Rev. Wm. E. Milburne, Rev. S. S. Osgood, Mr. I. W. Gerald, Dr. Reese, and Mr. Greeley. Appropriate resolutions were passed. A committee was appointed to collect contributions and a collection made. It was announced at the meeting that Mdlle Rachel, besides giving the free use of the Theatre, had contributed $1000 toward the object of the meeting.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 6.—At Norfolk on Thursday, there were five deaths and eight new cases.

At Portsmouth on Thursday the number of deaths was eight and the number of new cases five. On Friday there was but one death. Nearly all the new cases and deaths are those of returned citizens. The Rev. Mr. Jackson of St. Paul's church died on Thursday.

THE YELLOW FEVER has happily abated at both Norfolk and Portsmouth, and may be said to have ceased as an epidemic, although there were in each place from five to ten deaths a day. It is ascertained that there had been 2000 deaths in Norfolk, and 950 in Portsmouth since the ravages of the yellow fever began.

Dr. [illegible] of [illegible] Winter, of [illegible] Sunday. [illegible] physicians who have died in Portsmouth, all of whom were from the north of that place. Only four resident physicians have died.—*Boston Traveller.*

FATAL LEAP.—In Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday, Mr. John Lewis, daguerreotypist, who was ill with fever, leaped from the window of his room in the third story. His wife endeavored to prevent him, but he made a sudden leap and sprang through the window, carrying his wife with him. They were dashed upon the pavement below, and the woman was instantly killed. Mr. Lewis was seriously injured, and now lies at the City Hospital in a precarious condition.

British & Foreign.

ARRIVAL OF THE PACIFIC.

Despatches from Gen. Simpson from the seat of war had been received by the Government of of England, describing the assault and capture of the Malakoff. He says:

"At 12 o'clock on the morning of the 8th of September, the French columns under Generals Rosquet, McMahon and De La Motterange, entered and carried the Malakoff with the most impetuous valor. The British columns stormed the Redan, but after a bloody combat, could not hold it. A second assault could not be organized until the following morning, when the Redan was found to be evacuated.

The loss of life has been fearful, particularly among Officers.

Four thousand cannon, fifty thousand balls, and immense stores of gunpowder were taked possession of by the Allies at Sebastopol.

The retreat of the Russians to Perekop was contradicted. It was expected they would be unable to hold the north of Sebastopol for want of provisions.

The Czar Alexander, in an address to his army, says: "I rely confidently upon your courage to "repel all future attacks;" and in a letter to the King of Prussia states that he will accept no conditions of peace derogatory to Russia.

The Czar, in company with the three Grand Dukes, has signified his intention of proceeding to the Crimea.

The Turks still hold Kars, having repulsed the Russians on the 7th inst. with considerable loss, the Russians retiring to Erzeroum.

No later news from the Baltic had been received.

The Emperor of Austria had congratulated Queen Victoria and Louis Napoleon on the victory of the Allies.

At Paris there was considerable excitement in regard to the high prices of bread. The Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations would continue open until Nov. 25. The Empress was progressing favorably.

The inauguration of Dom Pedro, King of Portugal, was celebrated on the 16th, with great enthusiasm.

The King of Naples had sent apologies to England and France for recent insults.

The Fall of Sebastopol.

The following are the latest despatches by telegraph that had been received from the Crimea up to the time of the sailing of the steamer.

The Moniteur announces that the Minister of War has received the following telegraphic despatches from Marshal Pelissier:

Sebastopol, Sept. 17.—In their work of destruction the enemy respected the docks (which are magnificent constructions), the establishments in the vicinity, the barracks of Fort Nicholas and the Quarantine Fort.

The Anglo-French Commission appointed to draw up a return of the material left by the Russians at Sebastopol has commenced its labors.—The result may be summarily stated as follows:—We have found in the town about 4,000 cannon, 50,000 cannon balls, a few hollow projectiles, a large quantity of grape, a great amount of gunpowder (despite the explosions), 500 anchors (half of which are excellent). 25,000 kilogrammes of copper, two steam engines of 30 horse power, and a considerable number of masts sawn in two for defensive purposes (blindages)."

