

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

A PROJECTED RAILWAY TUNNEL BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE!—The construction of a tunnel for a railway beneath the bed of the Straits of Dover, with a view to unite the shores of England with those of France, and then with the entire European and Asiatic continents, is occupying much public attention, from the several projected plans which have recently been promulgated. Mr. William Austin, many years in Messrs. Peto, Betts, and Brassey's establishment, has, since 1853, matured a plan which has been highly approved by first-rate engineering talent. The plan proposed by him has for its object the accomplishment of a really permanent railway and enduring structure, extending from shore to shore, a distance of twenty-two miles, and connected at each end with the already constructed and future lines of railroad. It is intended to have a triple way of three arches, oval in form, and securely locked together by inseparable and indestructible masonry, constructed of approved imperishable material, impervious to moisture; and for such unavoidable leakage or collection of water as will occasionally occur, three efficient culverts will be provided to carry it to each shore, whence powerful lift-pumps would convey it into the sea. The fall is to be from the centre towards each shore, and it is calculated that the crown of the tunnel will have a thickness of chalk of 60 feet between it and the ocean bed at the deepest point, which does not exceed 140 feet below the tidal level, as proved by sounding. There will be three double lines of railway (three each way), which will be ample for ordinary goods, traffic and express trains. Ample space is afforded for all necessary pathways, and the telegraphic wires will be laid in the centre, on a new principle of economy and ready access. The tunnel, by its length, will thoroughly ventilate itself; but should it prove necessary, three, or four, or even more, air-shafts can be readily constructed. The upper portions forming lighthouses or refuge in case of shipwreck, and for signalling ships in the Channel. The cost is estimated at £8,000,000, and the time for construction seven years. The whole of these works are proposed to be carried out in connexion with Mr. William Hutchison's patent, which we have so often noticed in our columns, for converting into an indestructible building material river, or sea sand, shingle, chalk, and other soft and comparatively worthless substances. As it is to be geologically assumed that the stratum to be cut through is chalk, Mr. Austin proposes to construct his three roadway arches of large blocks of masonry, bound together in a peculiar manner (illustrated by a diagram in their description in the *Mining Journal* of December 1), such blocks to be formed from the excavated material, carried to the indurating works (to be constructed at each end), and reconveyed to the portion under completion, ready to be placed *in situ*. As these blocks would occupy the space of 40 or 50 bricks, be rapidly formed in the soft state of the material to the shape required, and quickly indurated to a degree which the chisel will scarcely touch, it is expected the work would proceed with a rapidity hitherto unknown in the history of tunneling, and that the time named by Mr. Austin will be ample for its completion.—*Mining Journal*.

A NEW PAPER.—Application has been made for a patent for a new paper from jute, by Mr. Maurice Nash, of Chester. Jute is an Indian grass, extensively imported into this country for the purpose of being made into "bagging" for American cotton. It is sent out to America, returns covering the cotton, and is finally sold to the paper makers. It is proposed to convert it into paper from its original state.

CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA.—There are several Chinese firms in California that have invested over \$500,000 in their business; and there is more than two millions of dollars capital invested in the trade between San Francisco and China, owned and controlled by Chinamen, residing in that city.

In the course of the debates on the Address to the Royal Speech in the Commons Lord Palmerston stated:

"In reference to the fall of Kara, when the subject came to be discussed, the Government would be able to show, that they had taken all the measures in their power to prevent that catastrophe. Measures had been taken to effect the exchange of General Williams."

The London Gazette states, that Dr. Rae having claimed the reward of £10,000 offered by Government to any party or parties, who, in the judgment of the Board of Admiralty, should, by virtue of his or their efforts, first succeed in ascertaining "the fate of Sir John Franklin and his companions;" the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty "will proceed within three months from the date hereof to adjudicate on such claim; and all persons who, by virtue of such proclamation, deem themselves entitled to the whole or any part of the reward in question must prefer their claims within such time, after the expiration of which no claims will be entertained."

COST OF FENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.—Burknap, a well known agricultural writer, in speaking of the cost of construction and repair of the common fences which separate the fields from each other and the highways, says—"No man dreams that when compared with the outlay for those unpretending monuments of art, our cities and towns, with all their wealth, are left far behind. You will scarcely believe me, when I say that the fences of this country cost more than twenty times the amount of specie that is in it."

THE SHIP "JOHN WILLIAMS," belonging to the London Missionary Society, and used for the conveyance of missionaries and native teachers to and fro among the islands of the Great Pacific, was originally bought and has since been repaired and refitted, by the subscriptions of children. This ship, after an absence of several years, has returned to England for needful repairs; and subscriptions are again being raised among the Sunday scholars and juvenile members of the congregations for the purpose.

