

title is confirmed. There is no hope. His life is given for a prey, and a great ransom cannot deliver him.

But to return to the spider. All his designs and plans, from the first moment that he spins his thread and attaches it securely, regards only his personal benefit. Solitary and alone he lives, and spends his life in depriving others of that which he cannot restore. No matter what others may suffer, he is the gainer. The struggles and the pains, and the tortures they undergo, are of no concern to him. His object is gain. And is there no resemblance here? Do not the widow and the fatherless cry, and the land mourn because of the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and do not the venders shut their ears? But once more—the spider preys not upon his own species.—He sucks the blood of a different race. But to whom does the spirit dealer sell his baneful draught? To men—to husbands—to parents. The consequences of a spider's daily depredations upon the insect tribe, affect only the individual victim. The effects of the spirit dealer extend to a whole circle of relatives—affect a whole neighbourhood; a town—a nation—the world—time—eternity.—*Geo. Banner and Advocate.*

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

EUROPE.

In the House of Commons, on the 29th March, Sir Hussey Vivian brought forward the ordnance estimates. He said the amount of them was £1,971,032, but, deducting a balance standing over from last year's vote, he had to ask for 1,885,000. He added that there was an excess of charge upon this year's estimate, as compared with the amount of last year, of £152,000. The House then went into a Committee of Ways and Means. A sum of £1,000,000 was voted out of the Consolidated Fund for the public service.

Lady Cecilia Underwood has been raised to the peerage by the name, style and title of Duchess of Inverness.

Pensions on the Civil List granted since the 20th June, 1838—Eliza Cameron, widow of Colonel Cameron, a distinguished officer, wounded at St. Sebastian, £100.—James Montgomery the poet.—Mrs. M'Grie, the widow of Dr. M'Grie, author of the *Life of Knox*, &c.—M. D. Stewart, daughter of the late Professor Dugald Stewart.—Mrs. Somerville, author of the *Mechanism of the Heavens*, &c.

Lord Aberdeen.—Rumor says, that the Duke of Wellington being unable to resume the leadership of the Lords' Opposition, that post will be occupied by Lord Aberdeen; that the latter peer is selected instead of Lord Lyndhurst, as the more popular and discreet Tory Peer.

The Board of Stamps has advertised for contracts for 24,000 reams of paper for the proposed letter-covers. This will provide for 24,000,000 stamps.

WELLINGTON TESTIMONIAL AT GLASGOW.—About £8,000 have been subscribed for the erection of the monument in Glasgow, commemorative of the public services of the Duke of Wellington.

Sir John Phillimore, C. B. died on Saturday last at an advanced age. He was Companion of the Bath and Aid-de-Camp to the Queen, and he was posted in 1807, and was one of the senior-captains of her Majesty's navy.

The vaccination board state in their report, just published, that by vaccination as many as 4,000 lives are annually saved within the bills of mortality only.

At the Levee, last week, the Duke of Norfolk presented Sir Moses Montefiore to the Queen, on his return from the Holy Land, and as a bearer of an address of congratulation on her marriage from the British Jews.

A memorandum, says one of the papers has been addressed to the Protestant monarchs in Europe, on the subject of the restoration of the Jewish people to the land of Palestine. The document in question, dictated by the peculiar conjunction of affairs in the East, and the other striking "signs of the times," adverts to the original covenant, which secures that land to the descendants of Abraham, and urges upon the consideration of the powers addressed, what may be the probable line of duty, on the part of Protestant Christendom, to the Jewish people in the present controversy in the East. The memorandum and correspondence which have passed upon this subject have been published. The subject is one of deep interest.

SWEDEN.

The speech of the king of Sweden, at the opening of the diet at Stockholm in January, is as long as an American President's message, a thing unusual in royal communications. He represents the kingdom to be in a state of high prosperity, and states that, although the taxes have been annually diminished, there has, since 1814, been expended in public works, up-

wards of \$15,050,000. Particular attention has been paid, to the moral and religious education of the people, and the states are recommended to authorise the establishment of a primary school in each of the 1200 parishes. His majesty enumerates all the improvements made in the government since his accession.—Among these is the extinction of the whole of the foreign, and a great part of the home debt; an increase of the profits of the bank from 248,000 thalers to 700,000; the formation of an army of 100,000 effective men; the creation of a coast guard of 250 gun-boats; an augmentation of the fleet; an increase of commerce and manufactures, and general industry; and, finally a perfect union between Sweden and Norway, which had been previously divided by a mutual spirit of animosity. His Majesty, at the conclusion of his speech, made a feeling allusion to his own advanced age, and the happiness which the actual condition of the country afforded him. There is probably no monarch in Europe, more popular among his subjects, than the king of Sweden and Norway.

COLONIAL.

MONTREAL, APRIL 23.

The Special Council met on Tuesday, at one o'clock, when the following Members were present: Honble. the Chief Justice; Messieurs Moffat, M'Gill, Gerrard, Quesnel, Christie, Molson, Knowlton, Austin, Harwood, Ogden, Daly, Herriot.

The last three named gentlemen have been added to the Council since its last meeting.

The *Quebec Gazette* says that advices have been received, that the Church of Scotland will contribute five thousand pounds to the erection of the Kingston University, so soon as five thousand pounds are collected in the Canadas to commence the work. The subscriptions in the two Provinces, already amount to about seventeen thousand pounds, and an instalment will be required to be paid in, immediately, to the amount of five thousand pounds.

QUEBEC, April 25.

FIRST VESSEL FROM SEA.

SIX O'CLOCK.—The vessel proves to be the *Ship Vere*, 460 tons, Captain Willis, of and from Poole, in ballast, to Messrs. William Price & Co. The *Vere* left Poole on the 26th of March, and has, consequently, made the passage in thirty days.—*Mercury.*

ST. JOHN, N. B. MAY 5.