"*Sebastopol, Sept.* 18.—Our Generals and superior officers wounded are doing as well as can be expected. There need be no anxiety on their account."

The attack on the Malakoff was directed by Gen. Bosquet. Gen. M'Mahon was the first to lead his division to the beach, having the Zouaves of the Guard for a reserve. General de la Motterouge led the next division, having the Grenadiers and the Voltigeurs of the Guard as a reserve. This division attacked the curtain which connects the Malakoff to the Redan.

Accounts from the Crimea of the 11th state that General Bosquet's wound is not serious. The first detachments of the allied troops entered the eastern part of the Karabelnaia suburb of Sebastopol on the 14th instant., by order of General Pelissier, and, on the following day, the city, having been previously inspected, was occupied, but only by small bodies of troops.

FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THE CRIMEA.—It is expected that a portion of the army will be left in Sebastopol to prepare it for the winter quarters of the whole of the besieging forces. Before the bad weather sets in it is stated that the enemy will be vigorously attacked in the field; the troops encamped on the Tchernaya, attacking the Russians in front, while an army of some sixty thousand men to be embarked at Kamiesch or Balaklava, and landed a little north of the Belbec, will simultaneously act against their flank. The enemy will thus be caught, as it were, between two fires, and no doubt is entertained as to the result. Such is, in two words, the plan which is reported to have been adopted; but although to non-professionals it appears extremely plausible, Marshal Pelissier and General Simpson are so well aware of the necessity of keeping all their future movements secret, that one cannot but feel inclined to question the authenticity of this report.

But although the mode in which hostilities will be carried on may not be known, that the enemy is to be vigorously attacked, and that without loss of time, is beyond doubt, and the nature of the preparations making here leads one to suppose that the allied generals do not entertain the idea of another seige, but of operations in the field. The siege-pieces, mortars, shells, &c., which were in course of shipment at Marseilles, are ordered to be replaced in store, and field-pieces of eight, six, and twelve pounders embarked in their stead; while orders have been given forthwith to despatch to the seat of war 10,000 horses."

PARIS, Sept. 18.—It is now certain that Marshal Pelissier has decided upon a plan of campaign which is to bring great results. Two divisions of the army are to be sent to the north of the Crimea, and will consist of 25,000 men. Gen. McMahon has left for Eupatoria to take the command of the troops stationed there. In this manner it is hoped to cut off the Russian army in the field from that which is now stationed on the northern forts of Sebastopol. These operations will be executed with the greatest energy.—*London Globe.*

Great Britain.

In domestic affairs there are scarcely any events of interest to notice. The Queen, Prince Albert and their family are still at the Highlands, where Prince Frederic William of Prussia—who the gossips say is going to marry the Princess Royal—is visiting.

Her Majesty and the Prince Consort attended divine service on Sunday, in the parish church of Crathie. There was a very numerous congregation of the residents in the district, and a great many tourists from Ballater and Braemar were present. The Rev. Professor Lee, of Edinburgh, performed the service. The Queen, who was unaccompanied by any of the Royal children, drove to the church in a pony phæton.

The British Association have been holding their annual meeting at Glasgow, under the presidency of the Duke of Argyll. The proceedings closed on Thursday evening, and the assembly is described as one of the most brilliant and successful in the annals of the Society.

There was [illegible] other towns on Thursday (the 20th), the anniversary of the battle of Alma. There was an immense deal of grumbling that the American vessels in the Mersey did not participate in the display of flags, but it was subsequently found that this was not occasioned by any want of sympathy, but was done as a mark of respect to a deceased Captain, well known and much esteemed, Capt. Hooper of the William Penn.

The authorities here as in France, are still busied with the despatch of soldiers and war *material* to the Crimea.

France.

THE EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH TO THE ARMIES.

Immediately on the receipt of the news of the capture of Sebastopol, the Emperor ordered the Minister of War to send the following despatch to Gen. Pelissier:

"Honor to you! Honor to your brave army! My sincere congratulations to you all!

