

Another new wreath, which has just appeared, is composed of fine leaves of half the natural size, though still much larger than those generally used for wreaths. In some, these vine leaves are bronzed, the edges having a golden hue. Others have a few leaves with a red tinge at the edges, intermingled with some of a brown tint. Others, again, are intermingled with gold fruit and flowers.

## Stems of News.

**PUBLIC RAILROAD MEETING.**—We are happy to be able to announce in our first Number the important Rail Road Meeting which was held at the Masonic Hall, according to previous notice, on Thursday the 15th inst. Gentlemen of all shades of politics were in attendance and took part in the proceedings of the day. His Worship, the Mayor, took the Chair and called the meeting to order. S. L. Shannon Esqr. was called on to act as Secretary, and A. Almon Esq. as assistant Secretary. The Hon. Provincial Secretary moved the first resolution, which was seconded by W. B. Fairbanks Esqr. The second Resolution was moved by F. Charman Esq. and seconded by B. Wier Esq.—the third, by Dr. Avery, and J. N. Shannon Esq.—the fourth, by W. Young Esq. and J. H. Anderson Esq.—the fifth, by Hon. J. McCully and Hon. H. Bell—the sixth, by Dr. Gesner and C. Robson Esq.—the seventh, by the Hon. Attorney General and the Hon. E. Kenny—and the eighth, by R. McLearn Esq. and J. Esson Esq. The Hon. Samuel Cunard, on entering the Hall, was greeted with rounds of applause. A vote of thanks to the Mayor and others, including the Hon. Delegate, was enthusiastically carried. The Resolutions were in favour of accepting the offer of the British Government to build the Halifax and Quebec Railway. The effect of this Meeting, it is said, will be very great throughout the whole of British North America in promoting the objects contemplated.

**THE SHUBENACADIE CANAL.**—The adjourned meeting of persons favourable to the construction of the above work was held pursuant to notice yesterday, at the Exchange Reading Room. Dr. Avery was called to the chair. The meeting, although not very numerously attended, was composed of intelligent and influential persons. An interesting report from the Committee was read, and a report of Mr. Fairbanks of the cost of constructing a canal, and the probable receipts, &c. The meeting was addressed by the Provincial Secretary, the Speaker, William Lawson, H. Hyde, and other gentlemen; and all present seemed fully impressed with the immense advantage and profit that would be

derived from completing the work in question.—After which it was resolved that the reports be received and adopted. Secondly that the Committee be a Committee to negotiate with the local Government for the purchase by them of the equity of the mortgage of redemption shortly to be sold under a decree of the Court of Chancery, and in the event of the Government declining to become purchasers, to take such other steps as may be necessary for forming a company to purchase the property. Dr. Avery, Wm. Lawson, Henry Pryor, C. W. Fairbanks, H. Hyde, and Andrew Mackinlay, form the Committee. The meeting then adjourned.—*Colonist.*

**THE GREAT EXHIBITION.**—Punctually at twelve o'clock the Queen arrived, her *entree* being marked by long and animated cheering. She seated herself on a chair raised on a platform, surrounded by a spacious elegant blue canopy adorned with feathers, with Prince Albert on her left. They were accompanied by the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal. The court circle was now completely formed, making a *tableau* never to be forgotten. The Queen looked remarkably well. She wore the order of the garter, a pink brocade dress, shot with gold, and the Prince looked calmly and proudly happy. The Duke of Wellington, who this day completed his eighty-second year, had been there nearly two hours before, and the commissioners and all the officials and ladies of the household surrounded the throne presenting a scene of extraordinary splendour. The National Anthem was performed. The Archbishop of Canterbury then delivered the prayer of inauguration, which was followed by the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel, under the direction of Sir Henry R. Bishop. A procession was then formed of a most interesting character. Then came the officials engaged in constructing the building; afterwards the foreign acting Commissioners, among whom I noticed Mr. Cobden, dressed in a plain black coat. Then followed the venerable Duke of Wellington, walking side by side with the Marquis of Anglesea; both were loudly cheered. The foreign ambassadors, among whom Mr. Lawrance appeared to considerable advantage from his age and commanding appearance, followed, and her Majesty's Minister's, headed by Lord John Russell. These were loudly applauded; and last the Queen and Prince Albert, the one leading the Prince of Wales, and the other the Princess Royal, closing the procession, with the Royal Prussian guests at the palace, and the ladies of the household. The procession first marched along the British or western naves, and then, recrossing the transept, passed on to the eastern extremity, the United States' end. At every step new acclamations arose; the music from the various organs saluted the procession as it passed.

The Queen then declared "the Exhibition opened;" and the trumpets and artillery announced the fact to the countless multitudes outside.

It is said that not less than 30,000 people were gathered to witness the great event—but not an