

ARRIVAL OF THE EUROPA.

The steamship *Europa* arrived at Halifax at 10 1-2 o'clock on Monday night, in about 9 1-2 days from Liverpool, bringing dates to the 10th inst.

The American steamer *Atlantic* arrived at Liverpool on Tuesday night, the 6th instant, in about 10 days and 8 hours, being one of the shortest passages ever made across the Atlantic.

The Commercial news exhibits no striking feature.—The Flour market was firm at former quotations. Indian Corn had risen from 6d. to 1s. per quarter, in consequence of the prevailing reports of the potato blight.

Cotton had declined 1-8d. The sales of the week reached 59,000 bales.

Sugar and Tea were active at improving prices.

The harvest operations had commenced in several parts of the Kingdom, and the yield promises most abundant. From the South of Ireland the reports of the potato disease were current, but so far the damage does not appear to be extensive.

Mr. O'Connell has revived the Repeal question, and Conciliation Hall has again been opened. The rent at the meeting amounted to £28.

The Gorham controversy has at length been settled in favour of that gentleman, who has gained his point in every respect.

It is said that the steamship *Great Britain* has been purchased for £25,000, and that she is to carry passengers on the Pacific, between Panama and San Francisco.

The business of Parliament was drawing to a close, and as the Queen was to leave London for Scotland on the 23d inst., the prorogation would take place previous to that day.

The yearly pension to the Duke of Cambridge of 12,000, has been carried in the House of Commons by a large majority.

The question of admission or non-admission of Baron Rothschild to his seat in the House of Commons has been postponed till next Session, and Ministers have promised to introduce a new Bill on the subject. The Irish Franchise Bill, as amended in the Lords, has been rejected by the Commons, but another substituting a twelve pound qualification has been substituted, which it is generally believed will pass both Houses. This will add about 170,000 votes to the Irish constituencies.

It is said that the French government has made overtures to the British Cabinet to join in an active mediation in the Danish question, which overtures have been met in the most satisfactory spirit.

The feeling against Louis Napoleon throughout France is said to be very strong.

The Board of Trade returns for the month ending 5th July, have appeared, showing an increase in the declared value of exports, as compared with the corresponding month last year, of £427,000, and for the year compared with the corresponding period last year of £5,263,065.

In Norway it is estimated that the number of persons who are preparing to emigrate to America amounts to 20,000, being two per cent. of the entire population of the kingdom. From the commune of Loelag alone, which contains 5,195 inhabitants, 663 individuals are about to embark for New York.

The Vice-chancellor of England has had a relapse, and his state was on Friday week so alarming that he took the sacrament, and summoned to his bed-side all the members of his family. His honour was in Richmond-park a few days ago, apparently quite convalescent; but we fear that all hopes of his ultimate recovery must now be abandoned.

DR. WISEMAN, the Roman Catholic Bishop, is going to Rome, according to a Manchester paper, for the purpose of introducing, at head quarters, a scheme for the removal of the disability as to the celibacy of priests.

IRELAND.

The election for Dungannon took place on Saturday, when Lord Northland, who had accepted the Chiltern Hundreds, was re-elected.

The Limerick paper announces the death of the Earl of Dunraven. His lordship was in his 62nd year, and succeeded in his titles by Viscount Adare, M. P. for Glamorganshire.

The accounts of the Irish harvest are very favourable. Statements of the re appearance of the potato blight are partial, and excite no serious apprehension. "Altogether," says the Dublin correspondent of the *Times*, "there is a fair prospect of a far more abundant harvest than has been witnessed in this country for several years."

A serious riot took place in Shandon-street, Cork, on Friday night. About two hundred soldiers were called out, and the disturbance was not suppressed until a young man was killed and three or four others injured. The row began in consequence of a policeman taking a soldier into custody for breaking a pane of glass in a public-house window.

The Mayo election has resulted in the return of Mr. Higgins, by a majority of 141 to 93 over Mr. Butt. The *Belfast News Letter* states that the violence of the priests during the election exceeded all precedent. The result of the polling was formally declared on Monday, when Mr. Higgins, Archdeacon M'Hale and Father Hughes, severally thanked the mob of Mayo for their spirited and patriotic conduct during the election. Neither the new member nor his reverend supporters made special allusion to the bold feat of carrying off to the mountains some fifty or sixty of Mr. Butt's voters, but there was no mistake as to the meaning of their reverences when they talked of the bravery, the tact, and the patriotism of the men of Mayo.

CHANGES AMONGST THE IRISH GENTRY.—The *Cork Constitution* contains the following:—"Perhaps we could not give a stronger proof of the decay of families of fortune than the fact, that the grand jury of an extensive county, where the judges of assize are now sitting, numbers but five of the gentlemen who were accustomed to be summoned! The other 18 are all new men."—And a good thing, too.

THE WAR IN SCHLESWIG.

