

bly last year might be again introduced, together with two other Bills to extend the period for building the Line for three years. These several Bills your Directors are most happy in being able to inform you, have, by the exertions of Mr. Boyd, most ably seconded by Mr. Whitlock the secretary, been successfully carried.

The most sanguine hopes are held out that, with the extension of time and the transfer of the powers to the London Board, the new Company would be easily formed; and in truth, your Directors cannot but think it would be a matter of surprise if such were not the case, considering the value of the land and guarantee which will become the property of the new Company. Indeed it must always be a subject of regret that the want of capital will prevent many of the Shareholders from keeping their Stock, and thereby becoming participators in the advantages which must accrue from it; but at the same time it is only just to admit that those who build the Line are fairly and rightly entitled to all its benefits.

As everything has now been done on this side of the Atlantic, it will only remain for this Company on the completion of the organization of the new Company in England, to carry out and complete the transfer of the powers and facilities as allowed by the new Acts.

Your Directors would recommend that a Resolution be now passed approving of the proposed transfer and authorizing the Board of Directors to execute the necessary documents for that purpose.

The exertions which the Board made during the early part of last summer to develop the traffic on that portion of the road which it was possible to run over, need not now, in the altered aspect of affairs, be further dwelt on, than to say, how conclusively it established the fact of what the paying qualities of the Line would be, if properly worked.

It will be necessary now to proceed to the election of Directors as usual, in order that they may complete the preliminaries for the transfer to the new Company; and the retiring Directors who have formed the Working Board are willing to resume their duties, if you should elect them, for the short time which it is hoped will suffice to effect these objects; after which the works and duties will be carried on under such authorities as may be appointed.

S. H. WHITLOCK, Secretary.
J. J. ROBINSON, President.

We learn that at the next meeting of the Executive Council, which will shortly take place, an order will be passed for the immediate commencement of the Railroad Survey between Fredericton & Woodstock; & we have no doubt by the time these surveys are made, money matters will be in such a state of progress that we may obtain as much as may be required year after year during the whole course of the undertaking.—Reporter.

The proprietors of Montmorenci suspension bridge have been sued on behalf of the orphan children of Cote (six in number) who were killed by the falling of the bridge. The damages are laid at £4000.

LIQUOR SEIZURE IN FREDERICTON.—Three casks and a few bottles containing liquor, were seized on Tuesday last, in the store of Messrs. W. H. Robinson & Co. at Fredericton, on a warrant issued by the Mayor. The information of sales having been made, was obtained reluctantly, it is said from a countryman and a colored girl. The liquor was replevined.

LATE FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.—By the arrival, on Sunday last, at Halifax, of the R. M. S. *Ospray*, late St. John's papers have come to hand. The following is a summary of the news they contain.

The *Newfoundlander* of 28th ult. in speaking of the result of the Seal Fishery of the present season says:—

"We regret that we cannot report favourably of the general results of the Seal Fishery thus far.—Some heavy trips have certainly been brought in and a few others are reported; but taking all these into account, the success at this date is of a very partial character. The catch exceeds that ascertained at the corresponding period of last year; but the voyage then was an unusually short one.—We sincerely trust this week's arrivals may exhibit a decided improvement; otherwise, we fear the issue will be far from prosperous. A seal which had arrived at St. John's with 3000 seals, fell in on the Banks with the carcass of a dead whale, from which about five tons of fat was obtained.—It is said to have been a Sperm whale, but how it came into that latitude is a problem not easily solved.

Sanguine hopes are expressed as to the ultimate success of the Sub-marine telegraph and the future

importance of Newfoundland in a commercial point of view. The Company's steamer *Victoria* hence had arrived at St. John's and Mr. Gisborne was also in that town. The *Post* understands that the steamer which is to bring out the Sub-marine Cable to be laid down between the Island of Cape Breton, will leave London 12th June, and probably arrive at St. John's about the 14th, and after laying the cable will return to the latter port on her way to England about the middle of July.

A Memorial, extensively signed by the inhabitants of St. John's, is about to be presented to the Governor, soliciting his active exertions to induce the Home Government, as well as the local legislature to adopt such means as will secure to the Colony the benefits to arise from distant steam communication between Europe and Newfoundland.

The Legislature was still in Session.—*Courier*.

The Election for Mayor, which took place on Tuesday, has resulted in the return of Wm. O. Smith, Esq., by a very large majority. After the resignation of Mr. Woodward, it was generally believed that Mr. Smith would be the successful candidate, but various causes conspired to augment the votes in his favor. The appearance of Mr. Salter in the field at so late a period, after Mr. Woodward's friends had made a canvass for him, and his subsequent retirement, caused many favorable to him to join with Mr. Smith's supporters, as they felt chagrined at the appearance of a third party in the field. This told strongly against Mr. Salter. Another cause was, that the Temperance people, as a body, did not support him. This is shown by the small number of votes which he polled, especially in the Wards on the Eastern side; while not even in Carleton, did Mr. Salter run as strongly as might have been expected; and it will be seen that in one of the Wards on that side of the harbour, Mr. Smith polled a large majority. A proof of the indifference of the people may be found in the fact that upwards of 130 votes were not polled at all. The same may be said of this side, where hundreds of voters did not go to the polls. The whole number of votes thrown only amounted to 1001, two-thirds of which Mr. Smith received, a greater majority than was ever before thrown for any candidate for the Mayoralty.—*Now Brunswick*.