At the same time the Minister of War wrote as follows to Pelissier, by order of his majesty:

"The Emperor requests you to congratulate in his name, the English army for the constant bravery and the moral strength of which it has given proof during this long and trying campaign."

The alimentary crisis continues terribly still. Bread in Paris is now at 1f. the 4lb loaf, and out of Paris, at 1f. 10c. and 1f. 20c. even. This, for any one who knows what the poor man's life is in France, is truly serious; and, unfortunately, the harvest does not turn out to be an average one. From nearly every council-general comes the news that wheat and rye are under ordinary years; barley and oats alone show almost everywhere a satisfactory yield.

The *Journal d' Indre-et-Loire* announces that a few nights ago a sharp shock of earthquake was felt in the communes of Tauxigny, Dolus, and Cormery, in that department, but that it did not cause any damage.

The *Commerce Breton* states that several bakers were fined on Monday last for having a sufficient quantity of bread in their shops.

Russia.

THE EMPEROR ALEXANDER'S ADDRESS TO THE ARMY.—On the fall of Sebastopol, the Czar issued an order of the day to the army, in which he passes a warm laudation upon the garrison, for having, for eleven months, with such perseverance and zeal, disputed every inch of ground with "brilliant bravery." It expresses, in his name, as well as that of all Russia, the warmest gratitude for the blood it has shed in the defence, for nearly a year, of those fortifications which it erected in a few days. But, (it proceeds), there are impossibilities even for heroes, and when the Malakoff was taken, the commander-in-chief, to save the precious blood of his companions, had passed over to the Notrh side of the fortress.

"Those tried heroes, the object of the general esteem of their comrades, will doubtless give, in re-entering actually into the ranks of the army, new proofs of their warlike virtues; and the name of Sebastopol, which has acquired immortal glory by so much suffering, and the names of its defenders, will live eternally in the hearts of all the Russians, with the names of the heroes who immortalized themselves on the fields of battle of Pultowa and Borodino."

From Australia.

By the way of Panama we have news from Sydney, Australia, to July 2.

There is no political news of importance.

Every arrival brings additional confirmation of the increased confidence of the Australians in the Panama route. The last item is from the Sydney Times of July 2. We subjoin a portion of it.

For some time past we have been aware of a project set on foot by a British capitalist largely connected with the trade of the United States, to establish steam communication between the Australian Colonies and New York and London via Panama. This scheme, which appears to us to be admirably conceived, is shaped with the view of embracing equal advantages to Sydney and Melbourne on this side, and it contemplates direct lines to London and New York on the Atlantic.

This is to be effected by making Tahiti the entreport for the service in the Pacific, and final station for the Panama steamers, are continuing the communication by branch lines to Sydney and Melbourne. From Aspinwall to London it is proposed to enter into arrangements with the Royal West India Mail Company for the conveyance of the English freight and passengers, while the communication will be carried through to New York by a line of steamers belonging to the new company.

The Sydney Empire of July 2 says:—It is calculated that by this line New York will be brought within forty five days, and London within fifty days of Australia. In March the projector was in England maturing his plans, and he writes from Liverpool, on the 8th of that month, as follows:—As for passengers, I can average 350 per month from New York alone; and I anticipate that double that number will take passage from this country, besides the British West India Islands, from which the emigration will be large. The proposol has been fully laid before the Governor General by the agents in Sydney, in anticipation of a guaranteed subside, and has, we believe, been communicated to the home government, with his Excellency's views on the subject.

LATEST.

The Steamer *Canada* arrived at Halifax last evening, with Liverpool dates to 29th Sept. The telegraphic despatch came through this morning. The news by her is not of much importance.—We give below the most particular portions of the news:—

THE CRIMEA.—Prince Gortschakoff telegraphs that the Allies had landed 20,000 men at Eupotaria.

The Grand Duke Constantine had arrived at Nicholaif, and the Emperor was shortly expected.

A great tempest had occurred at Sebastopol.

