

Letters, the distinguished civil engineer, was built by Messrs. W. and R. Wright of New Brunswick, who also constructed ships of the largest size; two docks are for 750-ton ships, and two jetties. The five docks occupy two sides of a quadrangular basin. Into this basin ships are introduced by three locks, each having a rise of ten feet, so that the surface of the water in the basin is thirty feet above the level. Water is supplied to the dock basin by a canal from the Thorney-Ruika (the Black River). A reservoir is connected with the canal for the purpose of supplying the docks in case of the failure of water in the river. The ground over which the canal passes is rough and uneven; and the works include an embankment, three aqueducts, and two tunnels. The docks are constructed of freestone and granite, the granite being employed at the gates and where extra pressure is likely to be felt. The capsions and all the machinery of the docks are of English manufacture. Three forts, named respectively Alexander, Constantine, and Nicholas, defend the approach, the entrance, and the interior of the harbour. The expense of the work was about five or six millions of rubles. With the exception of the docks, the fortifications and the cathedral, there is little to notice about Sebasteopol.

The chief exports of the Crimea are salt, wheat, soap, butter, and hides; the imports raw, and manufactured cotton of different kinds; silk stuffs of various patterns, and in the eastern fashion; wines of the Archipelago and the Strait of Constantine; brandy, Turkish leaf tobacco, and a variety of fresh and dried fruits. To Russia she sent, chiefly by way of Perekop, salt, gray and black lamb skins, sheep's and bullocks' hides, wool, catfish, leather, hare-skins, wines, walnuts, fruits, together with the dry fruits imported from other ports, and fish. The imports are grain, provisions, and different manufactured goods of Russia.

The Greeks became early acquainted with this peninsula, probably soon after the Ionian Greeks and especially the inhabitants of Miletus settled there, and began to form settlements on the northern shore of Asia Minor, about six centuries before the Christian era. Panticapaeum was built by Strato's colony of the Milesians. Besides this place they built Theodosia, now Eodosia or Kaffa, and some other places on the peninsula forming the west side of the strait of Yenikale. They preferred this part of the peninsula, from its containing a large tract fit for agriculture, and producing very rich crops—Strato says thirty times the seed. It was at one time considered the granary of Greece, especially of Athens, whose territory, being of small extent and of indifferent fertility, was unable to maintain its great population by its own produce. At one time Athens annually imported from the Crimea between 300,000 and 400,000 medimni of grain, as Demosthenes informs us, in his oration against Leontines (c. 9.) Strato says that in one year the Athenians received 2,100,000 medimni from Theodosia, but the text is evidently corrupt.—*English Cyclopaedia—Geography.*

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Soon after their arrival in Sevastopol, a great many of the men having obtained permission to go out, struck out on the grand tour of the country. They entered the Turkish coffee-houses, which certainly are remarkable for their splendour and variety, and all their might in the Turkish language. They were squatted on the couches, smoking their pipes, and indulging in the sports of paradise and all its luxuries. One need not be much inclined with what they saw, to like them; they should be. They did not like the coffee served up with the "guts," and the "little cups" that man can't pour down." It was their opinion that Sevastopol was a poor place, and the Turks are poor followers. Their taste was not good, and indeed, nothing could exceed their friendliness with such a host. The Turks of Sevastopol, who are not far from home, and those of Stamboul, received and treated the red-coated soldiers. They would come up to them, and pull their spines and ripen their failures, he quite convinced of the melancholy fact, that these fine looking men were utter deserts of language—indeed, as far as I could see, that Mr. Alexander was concerned. Our men, notwithstanding the reputation for horridity which they have acquired obtained in the West, cast them in now slight esteem. Our Captain, who purchased four cutlasses, tendered a sovereign, and took change to the value of eight pence. The barracks are spacious and tolerably clean. There is plenty to eat, of excellent quality, and if the men keep clear of raki they will do very well.

UNIVERSITY OF THE STAR OF THE EAST.—The beautiful clipper ship Star of the East, Capt. Robertson, arrived in the river of China yesterday morning, after accomplishing a most successful voyage out and home. The Star of the East is the property of Mr. James Beagleby, and sailed from this port on the 7th last year, as one of Messrs. Millers and Thompson's Golden Line of Australian packets. She reached Melbourne after an unusually short passage of 73 days, discharged her cargo there, and, after eight days' detention proceeded on to Sydney, where she unloaded the remainder of her cargo. From Sydney she proceeded to China, loaded there at the top freight, and came home. She sailed from Shanghai on the 21st Jan., and came to anchor the same evening in a fearful gale. This hurricane continued, the sea running, "mountainous," and the ship rolling her quarter bows under, and receiving damage to her cabin from the water which came on board. Seeing his vessel in such imminent danger, Captain Robertson hoisted his anchor and proceeded on his voyage. During the passage she had fifteen days of gales in the region of the equator, and from thence to the channel had to beat before she got away.

On reaching these disengaged winds, added to the want of wind, and the want of knowledge which he possessed, it was decided to turn back to the port of Canton, which he reached on the 19th May, and the next day bound for Melbourne, Sydney, China, and back to this port, in nine months and seven days; a most creditable performance, in fact, one might suppose, for a ship of 1,000 tons. The Star of the East has been bound for the port of Canton, consisting of 1,000 tons of tea and silk, amounting to £10,000 per ton, and was bound for Canton on the 19th May, 1854. JOSEPH WILBY.

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