

# SUMMARY OF NEWS.

With reference to the general tenor of the continental news, a London correspondent of Charles Willmer's Mail says—The fear of a general outbreak on the continent, and therefore, of a general European war is by no means abated. Nothing but great firmness, combined with great produce, and carry France, Germany and Italy through the momentous crisis. Although parties circulating the rumor cannot have any actual authority, it is boldly affirmed that the King and Royal Family of Prussia are making provision for the chances of an exile in England. This may be as baseless as the rumored large investment of Louis Philippe in the English funds, and the whole thing may be a stock-jobbing contrivance; but it shows that there are grounds for uneasiness—not at all abated by the sanguinary assassination of M. Rossi at Rome; and the revolutionary intimation which has been exercised towards the Pope. Austria has accepted the offer made by the mediating powers to hold the conferences for the fortification of Italy at Brussels. This acceptance was the last act of the Wessenberg cabinet, and Prince Schwarzenberg, on accepting the government, immediately ratified it, and expressed at the same time to the representatives of the mediating power, the strongest desire to enter immediately on the negotiations. M. Bismarck, however, objected that it would be more advisable to wait until the President of the Republic was named. Lord Palmerston has acquiesced in this. The mediating powers have also agreed that the armistice should be prolonged throughout the winter, and in consequence Austria has engaged not to attack Venice by land or by sea. A report that Prince Windischgratz had been assassinated, was current at the Paris Bourse on Thursday, but was not credited. Intelligence has been received from Rome to the effect that a motion was made in the Chamber of Deputies for an address of fidelity to the Pope, which was rejected. Accounts from Bavaria, Dresden, and Baden, represent affairs as being in a very uneasy state. Apprehensions of an immediate insurrection throughout Central Germany are entertained.

## IRELAND

Skibbereen once again figures in the annals of deep distress—eaten up by pauperism, and perishing of starvation—whilst, as if in mockery of such calamities, Government has thrown away no less than £11,700 on the Professors of Colleges, under Peel's Act, not yet built. The gentry are beginning to succumb to the pressure. The splendour of equipages, it is said, and the glory of gilded carriages and prancing horses, are passing away from many a proud family and historic name, to be speedily followed by the more willing sacrifice of comforts, and even the commonest necessities. This is appalling enough, but in these depths of distress the germs of social regeneration will probably quicken.

The loss to Ireland, arising from the failure of the Potato, and its consequent results, is estimated at £13,000,000.

Important intelligence has been received from Rome, where a horrible assassination of a prime minister, and an insurrection against the Pope, have taken place. At one time it was reported that the Pope had been compelled to fly, and was on his way to London; but subsequent accounts contradict this. The French Government have sent a force to Civita Vecchia, to support the Pope against his subjects, and there appears no reason to doubt but that the authorities will be successful in suppressing the revolt.

The great struggle at the election of President in France, will be between General Cavaignac and Prince Louis Napoleon. The prospects of the former have much improved, within the last few days; and if the report be true that Lamartine has withdrawn from the contest and promised the General his support with the understanding that, if elected, he will be Vice President, there seems good reason to believe that Prince Louis will be defeated.

The reports from Manchester continue to be of a favourable character, but an attempt to establish some further advance on Goods and Yarns would appear to have limited in some degree the extent of business, without, however, lessening the confidence in the im-

provements previously realised, whilst it is pretty generally admitted that spinners and manufacturers have sufficient orders on hand to keep them tolerably well employed for the next few weeks, and therefore less anxious to accept of orders, except at the advanced prices which are generally demanded.

## COLONIAL RAILWAYS.

Last Monday evening M. H. Perley, Esq. delivered a lecture upon this highly interesting subject, at the Mechanics' Institute, which was crowded to overflowing by a highly respectable audience. We have rarely heard a lecture which comprised a greater number of facts within the same space or which was more happily illustrated by the Map and figures.

The lecturer after a brief review of the rise and progress of the railway system in England, Belgium, and the United States entered upon a description of the various railroads projected and already surveyed in British North America, and pointed out their several directions upon an immense diagram prepared expressly for the occasion by Mr. Geo. N. Smith. The Railroads from Boston, and Portland to Montreal were also shown, and their adverse bearing upon the interests of these Provinces was explained.

After describing the route of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, as approved by the Commissioners, the St. Andrews and Woodstock Railway was explained, and its advantages strongly insisted upon and advocated. The Shediac Railway came next, and the lecturer entered into some valuable calculations to prove the amount of traffic which would render this line remunerative, and justify its construction.

The crowded state of our columns this morning prevents our noticing the lecture more at length; but we the less regret this, as we understand a requisition will be made upon Mr. Perley to repeat that part of his lecture relating to the Shediac Railway, with other information relative to the line of which he is known to be in possession.