400 deserters (mostly Poles) had deserted from Sebastopol and reported that the Russian army was in a state of great destitution.

The allies were making preparations for another campaign in the Crimea.

THE BALTIC.—Nothing has been done in the Baltic.—It is reported that the fleets will winter at Keil.

The markets were tending downwards.

OCTOBER.—October is the month for forest splendor. The trees are now putting on their last grandeur, donning their richest and warmest colors, and casting for the while, hallowed beauty on the landscape. An English writer has well pronounced our forests unrivalled. To witness the bursting forth of animated nature in the spring, is indeed beautiful; but to wander in our American forests in autumn and see the trees clad in richest verdure; to tread on their rustling masses in the nut-paved glades; to hear the rustling of the wind through the trees, now like the gentlest, sweetest tones of the Æolion, and now like the organ's solemn peal, and feel, as it were the language of the season of all that is solemn and pure, yet buoyant in heart—are sights and sounds that will dwell unutterable in the heart, or else flow forth in "wild, sweet waves of music" on the air.

And now farewell, October, and farewell autumn. November will come rugged in its garb and comparatively barren; but October will go out and leave behind a pageant and a feast. The woods will be hung with Nature's richest tapestry; the glossy acorn will bescattered in profusion on the ground; the dark and richly-tinted horse-chesnut will glow in its spiny shells, and hosts of squirrels will enjoy a feast in the tops of the beach trees. Farewell, then, October, in the midst of this great banquet of bountiful Nature.—*Albany Argus.*

[FOR THE OBSERVER.]

The Synod of New Brunswick, in connection with the Church of Scotland, at their recent meeting held at this City, adopted the following address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and it was afterwards presented by certain of their number appointed as Delegates for that purpose:—

ADDRESS.

To His Excellency the Honorable John Henry Thomas Manners Sutton, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c., &c.

May it please your Excellency,—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of New Brunswick, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, avail ourselves of this our first meeting since your arrival in the Province to congratulate your Excellency on entering upon your public functions, [illegible] wishes for your personal welfare, and the prosperity of your government.

It affords us much satisfaction that her Majesty, in the exercise of her high prerogative, has appointed as Her representative in New Brunswick, one who is animated by the strongest desire to promote the best interests of that portion of the British Empire in which our lot has been cast; and we beg to assure your Excellency that it will ever be our earnest endeavour to aid you, in our respective spheres, in all that can advance the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people committed to our care.

We regret the temporary depression by which the commerce of the Province has been so seriously affected, but we trust that by the blessing of Divine Providence, under your Excellency's administration, a time of prosperity may speedily return.

As the Ministers and Office-bearers of a Church, which, from its first establishment in our native land, has ever sought to promote a sound, religious education, we desire to see the same introduced in this, the land of our adoption; and we earnestly hope that a system may be devised, based on religious principles such as shall bring the opportunities for acquiring those branches of learning which are most generally useful within the reach of all classes of the community.

While we would deprecate, in the strongest manner, any attempt to overthrow the only collegiate Institution existing among us, we, at the same time, consider it indispensable that King's College should be so liberalised and modified as to adapt it to the wants and circumstances of this country, to secure for it the confidence of all classes, and thus to render it more extensively useful in imparting to our youth the higher branches of learning.

In our public ministrations, and in our private intercourse with our people, we will ever adhere to the practice which we have hitherto followed:—to inculcate loyalty and submission to civil government as enjoined, not only by the laws of men, but also by the laws of God himself.

That your Excellency's residence amongst us may be productive of much comfort to yourself, and advantage to the Country over which you have been called to preside, and that, along with the Honorable Mrs. Manners Sutton, and your youthful family, you may enjoy every blessing, is our earnest and fervent prayer.

Signed at St. John, this seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of New Brunswick, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland.

JOHN M. BROOKE, D. D.
MODERATOR.

His Excellency was pleased to return the following answer:—

REPLY.

To the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of New Brunswick in connection with the Established Church of Scotland.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have received with sincere satisfaction your congratulations on my assumption of the Government of this Province, and I thank you warmly for the expression of your good wishes for my personal welfare, and the success of my Government.

