

by Messrs. Sherwood, Matthie, Rutan, Marks, Denison, Gowan, Watson, Jones, Hough, Dr. Reynolds, etc. The night was spent in a most happy manner.

The directors of the Bytown and Prescott Railway met at Gilham's hotel, Prescott, to receive the report of the engineer employed to survey the lines and decide the route. Mr. Shanley made his report and produced the chart of four lines. The eastern terminus, it was stated, would in all probability be at the lower end of the town, almost in front of the Fort, and the line will thence take a northern direction to Spencerville or near it, and from there to Kemptville. From Kemptville it will pass up the east side of the Rideau river, entering Bytown in the Lower Town. The distance will be 52 miles and the cost, when completed, about £180,000.

Born.—At Brockville, on the 17th inst., Mrs. John Wright of a daughter.

Married.—On the 9th inst., by the Rev. S. Mylne, Mr. Robert Scott, of the township of South Elmsley, to Miss Janet McGookin, of the township of Wolford.

On the 17th inst., by the same, Mr. John Simpson, to Miss Elizabeth A. Umstead, both of the township of Kitley.

Died.—On the 19th April, at Hilton Place, near Maitland, Sarah, wife of Robert Hervey, Esq., and daughter of Paul Glasford, of Brockville. The deceased lady held the highest place in the affections of the whole community, to which she was endeared by the many virtues which adorned her character, and the sudden bereavement which her husband and family have received has plunged a large circle into grief and mourning.

In the advertising columns it was announced that the steamboat Lord Elgin, Capt. Alexander Farlinger, would make two trips per week between Kingston and Montreal.

MAY 1, 1851.

The issue of the Recorder for this week contained very little in the way of local news.

At Oswego, on the Tuesday previous, as the British steamer Comet was leaving Oswego for Kingston, her boiler exploded. Five men were killed and many terribly injured.

Wm. Lyon McKenzie had been elected member of Parliament for Haldimand.

Married.—On the 29th ult., by the Rev. J. McMurray, Mr. Nathaniel Greer, of Augusta, to Miss Cughan, of Yonge.

Born.—At Brockville, on the 30th ult., Mrs. Joel P. Easton, of twin sons.

MAY 8, 1851.

On the evening of the 6th, a complimentary dinner was tendered Hon. James Morris, Postmaster-General. The banquet took place in Willson's Hotel, now the Revere. The honorable gentleman was presented with an address from his friends and neighbors in the town of Brockville and United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, irrespective of political party, congratulating him on his appointment as the first Canadian Postmaster-General, and signed on behalf of themselves and 237 others, by George Crawford, D. B. O. Ford and Robert Watson. The following is a paragraph from the address:—

"In a cheap postal system, we recognize under Providence another of those great levers co-existent with electric telegraph, railroads and world's exhibitions, so well calculated to exalt and enlighten the minds of our fellow men, and exercise a benign influence upon the future destinies of the world; and it has therefore been with great satisfaction that we have heard your appointment announced, feeling well assured that your acknowledged business habits, great experience and maturity of judgment, enable you to bring to bear abilities of no common order to set in motion and gradually improve this new and much desired system in Canada."