



The Observer.

SAINT JOHN, AUGUST 26, 1851.

We subjoin a few interesting extracts from the English papers received by the Mail of the 20th inst. per Steam Ship Canada.

ESSEXIAN GRAY.—With regard to the Grain Trade, the London Mercantile Gazette, in its review for the week ending on the 20th inst. says:

The splendid weather with which we have been favored for the last week has set at rest the apprehensions entertained by the public, and the prevailing impression is, that though some mischief may have been done by the heavy showers which fell in July, it will be of less consequence than is generally supposed. The general productiveness of the crops, the hot sunshine and driving winds which have been experienced within the last fortnight have had the effect of hastening the ripening of the corn; and it follows, therefore that even in districts where the grain had been allowed to be cut, the weather has had the effect of allowing it to be cut in a more perfect state than in the case. In the southern parts of the kingdom the grain was pretty generally commenced last Monday, and should there be no further interruptions, the harvest would progress rapidly next week. Our prospects have certainly improved materially since this day's insight and the prevailing belief is that we shall have a fair average yield of the principal kinds of grain, and that the total produce of food of all descriptions will prove larger than we have had in any preceding season for many years.

Shipping's Society.—The annual report of the General Shipowners' Society, signed by the Chair, Mr. G. F. Young, has been printed and put into circulation. It contains a full and interesting account of the operations of the Society during the year, and is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the shipping trade. The report shows that the trade has been generally prosperous, and that the Society has been successful in its efforts to improve the condition of the seamen and to promote the interests of the shipping trade.

THE SESSION 1851.—The parliamentary session of 1851, which terminated on the 7th, was opened on the 4th of February and continued for six months and four days, being 111 days shorter than its predecessor of 1850. The members of the House of Commons sat during that period on 116 days, and on 101 days each. There were 240 divisions in the Commons during the session, whereas there were only 15 in the Lords. The session was characterized by a number of important measures, and the House of Commons was particularly active in its proceedings.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.—The total declared value of exports for the month last past is £2,228,122, whilst for the corresponding month of 1850, it was £2,749,520. The total declared value of imports for the month last past is £4,033,531, whilst for the corresponding month of 1850, it was £3,775,504. The trade has been generally prosperous, and the value of exports and imports has increased considerably since the corresponding month of 1850.

THE QUANTITIES OF HOME CONSUMPTION in the various articles, in 1851, were:—Wool, 1,819,492,770 lbs.; and 1,850,502,010 lbs.; Of spirits, including rum, brandy, and Geneva, there were imported during the present year, 654,281 gallons, and 315,429 gallons, respectively. The figures for 1850 were 613,302 gallons, and 619,676 gallons. The quantities taken for home consumption during the same period were 3,072,410 lbs., 332,408 gallons, and 315,429 gallons, respectively.

THE COAST TRADE, during the month of the present year, 11,791 vessels, 1,074,433 tonnage, cleared outwards, and 12,227 ships, 1,192,885 tonnage, cleared inwards in the corresponding month of 1850, the numbers were, ships, 12,256 tonnage, 1,081,821, and outwards, ships, 13,404, tonnage, 1,161,975.—London Mer. Jour., Aug. 4.

SIR JOHN FRANKLIN'S EXERTIONS.—In the House of Commons on the 25th July, Mr. Ansell gave notice that he would ask next day whether the report in the paper respecting Sir John Franklin and his companions were fabricated or not, and if it was, whether the Government were prepared to take any steps to prevent the practice of circulating false news.

Liverpool had so kindly and so judiciously exposed the interests of the insurance-gentlemen of the Liverpool community, with the like liberality, made up the balance to a round £5,000. This timely assistance will, we believe, place the Liverpool community in a position to meet the emergency of the present crisis more effectively than ever.

The Crystal Palace.—An official return has been published of the daily receipts and attendance at the Crystal Palace, from the 1st of May, the opening day, to the 31st of July. From this return it appears that the number of persons who have paid for admission at the door has been 2,754,000, and that the number of persons who have been admitted free of charge has been 2,193,150. The estimated number of persons entering with season tickets has been 572,245, leaving a total of 3,152,305 visits. The total number who have entered the Crystal Palace is 3,152,305.

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PARIS, August 4.—We are in the midst of the ceremonies of welcome extended by the City to the Lord Mayor of London, and the Commissioners and members of the Corporation of Paris, as a body corporate, when it acts through its municipal council, in the world's most hospitable city. The Lord Mayor of London, and his party have been received with open arms, and the succession of fetes, organized in their behalf, will send them away saturated with hospitality, and the good wishes of the Parisians. The Lord Mayor, and his party have been received with open arms, and the succession of fetes, organized in their behalf, will send them away saturated with hospitality, and the good wishes of the Parisians.

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STEAM BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GLASGOW.—The new steamship Glasgow, 1550 tons burden, under command of Mr. N. Stoen, is expected to arrive at Glasgow on the 11th of October next. This line has been established by the Glasgow and New York Steamship Company, and the fare has been fixed at ninety dollars.

WESTERN BARRACKS AT FREDRICKS.—The Barrack which is to be erected at Fredericks on Thursday and Friday next, is expected to be in some respects, superior to any similar structure ever erected in the Province. It will be a fine specimen of modern architecture, and will be a valuable addition to the public buildings of the city.

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