THE MISSING STEAMSHIP "PACIFIC."—We learn by telegraph, that the U. S. steamship *Alabama*, which was recently sent out from New York by Mr. H. Collins, to search for the mail steamer *Pacific*, of the Collins line, put into Halifax yesterday afternoon. The *Alabama* has been as far east as Cape Race, without hearing anything of the *Pacific*. The *Alabama* has a large stock of provisions and stores on board, for the relief of any vessels in distress she may fall in with upon the coast; and will cruise some time longer.—*Nbr.*

Samuel B. Chipman, Esq., M. P., for Cornwallis, has been appointed Financial Secretary with a seat in the Executive, Vice Creelman, who lost his election. B. Wier, and John Locke, Esqrs., have also been elevated to seats in the Executive. The former is one of the representatives of Halifax, and the latter is a member for the Township of Shelburne.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.—In the House of Assembly on the 16th inst. the Hon. Wm. Young, Attorney General, pronounced a glowing eulogium on the dead and living Nova Scotians engaged in the present war, and concluded by moving a grant of 150 guineas for the purchase of a sword for General Williams. The Hon. Mr. Johnson warmly seconded the motion, and after the Provincial Secretary (Hon. Mr. Wilkins), had supported it, the vote passed unanimously.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW COMPANIES.—A company is in course of formation to purchase the Surrey Zoological Gardens, and erect a large music-hall, capable of holding 10,000 persons.—Another new project is the Bank of Egypt, with a capital of a quarter of a million, with power of increase to one million sterling.—The prospectus of the Western Bank of London, with a capital of £400,000, has been issued, with the view of introducing to the West End, by an establishment purely local, the jointstock system of banking in that part of town.

POLITICAL RUMOURS.—On dit in the clubs, that Sir George Grey is likely soon to resign the Home Office in favour of the present Attorney-General, Sir Alexander Cockburn. In this event, Sir Richard Bethell would become Attorney-General, and the vacant Solicitor-Generalship would be conferred on Mr. Collier, Q. C., the able member for Plymouth. It is also rumoured that Sir John Jervis, the present Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, is to be raised to the upper house, with a life peerage, and to be succeeded on the bench by Sir Frederick Thesiger.

It is rumoured that the Hon. Miss Erskine daughter of the Dowager Countess of Rosslyn, who has just returned from the Crimea, where she had been assisting Miss Nightingale in the hospitals, is about to marry the Rev. John Milner, B. A. chaplain of her Majesty's ship *Orion*, Captain Erskine.

AN ALLEGORY.—An old miser being dead, and fairly interred, came to the banks of the Styx, desiring to be ferried over along with the other ghosts. Charon demanded his fare, and was surprised to see the miser, rather than pay it throw himself into the river and swim over to the other side, notwithstanding all the clamour and opposition that could be made to him. All Tartarus was in an uproar; and each of the judges was meditating some punishment suitable to a crime of such dangerous consequence to the infernal revenues.—"Shall he be chained to the rock along with Prometheus? or tremble below the precipice in company with the Danaides? or assist Sisyphus in rolling his stone?" "No," said Finos, "none of these; we must invent some severe punishment. Let him be sent back to the earth, to see the use his heirs are making of his riches!"

THAT LITTLE WORD 'HOME.'—There is some thing in that little word home which lifts the heart into the throat, and ever excites intense emotion in the British service. Let, for instance, but the bugle of a light regiment play "Home, sweet home," in the evening, about tattoo time, and you will here, in the Crimea, perceive an uneasiness creep into every chattering circle; and then silence will ensue, and many a head will be turned aside from the watch-fire to listen to the air, which, perhaps more than any other, conjures up in the mind's eye of all of us the comforts of Old England.—*Letter From the Camp.*

What fish may be said to be out of place? A perch in a bird's cage, a skaiter in a cutter's shop, a plaice on the top of an omnibus, a sole at the bottom of your boot, whitening-cleaning plate, a mussel in a lady's neck, and a cockle making antibilious pills.

A fashionable lady at a watering place had a favourite lap dog, which she called Perchance. "A singular name for a beautiful pet, madam. Where did you find it?" "Oh," drawled she, "it was named from Byron's dog. You remember where he says, 'Perchance, my dog, will howl!'"

Flowers that are always falling off—Bachelor's buttons.

Why is skinning an eel like an agreement for a separate maintenance?—Because it's a deed of separation.

