

DOMESTIC.

The Railway.

Among the passengers by the Steamer *America* were the Hon. Delegates from Canada and New Brunswick, Messrs. Hincks and Chandler, who we are happy to learn are in excellent spirits with regard to the prospects of a great line of Railway, although they have been disappointed in obtaining that Imperial assistance which it was the immediate object of their mission to seek. After giving to the subject very grave consideration, the Earl of Derby's Government has come to the conclusion that it would not be justified in granting Imperial aid to a line of Railway, the route of which is so near the frontier of the United States, as that agreed to by the Governments of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, last winter, and which is generally known as the Valley of the St. John line.

It would appear, that with the present Imperial Government, military considerations overweigh all others, and this being the case, the Delegates from Canada and New Brunswick had to consider what was best to be done in the emergency. They have taken the responsibility of entering into negotiations for the construction of the Great Trunk Line in Canada between Montreal and Hamilton—the completion of the line between Montreal and Quebec being also secured—and also of the line in New Brunswick between the frontier of Nova Scotia and Maine, through the city of St. John, forming a section of the line known as the European and North American line.

We have had an opportunity of learning the precise nature of these arrangements, which although varying in detail, are substantially the same for both Provinces, and as great public interest is felt on the subject, we lose no time in placing them before our readers. The Delegates have succeeded in obtaining offers from eminent British Contractors of a different character from any hitherto made, and which are not open to the grave objections entertained to former propositions. It has not been deemed expedient by the Delegates to connect the construction of the Railroad with any extensive scheme of placing large tracts of the public domain at the disposal of the contractors. The road is to be built and fully equipped by the Contractors at a certain price, to be stated after proper surveys have been made.

The Contractors, who are parties of the highest respectability, including in their number Mr. Peto, M.P., Mr. Brassey, Mr. Betts, and Mr. Jackson, M.P., pledge themselves to construct the work on the same terms as they have recently done similar works on the continent of Europe, where they have been exposed to active competition. They will of course be guided as to the description of work by the wishes of the parties employing them. The works in Canada are to be constructed on account of companies which have been already incorporated, and are entitled to the benefit of the Railway Guarantee Act, that is, to bonds of the companies guaranteed by the government for one half the cost, and which bonds form a first charge on the revenue of the road. These bonds the contractors are to receive in payment for one half the cost of construction. They are to receive the bonds of the company for three-tenths the amount, which will form the second charge on the revenue of the road. They are likewise to take one-tenth in the stock of companies. This leaves only one-tenth to be provided by subscriptions for stock, and, in the event of any portion of this one-tenth being subscribed for by Municipal Corporations or by the Governments, are to be taken for the same at par.

Such, briefly, are the terms offered to Canada. The tenders of the contractors are to be submitted to two disinterested Engineers, one appointed by the government, the other by the contractors, who are to endeavor to reconcile any difference and reduce any overcharge, and in case any insurmountable difficulty should arise, then the Contractors are to be paid what is deemed reasonable by such Engineers for those plans and estimates, which are to become the property of the companies.

With regard to New Brunswick the road is to be constructed by the Company already incorporated, and owing to the forethought of the Government of that Province, the facility Bills were passed last session, and will be immediately assented to, so that nothing need prevent the company from commencing operations immediately. The offer to New Brunswick is substantially as follows:—Assuming the cost of the road at a million sterling, the Contractors will take £100,000 in stock, which in addition to that subscribed by the Province (£250,000), and whatever has been or may be obtained from the public in New

Brunswick, will constitute the total stock of the Company. A loan of £250,000 on the same terms as the Canada loan, which will be a first charge on the revenue of the road, is to be given by the Province, and the remainder of the million is to be provided by bonds of the Company, all of which securities are to be taken at par and are to bear 6 per cent interest, and to be payable twenty years after date.

After the main road through New Brunswick has been completed, the Contractors have agreed to construct a branch to Miramichi on precisely the same terms of payment in proportion to cost.

We understand that the delegates have also obtained an offer from the same parties for the construction of the Nova Scotia section of the line, and that owing to their doubts as to the wishes of the government of Nova Scotia, they deemed it expedient to give them the option in case they thought proper to co-operate with the Sister Provinces of having the road constructed either on Provincial account, or by means of a Company. In the former case the bonds of the Province will be taken for the whole amount at par. In the latter, payment will be arranged precisely in the same way as for Canada.

Charles D. Archibald, Esquire, who has always manifested a very lively interest in the Railway, also arrived by the Steamer; and we understand proceeds immediately to the Acadia Iron Mines, in company with some gentleman who came out with him, to examine these mines and some quarries in New Brunswick.—Condensed from *B. N. American*.

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

The Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the City and County of St. John, were opened in this City yesterday before W. O. Smith, Esq., Mayor, and the Hon. R. L. Hazen, Recorder. The Grand Jury elected Thomas Parks as their Foreman, when the Recorder charged them in the usual manner as to their duties. There were no criminal cases on the Calendar, and only two civil causes entered for trial.—*Ch. Witness*.

We learn from good authority that the Executive Government of this Province have determined to double the mileage on timber berths; i.e. the upset price in future will be one pound each square mile, instead of ten shillings as formerly. This is as it should be, since lumber bears a good price, and there is a general disposition to rush to the woods, to the almost total neglect of agriculture.—*Loyalist*.

