

THE ROYAL CHARTER STEAMER.

The leviathan iron steamship Royal Charter, Capt Boyce, which put back to Plymouth on Saturday, cleared the Fairway buoy, at Liverpool, at eight o'clock on the evening of Friday, the 18th ult., and continued under steam until Saturday afternoon, when her screw was unshipped and she was put under canvass only. Meeting strong contrary winds, she got into the Biscay, and on Thursday week, near the coast of Portugal, experienced a tremendous hurricane from south-south-west, on consequence of which it was determined to bear up, and in the evening the screw was reshipped. The Royal Charter registers 2,785 tons, and has on board, it is said, 2,850 tons of cargo and 600 tons stone ballast. This large freight causes her to be too much immersed at sea, and she took in water so freely, when encountering strong contrary winds, that all the second-class berths were untenable. The fear of Dr. Scoresby and the ship's surgeon assisted in inducing Capt Boyce to return. The repairs of her covering boards and topsides and the discharge of a portion of her ballast will detain her at Plymouth about a week. It appears, that the 600 tons of ballast were taken at Liverpool before the amount of cargo was known, and that goods came pouring in unexpectedly as the period of departure approached. Her managers, however, considered, that the narrowness of her beams would justify the reception of her present lading, as it would tend to stiffen her at sea. This calculation was carried too far. On the trial trip, she drew eighteen feet; she now draws twenty-two feet six inches. Forward she is provided with an iron tank, containing 12,000 gallons of water. The weight of this tank and that of the chain cable and anchors send the ship down by head, and consequently raise her by the stern, through which the operation of the rudder was very much reduced, and connected with another circumstance it became almost useless. When the screw is unshipped, it is raised out of the sea a sufficient height to clear the surface, if she is properly laden, but with her present cargo she is so deep that one of the fans of the screw constantly acted as a fixed rudder, obstructing the progress of the vessel, and preventing her from answering her helm. With the exception of her being overladen, the passengers speak highly of the ship, and warmly appreciate the conduct of the captain and the officers. It is a singular coincidence, that the Aberdeen sailing clipper Star of Peace, 1,200 tons, Capt Sproat, which left London for the same destination on the 17th ult., the day before the Royal Charter left Liverpool, should, like her competitor, be now under repair in Plymouth sound. Both ships are new, and heavy sums have been staked on their passage to Sydney.

A REMARKABLE PLACE.—A correspondent of the N. Y. Observer writes: "A new Post Office has been established at Hauppogue, Suffolk Co., L. I., which place deserves a passing notice. The village contains about three hundred inhabitants, and for the past twenty years no place for the sale of intoxicating liquors has been kept. For the same period of time, the writer can call to mind the death of seventeen persons whose united ages amount to fourteen hundred and forty-seven years, averaging eighty-five years each. We think few places with a like population can boast the same."

EMBALMING A WIFE.—The following curious circumstance is just now creating some merriment in commercial circles. A Yankee captain whose cargo was consigned to Baring & Co. had the misfortune to lose his wife, and being reluctant to throw the body overboard, resolved to bring her to England. A portion of his cargo consisted of cinnamon oil. The captain took a sufficient quantity, placed the body in it, and thus effectually embalmed it. On arriving at London, the captain called upon the parties to whom the oil was consigned, to find how much he was to pay for the lot used. He was astonished to be told that the value of the oil used was £900, and that it must instantly be paid. Of course this was out of the question, and he was arrested, but bailed by Baring & Co., who, it is said have satisfied the owners. The Customs' authorities having heard the fact refused to allow the cinnamon oil to be landed. The Yankee captain will therefore have to take the cinnamon oil back to America, and there dispose of it. The oil is used for flavoring pies, pastry, &c.

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TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

At a Temperance Convention of Protestant Clergymen of Prince Edward Island, held at the Temperance Hall on March 12th, 1856.

Present, Revs., Albert DesBrisay, Patterson, Sutherland, M'Kay, M'Murray, Allan, Snodgrass, FitzGerald, Murray, Fraser, M'Kenzie, Burnett, Crawford and M'Curdie.

Rev. B. Patterson being called to the Chair and Commander Orlebar appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, the business of the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. D. FitzGerald.

A letter was read from Rev. A. M'Kay, Belfast, regretting his unavoidable absence.

After some remarks from the Chairman and others respecting the object of this meeting, it was resolved unanimously

I. That they, the Ministers of different Protestant bodies in this Island, now present in this conference do pledge themselves, God being their helper, to sustain the Temperance movement for the moral and social welfare of the Community at large, and with one heart and mind do express their decided opinion, that the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage can only be effectually suppressed by a Prohibitory Law.

II. That they do form themselves into an Alliance for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and do bind themselves to continue their efforts unitedly and separately, until the passing of a prohibitory Law.

III. That Annual meetings of this Alliance shall be held at Charlottetown or other convenient place: and that on a requisition from any four members of this Alliance, the President shall call a meeting by advertising in any two public papers, and any meeting so called shall be competent to transact business.

