

THE DOVER AND CALAIS TUNNEL.

There seems to be a definite project proposed for the construction of a tunnel across the Straits of Dover, between England and France.

An Anglo-French committee has for some time past had the matter under consideration with the object of inquiring into ways and means and of discovering the most practical method of accomplishing the work. This body, among the members of which we find the names of Lord Richard Grosvenor, Mr. Thomas Brassey M. P., Admiral Elliot, and Messrs. Hawkshaw and Brunel, engineers in the English section, and of M. M. Chevalier, Paris, Talbot and other distinguished men of the French delegation have adopted a plan which calls for a tunnel open only at the ends, and with an intermediate establishment which has been proposed in the middle of the strait. Its length from the South Foreland, 5 miles east of Dover, to Cape Gris Nez, 4 miles west of Calais, will be about 21 miles; and it is stated that, with the new Brunton perforating machines, the bore can be finished in four or five years. The estimated total expense is \$40,000,000, and the probable revenue to be derived, it is believed, will reach about \$4,000,000 per year. With regard to ventilation for making a draft as used in mines will be employed. One of the ends of the tunnel will be provided with doors which will have to open to admit the passage of trains when necessary. Just within the doors, a large orifice will be opened to the summit of the vault of the tunnel and in communication with a fire. By the draft thus caused, the air will be constantly drawn in from the open end of the tunnel and hence continually renewed.

THE RAILWAYS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The leading features of the railway of the United Kingdom, at the end of 1872, may be thus summarized: A total sum of \$1,845,236,730 had been expended on 15,814 miles of railway, or nearly \$189,000 per mile. There were 10,393 locomotive engines, about 1 to every 1.5 miles; and 337,899 vehicles, or about 214 per mile, besides the waggon-trains companies other than railway companies. By the running of trains for 190,920,719 miles, \$256,510,572 were received during the year, of which \$128,261,915 were expended in working and maintenance, and \$118,258,655 remained as net profit, so that as regards as possible one half the gross receipts were expended in earning them. There were 422,874,823 passenger journeys, besides 273,342 season ticket holders; and 179,302,121 tons of goods and minerals were conveyed. The average rate of dividend on ordinary capital was 5 1/4 per cent, including \$164,507,380 of ordinary capital part of \$212,913,125 of total capital, which received no interest or dividend. The average cost of working each train was 64 cents per mile, and the average receipt from each train was 129 1/2 cents per mile; so that the average net profit from each train was 65 cents per mile; while the total cost of working was \$8,110 per mile, and \$16,220 per mile was received.

The latest English journals contain an important despatch from Sir Garnet Wolseley to the Earl of Kimberley, the contents of which throw much light not only upon the position of the British Commander at the time of writing, Feb. 2, but even upon the operations subsequent to that date, which have been briefly noticed in Cable news. One fact seems very plain, that the Ashantee war has terminated in the capture and destruction of the capital, and negotiations for a more satisfactory settlement than hitherto. The Ashantee, discipline and endurance of my forces, and the energy and skill evinced in the conduct of the expedition, have brilliantly maintained the reputation of the British arms. The Ashantee, discipline and endurance of my forces, and the energy and skill evinced in the conduct of the expedition, have brilliantly maintained the reputation of the British arms. The Ashantee, discipline and endurance of my forces, and the energy and skill evinced in the conduct of the expedition, have brilliantly maintained the reputation of the British arms.

Even the women are not slow to do honor to the Ashantee. On receipt of the intelligence in Boston of his death, "Rollin Howe" was draped in mourning, as a token of the respect felt by the working women of that city for the lowly but brave Ashantee champion.

Information reaches us from Montreal.

Information reaches us from Montreal that Louis Riel, the member of the Provisional Government, is now in that city, under the care and protection of some of his friends. It is not known whether he will remain in that city, or whether he will return to the United States, or whether he will return to the United States, or whether he will return to the United States.

Our usually quiet village was startled by the announcement, on Saturday morning last, that several shops had been entered the previous night, and money and goods of considerable value had been abstracted. The shops of Messrs. Newman, Sumner, Gemmill and Mrs. Beck were all opened by the same means—the thief breaking a pane of glass or a panel in the door, putting in his hand and opening the lock from the inside. There is no knowing where this kind of thing may stop, and it is the duty of every one to be on the alert, and try to discover the guilty parties.

