

forkize these meritorious and title-coveting thick and thin supporters, they will add ingratitude to want of confidence, competency, and principle.

**The Duke of Wellington.** A Correspondent at Edinburgh informs us that a parliamentary meeting was held, at the close of the past week, to make the necessary arrangements for calling a public meeting to consider the propriety of erecting in the metropolis of Scotland a national testimonial to the Duke of Wellington. The general public meeting is announced for Tuesday next, at the Hope-toun Rooms, when the Right Hon. the Lord Provost, Sir Jas. Forrest, Bart., will take the chair. It is added, that the proposal was immediately taken up by the most influential inhabitants of that city of all shades of politics.

The Queen of England has sent a magnificent saddle and accoutrements, as a present to Espartero, the Spanish General.

**French Ministers.** According to a calculation of the changes of Ministers which have taken place in France since 1830, it appears that there have been 17 different cabinets, comprising together 49 various Ministers, making nearly 20 cabinets in each year.

**Commercial Distress in France.** From the 1st Jan., 1839, to the 1st Jan., 1840, 1,073 bankruptcies were declared for the department of the Seine. The total amount of these failures was 60 millions of francs.

**Slave Trade.** H. B. M. vessels, Water Witch, has captured the slaver Mary Cushing, with 427 slaves; making 3 vessels and 1431 slaves in 4 months.

Such is the progress Temperance is making in Cork, that the revenue in that city on whiskey is stated to have decreased £10,000 in one month. The distillers are talking of shutting up shop.

The French only gain! victory in their African possessions, with the most serious loss. The bravery and skill of Abdel Kader, and the resolution of his troops, which have a sprinkling of Europeans, makes him a troublesome enemy.

Her Majesty is expected to lay the foundation stone of the new Houses of Parliament shortly after her marriage.

Lord Edward Howard, son of the Duke of Norfolk, has been appointed a Private Secretary to Lord John Russell.

General Dugeaud, the other day in the debate on the address in the French Chambers, designated the Press as "the aristocracy of the inkstand."

It is intended by Government to transfer the stamp department of Newspapers to the Post Office establishment.

**Death of Sir George Teesdale.** We regret to state that this gallant officer died at Cheltenham, from the effects of a fall from his horse, a short time since.

**Plymouth.** A fine new steam ship, named the *Sesostris*, of 1000 tons, belonging to the Hon. E. I.

Company, Robert Morseby, Esq., Captain, put in here on Monday, on her voyage from London to China, having met with some trifling damage coming down channel. She is armed with two 32 and two 68 pounders, with an efficient crew of officers and sea men, and appears a very handsome vessel.

**The Thames Tunnel.** This stupendous undertaking progresses fast towards completion. The excavators reached low water mark on the Middlesex shore a month or two since.

The Bakers of Dublin have instructed Mr. O'Connell to apply to Parliament to bring in a bill for removing all restraint on the importation of foreign flour.

Government has sent orders to the Police to demand possession of any firearms in the several Pawn Offices, with a prohibition against taking firearms in pledge henceforward.

The deficit in the amount of revenue in the Dublin department of the Post Office, under the new system of fourpenny rate, amounts to £500 per week.

The destitution of the Irish poor it is stated never exceeded its present lamentable extent of wretchedness.

Miss Bailey, a beautiful girl, who is sister to the Marchioness of Breadalbane, is to wed the Earl Ashburnham.

Sir John Guest is now paying 90,000 dollars per week for wages to persons in his employ.

(From Halifax Papers.)

**Boundary Question.**—We are apprehensive from an attentive perusal of the Correspondence recently submitted by the Executive of the United States to Congress, relative to the present state of this question, that the dispute is rapidly drawing to a crisis. It is evident the General Government considers the State of Maine perfectly right in all she has done, and is doing, and Great Britain perfectly wrong in what she has done.—We can only repeat the wish which we have often before expressed, that this vexatious dispute may be amicably and honorably settled, and that soon.—*Journal.*

**Tribute Sir George Arthur.**—The Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, have passed Resolutions expressive of the high sense which they entertain of the ability, uprightness and impartiality with which Sir George Arthur has discharged his duties as Governor of that Province.

It is stated that Mr. Fox the British Minister at Washington, has made a communication to the American authorities, stating that any renewal of attack on the Canadian frontier by American citizens, will be considered tantamount to a declaration of war. We can only say of the decision, if it has been come to, that it is a most wise and proper one, and ought to have been adopted long ago.

**Toronto.**—We are surprised to see our distant contemporaries announcing so positively that His Excellency Sir George Arthur is immediately about to depart. It is not so. His Excellency is not likely to leave us till after the Union, which is not yet. We shall, perhaps, know a little more about some matters of consequence after the arrival of the *British Queen*.

STEAM COMMUNICATION.

At a public meeting held in the County Court House at Guysborough, on the 22d Jan., Murdoch McLean, Esq., H. Sheriff of the County, in the chair, the following Resolutions, on the subject of the proposed communication by Steam, between Halifax and the Eastern Ports and St. John's Newfoundland, were submitted, and unanimously adopted, viz. :—

**Resolved,**—That this Meeting highly appreciate the effort made by the Society for the Promotion of Trade and Manufactures, in favor of Steam Communication between Halifax and the Eastern Ports and St. John's Newfoundland; and that the Sub-Committee thereof be solicited, in their Report on the subject, to recommend the adoption of Guysborough as one of the ports in the proposed communication.

**Resolved,**—That this Meeting having had under its consideration the letter written by Francis Cook, and Stewart Campbell, Esquires, in reply to the Circular of the sub-committee on the foregoing subject, are of opinion that the statement and calculation therein contained are correct and within just limits.