IV. That Rev. D. FitzGerald be President, and Rev. W. Snodgrass, Secretary of the Alliance for the current year.

V. That copies of the constitution of this Alliance be printed, together with the petition prepared at this meeting for presentation to the Legislature and sent to all the Clergy of Prince Edward Island, praying for their co-operation and subscription to the constitution of this Alliance.

Resolved, That this meeting do express themselves deeply sensible of their obligation to the Sons of Temperance in Charlottetown for the accommodation afforded to them and for their active co-operation in the cause of Temperance generally.

The meeting then adjourned.

JOHN ORLEBAR, Secretary.

The proceedings of the Public meeting in the evening will be noticed in our next issue.

The State of Maine has passed an Act to authorise the City of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for Ocean Steamships, and to apply thereto a sum exceeding \$50,000. The Act has been approved by the Governor, but requires a two-third's vote of the citizens of Portland.

In Russia, some years since a large amount in forged notes obtained a circulation and despite the exertions of the police their origin could not be discovered. Accident, however, brought that mystery to light. Several cases of lead-pencils arrived one day from England, and were being examined, when one of them fell out from a package, and the custom house officer picking it up, cut it to a point, he used it to sign the order which delivered up the cases to the consignee. He kept the one loose pencil for his own use; and afterwards because it needed fresh point cut it again, and found that there was no more lead. Another chip into the cedar brought him to a roll of paper nested into hollow place. This paper was one of the false notes, engraved in London, and thus passed into the dominions of the Muscovite.

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'My brudders,' said a waggish colored man to a crowd, 'in all infiction, in all ob your trubbles, dar is one place you can always find sympathy.
'Whar? whar?' shouted several.
'In de dictionary,' he replied, rolling his eyes.

THE CASE OF A YANKEE.—An ingenious downeaster, who has invented a new kind of 'Love-letter ink,' which he has been selling a safeguard against all actions for breach of promise of marriage, inasmuch as it entirely fades from the paper in two months after date, was recently 'done brown' by a brother downeaster, who purchased a hundred boxes of the article, and gave his note for ninety days.

"What do you do to make yourself look delicate?" said a young woman to her friend. "Why," said she, "sometimes I eat slate pencils and then for a change I drink vinegar and chew green tea.—When these fail, I lace tighter, and wear the thinnest soled shoes I can buy."

WATCHFULNESS.—In private watch your thoughts; in the family watch your temper; in company watch your tongue.

VERY UNGALLANT.—The last Knickerbocker has the following upon a poofess with red hair:—

"Unfortunate woman, how bad is your lot—
Your ringlets are red, and your poems are not."

BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING.

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Auxiliary Bible Society, was held at the Temperance Hall, in this City, on the Evening of Friday last, the 7th inst., as advertised. The Hon. the Chief Justice took the Chair at 7 o'clock. At this time, the room was not more than half-filled, and it was feared, that the unpleasant weather would prevent a good attendance. In a short time, however, accessions began to pour in, and the number present was equal to the best attendance on former occasions. After singing and prayer by the Rev. Mr. McMurray, the Hon. Chairman opened the proceedings of the evening with a few appropriate remarks, and called upon the Secretary (Mr. Cundall) to read the Report for the past year.

After the reading of the Report and an Abstract of the Treasurer's Account, (a copy of which is annexed) the following Resolutions were adopted; being urged by spirited addresses from the respective speakers.

Moved by the Rev. D. FitzGerald, seconded by Rev. J. Brewster;

Resolved, That the Report now read be received and printed under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by Rev. W. Snodgrass, seconded by Rev. C. Burnette;

Resolved, That this Meeting heard with feelings of deep gratitude to Almighty God, that, notwithstanding the deadly war in which our Country has been engaged, the Society has continued its labors with unexampled energy and success.

Moved by Lieut. Hancock, R. N., seconded by Hon. C. Young;

Resolved, That this Meeting is deeply sensible of the value of the Word of God, and in order to increase its circulation, pledges itself to continue the services of a suitable Colporteur.

Moved by Commander Orlebar, seconded by James Moore, Esquire;

Resolved, That JOHN HANCOCK, Esq., be requested to act as Vice President. W. CUNDALL, Esq., as Treasurer, and the following gentlemen as members of Committee for the current year—Messrs. R. Broeken, W. Brown, Thos. DesBrisay, H. Haszard, Hon. J. Hensley, J. D. Mason, J. W. Morrison, H. D. Morpeth, Capt. Orlebar, C. Palmer, H. Smith, and John Scott.

A Collection was taken up, amounting to £5, after which the Meeting was closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

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The London Dispatch says:—A good deal of pardonable irritation is felt here that the sympathies of a republican people should have been so unaccountably manifested during the present war in behalf of the great mainstay and sheet anchor of European despotism, and if the people of the United States permit their rulers to plunge them into war with Great Britain, they will receive the most terrible lesson ever administered to national envy.