The lecture was delivered without note or manuscript, in that easy colloquial style which is most attractive, and which has rendered Mr. Perley's lectures so very popular.—*N. Brunswick.*

## THE HALIFAX AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.

We are happy to state that M. H. Perley, Esq. was advised by the English Mail to Wednesday that the report of the Commissioners was favourable to the construction of this great national line and that the Commissioners Major Robinson and Capt. Henderson, R.E. had an interview with Earl Grey upon the subject a few days before the mail left. It is stated to be Earl Grey's intention to bring consideration of this great railway before the Legislatures of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, at the approaching session of each with a view to obtaining their expression of opinion and ascertaining the amount of assistance which they will respectively give toward the completion of an undertaking in which H. M. Government feels the deepest interest.—*Ibid.*

## ROBBERY.

The shop of Mr. G. Chadwick near the County Market, Charlotte-street, was entered on Thursday night, through a back window, and robbed of a roll of home-spun plaid and one of flannel, a cheese, some pocket knives, and about 60s. in money, mostly copper coin. No doubt the robbers retreated in a hurry, under alarm, as they left goods in much confusion—several articles having been placed near the window. They left their tools, an old shagging hatchet and a new chisel, behind them.

The latest accounts from Washington state that the President having received such information from the gold region of California, as to warrant government action on the subject, has a message in readiness on the subject, which he will send to Congress on Monday.

## Repeal of the Usury Law in Canada.

It is expected that the repeal of the Usury Law in Canada, will be proposed by the Government at the next session of the Provincial Parliament—a despatch from the Colonial Office having been recently received by the Governor General, in which, on the representation of the Trust and Loan Company of Upper Canada, his attention is called to the

subject, and he is instructed strongly to recommend to the Legislature the repeal of a law, which, Lord Grey believes to be very injurious to the progress of the Colony in wealth and prosperity.

## A Gold Mining Company is organizing in Texas,

to cross the mountains early next spring. On their way out to California, they intended to examine the valley of the Rio Puercito, for the purpose of discovering the ruins of a Spanish city, where large quantities of gold were procured during the last century. This city, which was destroyed by hostile Indians, was visited by Col. Doniphan, in his late expedition to Chihuahua.

The New York and Montreal Railroad line having been opened on Monday last, from Scranton to White Hall, travellers during the coming winter will be enabled to start from White Hall in the morning and arrive in New York via Troy and the New Haven and New York Railroad, by ten o'clock P. M., or by five.—*New York paper, 16th.*

The whole city of Mexico is governed by the company of Police, composed of American, Irish and French deserters. Twenty-five of these men are sufficient to keep the city, containing not less than 180,000 souls, in perfect order.

## GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Thomas Jones, Esq. to be Consular Agent of the United States at the Port of St. Andrews.

J. J. PARTRIDGE,  
Secretary's Office, 7th December, 1845

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## THE STANDARD.

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## Arrival of the Steamship



### Niagara.

The Steamship Niagara, arrived at Halifax on the 14th inst. in about 12 days, bringing dates to the 2d inst. The mail was received here on Saturday evening.

In our columns to-day will be found a summary of the most interesting news.

Commercial affairs are somewhat improved, and transactions in the various markets were on a larger scale than could have been anticipated.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

Our readers will observe in our advertising columns, a notice calling a public meeting of the stockholders of the St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad, on Wednesday next, the 27th instant, at noon, in the Town Hall, "when the affairs of the company, and future prospects, will be fully explained and laid before the meeting." We trust that not only the stockholders, but the public generally will attend.

The constant repetition of the most improbable story, will gain for it some credence; and thus it is that some men obtain at a position for virtues they do not possess, because they are always blowing the trumpet of their own praise.—*Enuff said.*

## IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Some of the talented and scientific gentlemen connected with the Royal Irish Fisheries Company, have discovered that "the celebrated fishing banks of Newfoundland actually extend across the Atlantic to within a hundred miles of Ireland!" and the quantity of fish on

the said banks is more than

markets of the whole world.

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of a Circular, which has  
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by one of those in the cases  
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a Bounty or Drawback. I am,  
Sir, Your

Custom-House, London  
30th November, 1845

Dr. Franklin, says:—If a man  
into his head; he ought to  
The chain of flowers, but that of  
as well as beautiful.—  
[A proper marriage follow.]

## ARRIVALS

Liverpool Nov. 22.  
At King Road, 24, 1st  
Gravesend, 23th, South  
London, at Liverpool  
the Lake, for Savannah

## A MEETING

of ST. ANDREWS AND  
will be held at the TOWN  
on WEDNESDAY, the  
at 12 o'clock  
when the affairs of the Com-  
pany, will be fully explained  
Meeting. Immediately  
Meeting of the Directors  
pany's Rooms.  
Dated 16th December, 1845

## NEW BRU

House of Assembly  
Resolved That no Bill  
or Petition for money be  
received by the House, at  
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Rule to be sent to each  
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CHAS. P. W.

## Hams, Ham

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Nov 18, 1845