**Resolved,**—That this Meeting pledges itself, that in the event, of the Steamer touching at Guysborough, a suitable wharf will be at her service, free of expense to the Company.

**Resolved,**—That a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Honorable R. M. Cutler, and the Members of the County now in Halifax, and that they be requested to exert their influence in favor of the measure referred to therein.

MURDOCH McLEAN,  
Chairman.

BACK AGAIN TO STATE TAX.

BANGOR, January 28.

By the Governor's Message, it will be seen, that a State tax has become inevitable. Beautiful times these, to pile new burthens upon the people! This comes from short-sightedness and wild extravagance in administering the affairs of the State. A prudent and wise foresight would have avoided this result. We have had no works of internal improvement exhausting our resources—our land sales were known to be declining—but by curtailing seasonably some superfluous outlays, and husbanding our bank tax properly, and vigilantly collecting little by little on the land notes due to the State, and eschewing mere matters of senseless glory, the people would have been saved from an enormous state debt and yearly avalanche of state taxes to pay the interest thereon. We think the idea of realizing very soon any of our Aroostook loan expenditures from the federal government quite chimerical. Has not every state in the west got equal claims for millions of dollars of similar expenditures that will meet our border claims as soon as presented?—*Argus Revived.*

**Varioloid.**—The small pox is not only extending its ravages in Massachusetts, but has reached far in the interior of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. It is also raging with great violence in Illinois.

The Star.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1840.

To Correspondents.

We shall be happy to devote a page of our Paper weekly, to the all-important cause of TEMPERANCE, which we intend to promote by every means in our power, conscious as we are, that that it will yet prove an incalculable blessing to our Native land.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.]

*Sum cuique tribuito.*

SIR, I have just been told that my observations on the Official Report of the late St. Patrick's Festival, which I had the honor last week to transmit to you for publication, have unfortunately awakened the "wrathful indignation" of a few of your townsmen, who, if I am correctly informed, have threatened to visit me with the severest penalties, could they be only certain as to who I am. I believe, Sir I may safely take it upon myself to assure them, first, that it is not very probable they ever will know me; and secondly, that in case they should be so lucky as to discover my name, "A Son of the True Church"—would be exceedingly indifferent as to all that might follow. My conscience bearing me testimony that I have "well said,"

there is, on my part, but little room for dismay or apprehension. But what is the crime for which I am to suffer all these pains and penalties? What evil have I done? "Why you have accused us of getting drunk: you have said that me, the most respectable portion of the community, were guilty of intoxication." Not so! I utterly deny it! It was ye yourselves that propagated the calumny. Your Official Reporter sketched out a panorama—set it up for exhibition,—and all that I did was, merely to draw the attention of the by-standers to some of its BEAUTIES! Surely, if the picture was exaggerated, or a caricature or altogether erroneous, that was no fault of mine, but of the painter who drew it. If, as I now willingly believe, the more respectable part of the company had retired before midnight, and if in fact, and indeed, and in truth, it was emphatically "the Boys" only that remained for the "metting," it would have been but justice to those who have so "fondness for the dram" to have said distinctly to have said so; and thus with a few strokes of the Reporter's pen to rescue their characters from such imputation and scandal.

Again, Mr. Editor, my remarks are held by some to be an outrageous attack upon the guests, and especially upon the "Authorities," who lent their presence to the feast. To this it may simply be replied that it was not I that selected the music for the company's entertainment: it was, not I that made choice of the "Drops of Brandy" or the "Cruiskeen Lawn." Such generous, unassuming hospitality is not to be placed to the credit of my account, let the probable advantages arising therefrom, be what they may.

"Give it not up Tarquinius, the place is worth the seeking, try, now, little tricks, With hints and whispers; these shall catch the ear When all else fail thee."

Thus far, Mr. Editor, in defence of my strictures on the delectable Report. I, next week, intend to resume my pen on the subject of Temperance, and I trust I shall not be deterred from my purpose, either by the threats of the malevolent or the frowns of the great.

In haste,

I remain, Mr. Editor,

Your's very respectfully,

A SON OF THE TRUE CHURCH.

**O'Connell and the Teetotallers.**—My countrymen (continued Mr. O'Connell) are sometimes represented as incapable of exercising the functions which belong to free men. Is the House aware that no fewer than Six Hundred Thousand of their number have recently taken the Total Abstinence Pledge at the hand of Father MATHEW?

Died.

On Monday night last, after a short illness, Mr. DAVID KREEFE, Banker, aged 46 years. His funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Ship News.

Port of Harbor Grace.

CLEARED

April 10.—Don Juan, Shearer, Gibraltar, 3,512 qtls. fish.

Port of St. John's.

ENTERED

March 31.—Elizabeth, Edwards, Halifax, molasses, bread.

April 1.—President, Odell, Halifax, molasses, pork.

2.—Emma, Silly, London, molasses, soap and candles, gin, porter.

3.—Belfast, Petto, Porto Rico, molasses, sugar.

Rover, Mills, Teigumouth, general cargo.

4.—Mercy Jane, Perry, Halifax, flour, molasses.

Lavinia, Henderson, Greenock, general cargo.

6.—American Schooner Lurana, Jenkins, Philadelphia, bread and flour.

Bermuda, Tynes, Porto Rico, molasses, rum, sugar, oranges.

CLEARED

April 2.—Euphemia, Butt, Trinidad, fish.

Edgecomb, Stoyles, Barbados, fish.

Asia, Chambers, Oporto, fish.

3.—Ann, Story, Halifax, fish.

Rifleman, Coborn, Halifax, fish.

6.—Victory, Dowsley, Waterford, fish.

Frederick, Field, Halifax, fish.