

and gentlemen of the household, left Buckingham Palace, for the King's-cross Station of the great Northern Railway, en route to Balmoral. Fine weather has been so generally a characteristic of the days on which the Queen makes her "progresses," that the phrase "a Queen's day," has grown quite into a proverb, as indicative of a fine day. The present occasion has been an exception. Wednesday and Thursday were the wettest and dullest days that have been experienced for some time.

The Steam-yacht *Mindello*, with the King of Portugal, and Duke of Oporto, on board, attended by the Viscount Carrieri, Count Sormento, &c., left Cowes' Road on Saturday, at four p.m., for Portugal.

Count Buol, gave a grand dinner at Vienna, on the 6th, in honour of Baron de Meyendorf, Prince Gortschakoff, and all the Russian Legation, were invited.

Queen Marie Amelia, the Duke de Nemours, the Count d'Eu, the Duke d'Alencon, the Princess Margaret, the Countess Mollien, with other members of the Royal suite, have, within the last few days, returned to their temporary residence, at Torquay, from a short visit to Claremont, where the Royal party attended the ceremony in commemoration of the death of Louis Philippe.

Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess de Brabant, the Count de Flandres, and the Princess Charlotte, arrived at Courtray, at one p.m., on the 10th inst., where they were received with great enthusiasm. In the evening, there was a grand ball in honour of their visit. The King of the Belgians was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The Duchess of Cambridge, and the Princess Mary, who are still remaining at Kew Cottage, are expected to leave this Royal Villa, at the close of the month, on a tour of visits.

On the 5th, the Empress of the French, visited the *embouchure* of the Adour, in the steamer *Ville-de-dax*. The weather was magnificent, and the beauty of the landscape on either side of the river, excited the admiration of Her Majesty, and the persons in the Imperial suite.

Prince Albert, before leaving Boulogne, presented the Captain of the port, with a valuable gold watch and chain, for his services, on the arrival and departure of the Royal Yacht.



Births.

In this City, on the 26th ult., the wife of James A. Brown, Esq., of a daughter.

In this City, on the 20th ult., in Bay Street, the wife of Thomas Ridout, Esq., of a son.

In this City, on the 21st ult., the wife of Mr. M. Bowman, Richmond Street, of a son.

At Quebec, on the 21st ult., the wife of Frederick T. Judah, Advocate, of a son.



Marriages.

At Quebec, on the 21st ult., at the Cathedral, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Geo. Mackie, D.D., Percy Godfrey Rottfield Lake, Esq., Lieutenant and Adjutant 24th Foot, to Margaret, second daughter of the late William Phillips, Esq., of that city.

In Hamilton, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. James Elliot, Thomas, eldest son of Mr. Hutchinson Clark, to Annie Maria, fourth daughter of the Rev. John Dawson.

On the 18th ult., by the Rev. T. C. Slater, Mr. James Burlington, to Miss E. Brown, both of Arrol.



Deaths.

On the 13th ult., John Goffrey, oldest surviving son of Mr. Vice-Chancellor Sprague.

In this city, on Friday the 27th ult., after a few hours illness, Mr. Richard Wason, Senior, aged 74 years. He was one of the oldest inhabitants of the city, and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

On the 19th ult. of chronic Croup, Thomas Alexander, only son of Rev. A. Campbell, Wesleyan Minister, Clinton, aged three years, five months and nineteen days.

Town Talk.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

We visited the Lyceum Theatre, on the occasion of Mr. Nickinson's benefit, and were much pleased, both with the performance and the numerous assembly of spectators; who, undoubtedly, made their appearance that night as much as to show their appreciation of Mr. Nickinson's unremitting endeavours to please the Toronto public, as to amuse themselves.

Having frequently visited the Lyceum, we have acquired some knowledge of Mr. Nickinson's taste in the selection of his Pieces, and the *mise en scène*, and we think, that few of the many who seek entertainment at his hands, can refuse to acquiesce in the opinion that he is deserving of the applause and support of his fellow citizens.

The "Follies of a night," was the principal piece on the above occasion, and taking into consideration the smallness of the Theatre, we never saw anything better put upon a stage, the scenery and dresses were good, the characters well cast, the

principal ones well conceived and admirably rendered.

Sir William Don, is undoubtedly, a valuable acquisition to any theatre, and right well has he performed and pleased his Toronto audience. We could wish his engagement permanent in our little corps Dramatique, for, it is only through good acting like his, Mr. Nickinson's, Miss C. Nickinson's, and Mr. Coudlock's, that an author's conception is truly delivered to the public.

We are glad that during our short experience, Mr. Nickinson has never thrown away the talents of his Company on that most absurd of all theatricals, "Burlesque." We look upon all such, as little less than bare-faced robberies of other men's good works; cast before the world, horribly mutilated, grotesquely and ludicrously dressed for the sake of purpose of creating laughter; often keeping from many persons the beauties of the originals. Cleverly as any work may be burlesqued, roars of laughter peeling down upon the well turned witticisms; yet, it can only amuse for the hour, without creating admiration.

We understand that a new Scenic Artist has been engaged for the purpose of re-decorating the house, which, we believe, will re-open in the course of a month. Mr. Nickinson's labours, merit good returns; we wish him all success at Hamilton.

The most fastidious critic might spend an evening at our little Theatre, and retire at the fall of the curtain, assured, that he had received from the stage, good sterling value, for the currency paid at the Pigeon hole.

We shall not fail to announce Mr. Nickinson's return.

Part of the detachment of the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment, that has been so long stationed in Toronto, has left for Kingston, there to be quartered for the winter; the remaining portion will leave in a short time, at least such is our information from good authority. Those stationed at Niagara, are to remain for the present, but for how long, is not exactly known.

The Old Fort, we believe, has been sold to the Railway Company; possession to be given at some future date. The new Stone Barracks, it is rumoured, will be occupied by Pensioners, after the departure of the Canadian Rifles.

Monsieur and Madame Macallister, are at present doing their best to amuse the evening holiday-makers of the City; and if report says true, their efforts are tolerably successful. We are not ignorant of the reputation attached to Monsieur Macallister's name, both for his cleverness, and the variety of amusement that his Entertainments generally afford; but not having yet seen him in Toronto, we will no longer trespass upon the time of our readers.

We simply write what we have heard, and judge from the numbers leaving the Theatre, of the success of his efforts.