A traveller in Tierra del Fuego thinks that the natives would gladly sell the whole country for a few sacks of flour. Here is a chance for any man with five or ten dollars who wants to be a real king with real subjects. The only drawback is that his subjects would eat him whenever their flour gave out.

Waltz, the murderer of the Albany seissors-grinder, has been stopped in the whirl of his career of crime, and, in accordance with his sentence, will, on the 1st of May, publicly take a step into another world.

The danger to those who go down to the sea in ships was forcibly illustrated recently when a single wave washed overboard 117 Mohammedan pilgrims returning from the shrine of Mecca.

The Montreal Witness says that at the burning of the Queen's Hall in that city, the Babcock extinguisher did excellent duty in several places, both in the Hall and the adjoining premises.

One hundred and seventeen out of a number of pilgrims returning from Mecca, were washed off the steamer Laconia during a gale, and drowned.

Two Clinton hotel-keepers have been fined for having a light in their bar rooms on Saturday night.

REASSEMBLED PARLIAMENT—THE QUEEN'S SPEECH. LONDON, March 19.—Parliament re-assembled today, and the Queen's Speech was read as follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your address at the earliest period possible, and to assure you of my sincere interest in the welfare of the Empire. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your address at the earliest period possible, and to assure you of my sincere interest in the welfare of the Empire.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Quintan Place, March 17th 1874. Council met pursuant to adjournment, present the Rev. and honorable, Wilson, Morphy, and Crum.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters from Dr. Swenson, and Mr. Fred Chapman, in reference to the admission of Mr. Henson to the Protestant Hospital, in Ottawa, from Thomas Brooks, Esq., County Clerk, in reference to the incorporation of Carleton Place.

The auditors abstract of the Receipts and disbursements of the corporation, for the year 1873, was read. Dr. Wilson gave notice that he will, at the next meeting of Council introduce a by-law for the suppression of gambling in taverns and boarding houses within the limits of the municipality of Carleton Place.

On motion of Mr. Morphy, seconded by Mr. Crum, the by-law to appoint a Street Commissioner, for the year 1874, was brought up and read a first time. On motion of Mr. Morphy, seconded by Mr. Crum, the by-law appointing a Street Commissioner, for the year 1874, was brought up and read a first time.

Moved by Dr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Crum, that the Assessor return his roll to the clerk, on Saturday, the 21st of March, 1874. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Crum, that this Council meet at a court of Revision, in the Town Hall, on the 8th of April, next, at 1 o'clock, p.m. Carried.

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SOUTH KENYON REFORM ASSOCIATION.

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ATTEMPT TO ARREST RIEL.

On Monday last reliable information reached that Riel was to be present and to address a meeting of the French Canadian Colonization Society at St. Boniface that evening. Steps were at once taken to secure his arrest on a warrant, and a number of special constables were sent to the scene.

When the constables proceeded to put into execution their order, and as they were approaching the house of one Lariviere, they were observed by a man who was standing outside with a horse and cutter, this person gave three shouts as signals and drove away, another man was observed to come from behind the house and run after the horse and cutter, shouting to the driver to stop. On reaching the conveyance he jumped in and succeeded in escaping along with the person who was driving. Some of the constables proceeded in the same direction, but as they were on foot, there was no hope of overtaking the cutter. They, however, made diligent search of some of the houses up the river, but failed to find any traces of the fugitives.

The above will show that the authorities are on the alert to arrest Riel whenever he shall show himself, and from the facility with which men were obtained it is an evident fact as we have frequently stated it to be, that amnesty or no amnesty it will be dangerous for Riel to show himself openly either in this Province or in the lower one, as there appears to be a strong feeling for his arrest. Failing this, they are afraid that others will take the law into their own hands instead of permitting justice to vindicate herself—*Manitoba Gazette*.

Editor C. P. Herald. I have a little problem for your readers to solve. If a tailor is the ninth part of the eighth, and if a tailor is the eighth part of the ninth, what is the result of a fully developed man weigh from fifty to sixty ounces, what proportion of brain can you allow for the Occasional Correspondent of the *Almonte Gazette*? I am, Sir, Yours very truly, Pakenham, March 20, 1874.

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