I am fully sensible of the responsibilities of the office, which, by the favour of Her Majesty, I now hold; and you may be sure that within the sphere allotted to me, no exertion will, on my part, be wanting to promote the welfare of this Province. I recognize the value of your co-operation in this good work, and I well know that I shall receive your active assistance.

You have, in your address, adverted to the subject of Education: I can assure you that this important question has not escaped my attention.

Liberty and order are conditions essential to social prosperity, and freedom of conscience is the foundation of personal liberty. But the establishment of a good educational system is, under Providence, one of the best securities for the continued maintenance of order, and I trust that means may be found to afford to the younger members of the community increased facilities of requiring such an education as will be, in every respect, calculated to make them useful members of Society.

Gentlemen, I tender to you, on behalf of Mrs. Manners Sutton and my family, as well as for myself, my sincere acknowledgments for your good wishes for our welfare and happiness.

Holloway's Pills. invaluable to persons afflicted with diseases of the Liver and Stomach. The virtue of these Pills, having been tested in all parts of the civilised world, particularly by the Canadians, renders it needless to expatiate upon their merits: the thousands who have derived benefit from them in Canada being sufficient to convince the most incredulous. All those who are afflicted with liver and bowel complaints; indigestion, sick head-aches, and dizziness, cannot make use of a remedy so certain in its results as Holloway's Pills; for determination of blood to the head their effect is equally positive. They are also an unfailing remedy for asthma, if used in conjunction with Holloway's Ointment, which must be well rubbed into the chest night and morning.

MARRIED.

This Day, by the Rev. William Donald, A. M., Mr. Thomas Thomas, to Miss Mary Eliza Griffeth, both of Mispeck, Parish of Simonds.

On the 8th inst., at the residence of G. T. Ray, Esq., (the bride's uncle,) by the Rev. J. G. Hennigar, Wesleyan Minister, Mr. S. Gardner, to Miss Susan Amelia Willett, all of this city.

On the 8th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Wm. Armstrong, Capt. M. Steen, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Magee, of this city.

On Monday morning, Oct. 8th, by the Rev. Samuel Robinson, Captain George N. Dakin, of the Brig "Grandee," of this port, to Miss Mary, second daughter of Mr. Gideon Ayre, of Sackville.

At Carleton, on Thursday last, by the Rev. R. Knight, Mr. James Whittington, to Miss Margaret Belyea.

On the 3d inst., by the Rev. Samuel Robinson, Mr. William Allwood, of Stafford-shire, England, to Sarah Louisa, eldest daughter of Mr. J. G. Gabel, of St. John.

On Thursday last, at St. Martins, by Rev. Andrew Smith, Dr. Bradshaw, of St. John, to Sarah Jr, second daughter of William Vail, Esq., of St. Martins.

On the 20th ult., by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Mr. Richard Robinson, to Miss Jane Turpin, both of this city.

On the 26th ult., by the Rev. John Wallace, Mr. John Holmes, to Miss Sarah E. Kierstead, both of Brunswick, Q. C.

DIED.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. H. S. Scribner, late of Fredericton, aged 43 years, leaving five children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Funeral from his brother's residence in Brussels-st. on Thursday at 3 o'clock, when friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

At Sackville, on the 28th Sept., Laura, eldest child of Dr. Lewis Johnston, aged four years.

At Studholm, on the 21st June, Mr. David Kierstead, aged 57 years.

In Greenfield, on the 21st ult., Mr. John Wakem, aged 81 years. He emigrated from Plymouth, England, to this Province in 1832, and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

At Harvey, A. C., on the 21st ult., Mr. Nathan Wilbur, aged 71 years and ten months. He was much respected by all who knew him.

On the 21st ult., Syrenia Amelia Brown, in her 11th year, eldest daughter of Mr. William Brown, of Upham.

Suddenly, at Dalhousie, on the 25th ult., J. S. Waterhouse, Esq., Surgeon, in the 57th year of his age, a native of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

At Douglastown, on the 9th ult., Alexander Brown, aged 58 years, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland.

