

head quarters, and since the 2nd of May has been prosecuting the preliminary steps with reference to our contemplated railways. F. Giles, Esq., and staff has proceeded with a like purpose to New Brunswick. Other surveying parties are actively engaged in railway operations at Quebec, and other parts of Canada, on behalf of Messrs. Jackson and Company, English Railway Contractors. These movements for promoting the construction of railways in British North America, will serve greatly to remove the previous state of depression which had prevailed throughout the Provinces.

In connection with railway matters, we may mention that a public dinner was given at Amherst on the 3rd May, to Robert B. Dickey, Esq., by his townsmen, as a mark of their approbation of his exertions with regard to railways in Nova Scotia.

We have to record the arrival on the 15th of Her Majesty's Ship Cumberland (70), bearing the White Flag of Vice Admiral His Excellency Sir George Seymour, K. C. B. and K. C. H.

The Troop Ship Anna Maria arrived on the 26th from Malta, with the remainder of the 76th Regt. for this garrison.

The Queen's Birth-day was celebrated on the 24th at Halifax by a general review of the Troops, and a Ball given in the evening by Lady Le Marchant at Government House.

The Legislature of New Brunswick was prorogued on the 10th. James Olive, Esq., has been elected Chief Magistrate for the City and County of St. John.

Honbles. C. Young and W. Swabey, have retired from the Executive Council of P. E. Island.

The Steamer Ocean Wave was burned on the 30th, fifty miles above Kingston, C. W., near Duck Island. There were 60 passengers on board, of whom only 23 were saved.

A dreadful accident occurred on the New York and New Haven Railroad on the 6th May. As the morning train was crossing the drawbridge at Newark, Connecticut, the locomotive, baggage and passenger cars, went overboard into the river, killing or seriously injuring all the persons in the first cars. Forty-five bodies were picked up the first day—a number of them physicians returning from the Medical Convention at New York.

By the Cunard Steamships Cambria and Europa, which arrived respectively on the 11th and 24th of May, we have late European intelligence.

The ministry are maintaining a majority in Parliament. An interesting discussion took place in the House of Lords, on the subject of transportation to the Colonies. A majority were in favour of the largest scope of Colonial freedom, and opposed to any convict transportation that would be distasteful to the Colonists.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is the great centre of attraction in the British Metropolis. She is receiving attention and testimonials from numerous sources.

The Earl of Ellesmere and suite embarked on the 9th inst. on board Her Majesty's Frigate Leander (50), Captain Kink, bound for New York, as the representative for England at the Industrial Exhibition.

The Dublin Exhibition of Industry was inaugurated with great pomp on the 12th of May.

The Kaffir war has been finished by the complete submission of the Rebel Chief Sandilla. The treaty of peace was concluded by General Cathcart, on the 5th of March.