There is a pause in the military operations on both sides, and at the present moment it is doubtful whether they will be immediately resumed. The Danish army, with its head-quarters at Schleswig, is fortifying its whole position, from the south of Eckerforde and the Schlei to the east of the town of Schleswig itself, with strong entrenchments and fieldworks. The ancient embarkment called the Dannewerk, a monument of former wars and incursions, comes again into use, and under the hands of the Danish engineers will soon present a formidable barrier to any advance over many miles of country east and west.

Little doubt seems to exist among the best informed parties, that higher powers will yet be involved in the adjustment of this dispute before anything decisive or satisfactory will be done. In the next battle, should General Willisen be victorious, England and Russia will probably interfere; and should the Danes be triumphant, the Prussians and Hanoverians will likely attack them.

PARAGRAPHS OF NEWS.

AN EXCITING SLAVE CASE.—*Washington, August 7th.*—The runaway slaves have been so numerous of late, in these parts, under the instigation of the abolitionists here and elsewhere, that the owners of this species of property have become very much alarmed, and hence are disposed to remove them to safer parts of the United States, or to sell them to slave traders. A cruel incident of this kind, is exciting great interest here at present. The family of William Williams, the coachman of Presidents Polk, Taylor, and Fillmore, were suddenly, on Friday morning, seized by a slave trader, and taken from their homes in this city, off to Baltimore, to be sent to New Orleans, his wife, over fifty years of age, three daughters, and three grandchildren, were thus snatched from him in an hour, a fate worse to him than death: to be sold South to the highest bidder, and separated from him and each other. The poor man wrung his hands, rolled on the ground, was nearly crazed in fact, by the dreadful parting.

After many years toil, he very recently purchased his own freedom, but his family were owned by some one in New Orleans. The President, feeling deeply for his distress, gave him money and let him go to Baltimore, to see them again. Williams found the Trader would take the sum of \$3,200 for them, and returned with the hope of raising that amount here to redeem them. A petition was drawn up, and to day circulated about the city and House of Representatives, setting forth the fact and asking for assistance, which was so promptly rendered, that the prospect is, in the language of Williams himself, "very fair."

The President, Mr. Webster, Gen. Scott, and a number of citizens have contributed sums from \$5 to \$50. Mr. Corcoran gave \$200, which was the price asked for the aged wife, and he made her "free" at once. Besides doing this, Mr. Corcoran has purchased one of the women, who has lived in his family for some years. Mrs. Corn Patterson, another, and Mrs. Towson, a third, who lived with her for years past. So the children, for whom \$1500 were asked, only remain to be purchased by their Grandfather,—and he is in a fair way of raising the money.

DUELLING IN CALIFORNIA.—Recent papers from California contain accounts of a duel that took place at Stockton, in which Mr. Edward Perley, a native of New Brunswick and formerly a resident of Oromocto, was one of the principals. We extract a portion of a statement on the subject, from a San Francisco paper:

The challenged party—Mr. Perley—was attorney for a very respectable merchant of Stockton, and in the faithful discharge of his duty, and in vindication of his client's rights before the court, he was insulted, grossly insulted, by Mr. Marshall, the defendant in the case. The attorney defended his character and his client's rights on the spot by drawing a pistol on the offender, who cried pecavi, and that he was unarmed. The attorney immediately invited his antagonist to step out and settle it by themselves, which was politely declined.

On the following day a challenge was passed by Mr. Marshall and accepted by Mr. Perley. At the time appointed both parties were on the ground—two shots were exchanged—both of M's entering the earth only a short distance in front of himself, and P's first whizzing past M's head, causing him to dodge and the second passing through his hat and within one inch of his cranium, on which the challenger withdrew his challenge and declared himself satisfied.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

LYNN, August 15.

A terrible calamity has thrown our city into excitement and dismay. A party of people connected with the Christian Society, went to Lynnfield this morning, on a picnic. A portion of the party went out on the pond, in the wheel boat and returned safely. A second party consisting of 24, then started and had proceeded about a dozen rods when the boat careered so much as to take in water. A rush to the other side caused the boat to upset, and of the 24, only 11 were saved.

- The following is a list of the persons drowned:
- Mary Adeline Johnston, daughter of Mr. Jacob L. Johnston, aged 14.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shurtleff, of Franklin, Mass., on a visit to Mr. John Cheever.
 - Mrs. Howard and daughter.
 - Mrs. Adams, of Quincy.
 - Miss Eliza Ann Young, of Lynn.
 - Two children of Mr. Ephraim Brown, of Lynn.
 - Hepsibeth Maria Cheever, daughter of Mr. Joseph Cheever, aged 14.
 - Miss M. Alley, aged 58.
 - Two children of Mr. Joshua C. Garland.