The Rev. Mr. Newton, of the Methodist connexion, arrived at New-York, in the packer ship *United States* from Liverpool, last week. He is delegated from the Wesleyan Society in England, to visit the American churches of the same connexion, and attend the annual conference at Baltimore.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Members of the SAINT JOHN SAVINGS' BANK, held on Tuesday last, the following Gentlemen were chosen Trustees of that Institution, for the ensuing year:—The Hon. Ward Chipman, the Hon. Hugh Johnston, John Ward, Junior, John R. Partelow, George D. Robinson, Thos Barlow, and James T. Hanford, Esqrs.—And at a Meeting of the Trustees, the Hon. WARD CHIPMAN was re-appointed President of the same.

School of the Mechanics' Institute.—We felt great pleasure when we first heard of the School under the patronage of the Mechanics' Institute, and we rejoice that our anticipations of its utility, have not been disappointed. Yesterday the labours of the teachers and the students of this Seminary were closed, after having accomplished all the objects contemplated by its founders. The result of the examination which then took place, before the most respectable and talented of our citizens, was highly creditable to the various classes composing the school, and evinced by indisputable proof, the skill and assiduity with which they had been instructed. Several of our young Artizans have acquired since the commencement of this school, a very considerable knowledge of Geometry and Algebra; and will thus be enabled to prosecute studies which will at once tend to improve their minds and qualify them for the exercise of their vocations. All of them have been instructed with great advantage in penmanship and arithmetic, and not a few exhibited a considerable proficiency in French and the learned languages. The specimens in drawing executed by Mr. TOLER's pupils were highly deserving of attention.—*Morning News.*

MIRAMICHI, May 5.

THE SEASON.—We believe it is universally admitted, as far as the season has yet advanced, a more favourable one for the business of the country generally, was never witnessed in Miramichi.

The Farmer, situate on high and dry land, has got through his ploughing, and been enabled to perform many other of his spring duties, full three weeks earlier than he has been able to do for some seasons past.

The intelligence from the lumberers in all directions, is also satisfactory. The gradual manner in which the snow melted, and the seasonable rains

which have fallen at intervals, has kept up a constant freshet, and the result has been that a large portion of the parties have already completed brook driving, and are now busily engaged in rafting.—*Gleaner.*

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jesty's Government in this colony. You may rely on my applying them, to the purposes for which they were appropriated.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

In relieving you from further attendance upon your Legislative duties, I have again to express my regret, that you have not been able to agree upon a satisfactory measure, for the regulation of the Fishery Reserves; but I still hope that, before the next Session, some plan may be decided upon, by which these Reserves may be made available to the public, in the manner pointed out by Her Majesty's Government.

INDIAN MURDERS.—The Seminoles, in Florida, have murdered 95 persons within the last nine months, besides killing many soldiers of the U. S. Army. They have lost only 10 of their number that time.—*N. Y. Herald.*

The ship *India* is loading, at Philadelphia, for Liverpool, with white corn, in bulk, an entire cargo; say 10,000 bushels.

No less than 7,428 passengers arrived at New York, from Europe, during the month of April, an average of 247 per day.

LATER FROM CANTON.—The ship *Providence*, which arrived yesterday from Canton, left the river earlier than our previous dates, but spoke an English ship on the passage, and took from her a quantity of letters to Dec. 20th. Those letters state that an edict had just been issued by the Chinese Commissioner, Lin, forbidding the bringing up to Canton of any British manufactures, even in American ships; and declaring that if it was attempted, both goods and ship should be confiscated.—*N. Y. Jour. of Commerce.*

The *Army.*—The forces now in British North America amounts to about 14,000 rank and file, which will be considerably augmented in the spring by strong drafts which will be sent out to join the service companies of the several corps stationed there.

The *Cape Breton*, Steamer, arrived here on Wednesday afternoon last, from Miramichi—being her first trip this season—sailed the same evening for Pictou, and returned again on Saturday morning.—*P. E. Island, Royal Gazette.*

LAUNCHES.—On Thursday the 30th ult. from the Ship Yard of the Hon. George Smith, the ship *Lord Wenlock*, 655 tons register. The *Lord Wenlock* is one of the finest vessels ever built in Pictou, and reflects credit on the builder, Mr. Wm. Henderson.

On Tuesday morning May 5, from the ship yard of Mr. Jas. Purves, a fine barque of 529 tons register, built by Capt. Robert Edgar.—*Pictou Observer.*

SUPREME COURT.—The libel case, Mr. E. Ward, against Messrs. English & Blackadar, was tried last Monday, by the Chief Justice and a Special Jury. Verdict guilty, damages £40, which carries costs.—*Nob.*

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, May 5, 1840.

Notice is hereby given, that the principal Officer of Her Majesty's Customs in this Province, with the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, has appointed the Store lately erected on Mr. Thos. Killam's wharf, in the port of Yarmouth, to be a bonded Warehouse, under the authority of the 36th Section of the 3 and 4 Wm. 4, cap. 59.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, has been pleased to appoint Mr. Gilbert Fowler Ditmars, to be a Seizing Officer at Moose River, in the Township of Clements, and county of Annapolis; and Thomas James Esq. to be a Seizing Officer at the Breakwater in Wilmot, in the same county.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The *Drilling Match* which was to have taken place on Tuesday the 5th inst. was deferred, in consequence of the weather, until the following day at three o'clock, at which time eight Ploughs appeared on the ground, ready to compete for the Prizes offered by the Agricultural Society. The ground being prepared in a style highly creditable to the Proprietor, Mr. McCulloch, and the requisite arrangements completed by the Committee, each Ploughman began his work, which was limited to twelve Drills of moderate length. The operations went forward with much spirit and interest, and all were finished at