BY WILLIAM DODD.

VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY FOR SALE.

The following parcels of LAND, &c., will be submitted to public competition at the COURT HOUSE, in the Colonial Building, in Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, the SIXTEENTH day of APRIL next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, viz:—PASTURE LOTS Nos. 228, 234 and 235 in the Royalty of Charlottetown, fronting on the St. Peter's Road, and situate about three miles from Town, containing in the whole 36 acres, a little more or less.

Also—The Freehold and Reversion of and in Two Hundred and Sixteen acres of LAND on Township No. 49, adjoining the Roman Catholic Church Property, near Vernon River. This Land is subdivided into two Farms of 144 acres, and 72 acres respectively, which are severally let on Lease for long terms of years, yielding a yearly rent of one shilling sterling per acre.

Also—The Eastern moiety of TOWN LOT No. 82 in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, having a front of 42 feet on Richmond Street, with the WAREHOUSE thereon.

Also—That valuable piece of GROUND with the DWELLING HOUSE and premises thereto belonging, known as the residence of Mr. DAVID WILSON, fronting 40 feet on Richmond Street, and extending in depth 50 feet, a little more or less; forming parts of Town Lots Nos. 4 and 5 in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown.

Also—Part of TOWN LOT No. 1, in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, next adjoining to the last above described premises, having a front of 60 feet on Richmond Street, and extending 50 feet in depth, or thereabout, with the DWELLING HOUSE thereon.

Also—That beautifully situated Property, forming part of COMMON LOT No. 18, in the Royalty of Charlottetown, fronting on the Hillsborough, and in the immediate vicinity of Government House, lately in the occupation of CAPT. BEAZLEY, R. N., bounded on the North West by the Road leading to Government House, and on the East by West Street, and extending on said street 233 feet a little more or less, with the large and commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OUTBUILDINGS and appurtenances thereto belonging. This property is subject to an annuity of £50 currency per annum, charged thereon for the use and benefit of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wilson, from and after the decease of her present Husband (in case she shall survive him) and so long as she shall remain his Widow and unmarried; and it will be sold liable thereto.

For TERMS of Sale and further particulars, enquire of the undersigned, (Trustees for sale, &c., under a Deed of Release and Conveyance bearing date the 21st day of December, 1855, executed by the above named David Wilson and his said wife, with the other parties therein named, to the undersigned, and duly registered in the Registry Office of this Island.)

Dated at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this Tenth day of January, 1856.

JOSEPH HENSLEY,
JOHN LONGWORTH,
ROBERT STEWART.

Valuable Farm for Sale.

TO BE SOLD by Private Contract, that beautiful situated FARM, on the Malpeque Road, distant about 5 1/2 miles from Charlottetown, the property of Dr. DAY. It contains 153 acres, of which about 100 are in a good state of cultivation, the residue being covered with a mixed growth of hard and soft wood, including suitable fencing material. Upon the premises is a comfortable 1 1/2 story DWELLING HOUSE, 45 feet by 25 feet, with a BARN 45 by 25 feet, and a Wall of water at a short distance from the farm yard. The Property is enhanced by a permanent stream of water which flows through it; and altogether is adapted for Farming purposes. It is held under Lease for 999 years, of which 973 are unexpired, and is subject to the yearly rent of One Shilling per acre only.

Possession can be given in April next, or earlier, if required. For terms, and further particulars, enquire of JOHN LONGWORTH, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Charlottetown, who is fully authorized to treat for the sale.

Charlottetown, Jan. 17, 1856.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.

The Old Established

HOUSE, 1810.

CHARLOTTETOWN, MAY, 1855.

T. DESERISAY & Co.

HAVE just received, per late arrivals from London, Dublin, United States and Halifax, their Supplies for the Season, comprising, in the whole, an

Extensive and Varied Assortment of DRUGS & CHEMICALS, PERFUMERY,

Brushes, Combs, Soaps, and other Toilet requisites; Paints, Oils, Colours, and Dye Stuffs; Fruits, Spices, Confectionary, Medicated and other Lozenges; with all the Patent Medicines in repute, and every other article usually kept at similar Establishments in Great Britain (See *Apothecaries' Hall Advertisement*.) The whole of which they can with confidence recommend to the public, and, if quality be considered, at as low, if not lower prices, than they can be procured in the Market.

Charlottetown, May 12, 1855.

COPAL VARNISH.

A FEW Tin-cans of superior COPAL VARNISH, for sale by

H. HASZARD, Charlottetown, July 24, 1855.