REED'S POINT LANDINGS.—At a meeting of the Common Council, the plan submitted by Mr. Thomas Coram, of Carleton, for the erection of the wharves at Reed's Point, was approved of by the Board. The adoption of this plan, it is expected, will cause a considerable saving of expense.—*Nbr.*, 3rd.

ST. ANDREWS AND QUEBEC RAILROAD.—Since the arrival at St. Andrews of Mr. Brookfield, the agent of the contractors for the remaining portion of the line to Woodstock, there is every appearance of the work being finished without loss of time. By our latest advices from there we learn that operations were to be commenced yesterday, and that the Lady of His Honour the Administrator of the Government was expected to turn the first sod under the new contract.—*Cour.*, 5th.

FREE PORT.—The Port of Harvey, in the County of Albert, has been opened by the Provincial Government as a Free Port for Foreign trade, and Mr. James Brewster has been appointed Deputy Treasurer and Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws there.—*ib.*

LAUNCHED, on Thursday last, from the Shipyard at Long Wharf, Portland, a handsome modelled round-stemmed ship of 1270 tons register, named the *Imperial*. She is constructed of hackmatack, oak and pitch pine, is copper fastened, thoroughly iron-kneed, and built in conformity with Lloyd's regulations for a seven years' classification. The *Imperial* is altogether one of the best specimens of our naval architecture, and reflects great credit on her master builder, Mr. Francis Smith, Sen., for the superior mechanical skill displayed in her construction. She is owned by Messrs. J. & R. Reed, of this city, and commanded by Capt. D. Bannerman.—*ib.*

The Drought still continues, and it is now beyond doubt that the Hay crop, especially on uplands, will be a short one. There is yet time to supply the deficiency by sowing a greater breadth of Carrots and Turnips, which form an excellent substitute. Unless we have heavy rains very

soon there will probably be a short supply of Saw Logs, the price of which has already advanced considerably.—*ib.*

We learn that Mr. Nyles, another of the men scalded on board the Steamer *Anna Augusta*, died last night; and that a man named Murray, a butcher, who was likewise injured, is not expected to recover.—*ib.*

FREDERICTON.—George N. Segee, Esq. has been appointed City Clerk by the Council, in the place of J. Henry Phair, Esq., resigned. The selection could not be better.

The City Council have refused License to the Butchers of this City to sell meat out of the respective Markets.—*Reporter*.

West Indies.

The steamer *Merlin*, Capt. Cope, arrived at New York from St. Thomas on Saturday last. She left the former port on the 20th ult., and the latter on the 25th ult. The crop of sugar at Barbadoes is likely to be the largest ever made in that Island. The difference between the government and the house of assembly of Dominicans resulted in a dissolution of the house. The drought continues very severe at St. Lucia. The Panama, the new steamer of the S. R. N. W. I. packet Co., had arrived at St. Thomas from England in a very quick passage, and had left again on her return.—Messrs. Cook & Co., merchants of Ponce and Guyana, P. R., had failed. Markets at Demerara were very flat.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Thos Francis Meagher, the escaped Irish patriot, arrived here on Wednesday in brig *Acorn*, from Pernambuco. He made his escape from Van Dieman's Land about the first of December, and proceeding indirectly to the coast of South America, arrived at Pernambuco in April. Mrs. Meagher was unable to accompany him in his flight. He says that when he escaped, his fellow prisoners, O'Brien and Mitchell, were in good health. He declines making public the means by which he escaped, because he is unwilling to compromise others.

GOLD DOLLARS.—The Philadelphia Ledger says:—"Split gold dollar pieces are rapidly multiplying, and the caution cannot be too often repeated to be on the look-out for them. The piece, by some fine and ingenious machinery, is split in two, about one half of the coin abstracted, and the plundered sides stuck together again, the face of the piece not the least scared or injured. A little care will readily detect the fraud. The milling around the edge will be found broken, and very generally a pewter coloured cement may be observed protruding from it. The coin, too, is thin in the middle."

Interesting Items.

An interesting discovery has recently been made in the neighbourhood of Civita Vecchia, where a mosaic pavement has been brought to light representing Orpheus surrounded by lions, tigers, and hippopotamuses. From the style and colour of the work, the subject being developed merely in black and white, it is evidently of great antiquity.

The London Times says a conference was held at the foreign office on the 25th, to regulate the succession to the Danish throne, when the young duke Glouceburg was formally recognized as the presumptive heir to the crown of Denmark.

The Emperor of Russia, by a recent ukase, enacts that Jews who may undertake to colonise the Steppes, shall each receive 150 silver roubles, a certain quantity of land, and the permission to employ Christian labourers; also, that they and their labourers shall be exempt for twenty years from military service.

A return to parliament was printed, showing that last year there were employed in the trade of the United Kingdom 22,902 British ships of 4,038,336 tonnage, entered inwards; and 17,707 foreign ships, of 3,225,614 tonnage, cleared outwards.

The powder mill and magazine of Laffins & Smith at Saggitties, containing several thousand kegs of powder, were lately blown up. There was not a house left in the neighbourhood with a whole window or uninjured wall.

We are informed that the Admirals of Sweden wear spurs. Perhaps this fact has suggested the idea of employing horse marines for the protection of the fisheries.

The application of Steam to vessels engaged in the deep sea fishery, is contemplated by parties in Edinburgh. The scheme appears feasible and with every prospect of being remunerative.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland declines to recommend a petition for the pardon of Smith O'Bryan and his compatriots.

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