At Fredericton, on Thursday last, Mrs. Sarah Ann, wife of the late Mr. James Biggs, in the 72d year of her age.

At Fredericton, on the 29th ult., Mr. Dennis O'Leary, aged 60 years.

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PORT OF SAINT JOHN.—ARRIVED.

FRIDAY—Steamer Admiral, Small, Portland—Geo. Thomas, passengers and merchandise.
SATURDAY—Ship Thomas, Calhoun, Liverpool, 30—D. & T. Vaughan, coals, &c.
Ganges, Wendell, Boston—to order.
Brig Rocoy, Clements, Belfast, 36—J. & T. Robinson, salt.
Central America, Chase, Savannah, 26—Wm. Thomson, pitch pine timber.
Brigt. Gold Hunter Greenwood, Boston, 5—Master, ballast.
Schr. Sea Bee, Pote, Boston—Geo. Eaton, ballast.
Myrtle, Bailey, Sydney, 11—Master, coals.
Steamer Audalide, Winchester, Boston—L. H. Waterhouse, passengers and merchandise.
SUNDAY—Barque Bercaldine, Spanagle, New-York, 5—(Bound to Musquash; put in here for a harbor during the heavy weather.)
Brig Elizabeth, White, Boston—R. Rankin & Co., ballast.
Brigt. Mary, Mahoney, Boston, 3—Master, ballast.
Ætna, Kay, Alexandra, 20—G. Bent, flour.
MONDAY—Brig Cordelia, Lockhart, New-York—G. A. Lockhart, flour, &c.
Brigt. Alamode, Crocker, Alexandria, 8—Easterbrooks & Ring, wheat.
Bloomer, King, New-York, 9—Master, general cargo.
Schr. Washington, Savage, Boston, 2—Garrison & Marsters, general cargo.
Atlool, Isaacs, Philadelphia, 7—G. Bent, flour.
Ora, ——, New-York, 8—General cargo.
Flora, Leonard, New-York.
TUESDAY—Schr. Kalos, Matthews, Baltimore—Geo. Thomas, flour, &c.
THIS DAY—Ship Achilles, Palmer, London, 32—R. Rankin & Co., general cargo.

CLEARED.

Oct. 4th—Schr. Regulator, Means, New-York, laths—Rue & Orr; Mary Jane, McLean, Boston, boards—Jewett & Co.
5th—Brig Thetis, Cassidy, Annan, timber and deals—Wm. Thomson; Guardian, Musgrove, Surinam, boards—Edward Allison; brigt. Lucy Ann, Simpson, Halifax, laths—G. & J. Salter; Schr. Margaret A., Anderson, Boston, boards—Pollard & Co.; Alva, Crowell, Baltimore, laths—G. Bent.
6th—Barque Onward, Tinley, Greenock, deals—G. W. Roberts; brig Ewry, McKenzie, Boston, boards—John Robertson; brigt. Ashley, Reed, New-York, boards—Crane & Co.; schr. Hattie Anna, Hatch, Wilmington, boards—Wm Thomson; Alert, Tear, P. E. Island, assorted cargo—R. P. Starr and others.
9th—Ship Wanderer, Sellars, Leith, timber and deals—Rankin & Co.; William Dawson, Mitchell, Leith, timber—Rankin & Co.

Ship Thomas reports—Sept. 15th, lat. 51 10 N., long. 20 W., passed ship Kelvin, of St. John, steering east; 21st, lat. 48 25 N., long. 42 35 W., exchanged signals with ship Cathedral, steering east.

Schr. Agate, Roberts, from Grand Bank, at Provincetown, reports—Sept. 20th, fell in with schr. Yarmouth Packet, of and from Yarmouth, N. S. for Belfast, Ire., in a sinking condition; took off captain, mate, and two men; subsequently put the two men on board the schr. H. W. Williams, of Provincetown, and took the captain and mate to that port.

The brig Isaiah, from Hilsboro, reported sunk at Hurl Gate,