A contract has been made for freighting 50,000,000 feet of Canadian lumber from Oswego to Albany.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Saturday last, 10th inst., an elderly man entered the Village of Musquash, and having partaken of some refreshment at the house of G. C. Carman, Esq., took his leave, apparently in good health; he had not proceeded far, when he called at another house, and asked for a drink of water: after resting awhile, he started on his journey, but ere he had taken a dozen steps, he suddenly fell backwards, and almost immediately expired.—From a petition found in his possession, (which it seems he was carrying through the country seeking relief,) it appears that his name was Davin Caldwell—that he had served seven years in the 30th Regt., of foot, and for the last twenty-five years had resided in this Province—that some time during the last year he was burnt out at the New Jerusalem settlement, and having lost all that he had he, with five children, were thrown destitute on the world. If this should meet the eye of any of his family or friends, it will be gratifying for them to know that his body was, decently interred, under the direction of G. C. Carman, J. P., the funeral service being read by the Rev. the Rector of the Parish.—*St. John Chronicle*

[From the New Brunswicker.]

GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE AT WORK.—We have recently heard that the leading members of the Government have been most indefatigable in their exertions to corrupt some of the new members of the Assembly, in order to obtain a majority in their favour, so that they may continue to carry on the Government in the same extravagant and irresponsible manner as at present. It is reported that Charles Connell, Esq., of Carleton County, has positively refused to sell his constituents by accepting of a seat in the Legislative Council. The Miramichi Gleaner of this week contains the following paragraph, from which we are led to infer that there is some foundation for these reports; but we have strong hopes that the people of each County throughout the Province will firmly resist all attempts to have any of the rejected supporters of the Government forced upon them. The Gleaner says:—

"It has been reported in Chatham for some days, that one of the members returned for Restigouche, is to be called to the Legislative Council, and that a rejected member for a neighbouring county, is to be placed in nomination as a candidate to fill the vacancy. We cannot believe that the freeholders of Restigouche will submit to be thus dictated to; neither will we believe that the party alluded to, will submit to such a mean artifice to obtain his lost seat in the Assembly. Time, however, will prove the truth or falsehood of the report."

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—On Thursday morning, the lady of John S. Trott, Esq., of Williamsburgh, L. I., took passage by the New Haven Rail Road for Boston, accompanied by her little daughter, about 4 years of age. On reaching Stamford, the child desired a drink, and was taken by its mother to the refreshment room to procure a glass of water. They returned to the cars, and were on the platform in the act of entering the door, when the train suddenly started with a violent jerk, which threw Mrs. Trott into the car, and her little daughter off the platform between the cars, the train passing over and mangling her shockingly. The mother's shrieks and agonies were dreadful as she saw wheel after wheel pass over her child. She was picked up a lifeless corpse, and brought back to the City on the next train.—*N. Y. Cour. & Eng.*

COURT-MARTIAL ON AND DISMISSAL OF LIEUT. R. NICHOLSON.—At a general court-martial, 10th June last, and continued by adjournments to the 17th, Lieutenant Nicholson, of the 21st R. N. B. Fusiliers, was arraigned for behaving in a scandalous and infamous manner, in becoming an officer and a gentleman, in this: That in April, 1850, at Glasgow, he fraudulently obtained from John Kaye of that city, the sum of £35, by means of a bill of Exchange, drawn by him, Nicholson, on Laurie of London, and endorsed by him, Nicholson, to said Kaye, well knowing when he gave such bill, it would not be accepted or paid when due. After due investigation, the court found the whole charge proven, and therefore sentenced Lieut. Nicholson to be cashiered from Her Majesty's Service. This sentence was subsequently transmitted to the Duke of Wellington, who having laid it before her Majesty, pronounced the sentence confirmed.—*Nova Scotian*

The wealth of Sir Robert Peel was so great, that the duty or tax on the probate of his will amounted to sixteen thousand pounds, and ten thousand on his legacies, giving to the Revenue of Great Britain one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars for this year.—*Id.*

HORSES.—Flies are a great trouble to horses at this season. They will eat the skin off the inside of their ears, and then feed upon the flesh, producing a great deal of pain and uneasiness. This evil may be prevented by rubbing upon the inside of their ears a little grease or oil, which should be repeated occasionally.—*Id.*

OUTRAGE.—On Thursday night last, or Friday morning, some miscreants went out on the Railroad, and broke all the spade handles belonging to one of the working gangs. We believe the guilty parties have not as yet been discovered, but we trust they will eventually be caught and made examples of. This is the first instance of the kind we have heard of as occurring on the Road, and no pains should be spared in seeking out the offenders to prevent a repetition of so wanton an outrage.—*Charlotte Gazette.*

We are informed that the drooping state of the potatoe crop in several sections of the Province, is the effect of lightning, and not disease. One night last week we had considerable lightning, and the next morning Dahlias and other flowers, as well as potatoe tops, presented a blighted appearance.—*St. John Chronicle, Aug. 16th.*

RECIPE FOR WHOOPING COUGH.—Dissolve one scruple of Epsom Salts in a gill of water, and add one scruple of Cochineal, finely powdered, and sweetened with loaf sugar.

Directions.—An infant may take one quarter of a teaspoonful; older children, one teaspoonful. Relief is immediate.