ANOTHER GREAT FIRE AT PHILADELPHIA.—*Loss two Million Dollars*.—A terribly destructive fire occurred at Philadelphia on the night of the 1st instant. The fire commenced at Jossup & Moore's paper warehouse, in North Street, below Sixth Street, and extended rapidly before a furious north-east gale, through to Commerce Street, and thence to Market Street, consuming also the buildings on the eastern side of Sixth to Market Street.

The loss is supposed to be mostly covered by insurance. Very little of the stock was saved from the Market Street stores, the spreading of the flames being so rapid.

John R. Groff, a freeman, a returned Mexican volunteer, was killed by the falling of a wall.—Two or three others are missing, and several were injured.

The new store of Caleb Cope was leased to Pratt Bros., who had \$5,000 worth of hardware on the premises. The building was valued at \$75,000. On St. James' Street, west of Sixth, a number of small dwellings, a German tavern, and a large schoolhouse belonging to the Society of Friends, were destroyed. During the fire, James Bartley, a member of Franklin House Co., was stabbed in an affray with Moyamensing Hose Co. The latter company had been out of service for several years, but were called out by the Chief Engineer. Bartley is not expected to recover.

The estimate loss is \$2,000,000.

COPPER ORE A DANGEROUS CARGO.—Ship *Georgia* which arrived at Liverpool from Savannah, carried out some copper ore in cases, which proved to be an exceedingly dangerous cargo, for so great was the heat evolved during the passage, from the sulphur contained in the ore, that some of the cases were taken out of the ship completely charred, the lids being a mass of charcoal; while the cotton stowed immediately above them was partially burnt and when landed from the ship, so hot as to make it painful for a man to thrust his hands into the bales. The Liverpool *Albion* states that the copper ore from Adelaide, when first shipped to England, was of a similar dangerous character, till means were taken to destroy the sulphur by roasting the ore. In its present state, the ore from the mines of Georgia is not fit to cross the Atlantic, and must undergo a process similar to that of the Australian ore, to remove all danger from it.

Sardinia's participation in the Eastern war has cost her about seventy five millions of francs.

A letter from Oregon City, Feb. 28, says:—
"The Indians are in a state of open war, with the exception of a few friendly tribes, from the boundary of California to the British line and from the Pacific to the Missouri river. Generally, I am sorry to say, the Indians have had the best of it in their battles with the soldiers. In one engagement in Southern Oregon some time ago (a month or so) less than one hundred Indians fought one hundred and thirty-seven regulars and two hundred and fifty volunteers for three days, never yielding an inch, and on equal ground. For one hundred and thirty miles in Southern Oregon, where every chain almost on the main route was taken up by the settlers, not a house is standing, crops destroyed, cattle driven off, families murdered or had to flee for their lives. Where it will end it is hard to say. We have 1800 regulars and 2500 volunteers, and yet little or no progress has yet been made in quelling these disturbances."

Mrs. Kelly, of 63, Upper Bagot street, Dublin, was assassinated on the evening of the 8th, on her own lands, at Bellinderry, within half a mile of Moate, in the county of Westmeath. The foul murder was perpetrated by two assassins, dressed in petticoats and black veils. The lady was walking with her nephew, when the men approached her, desiring her nephew to stand aside, and then discharged their pistols at Mrs. Kelly, killing her on the spot. The name of the deceased has been before the public for some years, being distinguished in the law courts as the successful suitor in the case of *Kelly vs. Thewles*. She was the widow of Edmund Kelly, Esq., of Rookwood, who bequeathed to her £20,000 a year and £200,000 in the funds. The will occasioned much and lengthened litigation, which excited great interest at the time. Shortly after the murder the police were on the alert; two persons of respectable station in life were arrested on suspicion of being parties to the murder.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.—A despatch from Washington says:—

The last steamer brought despatches addressed by the Spanish Minister of Foreign Relations to the American Minister at Madrid, in reply to demands made at different times for redress in the matter of fring into and detaining the steamer *Eldorado* by the Spanish man-of-war *Ferrolano*.—The Spanish government most decidedly but courteously refuses to comply with the wishes of our government, and its minister urges that, according to the laws of nations, the commander of the *Ferrolano* did nothing more than the peculiar circumstances at that time in the neighborhood of Havana justified.

INTERESTING.—An interesting ceremony was witnessed on Friday, in the Legislative Council Chamber where His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor accompanied by his Staff, and in the presence of the Chief Justice, the Judges, Members of the government, the Consul of the United States, and others, presented at the request, and on behalf of the President of the United States, a Gold Chronometer, and a Gold Patent Lever Watch, the former to Mr. Hugh Cameron, the Master, the latter to Mr. George Duffut, the Master of the British Schooner *"Mars"* of this port, as testimonials of the high appreciation entertained by the citizens of the Union, for the humane and gallant conduct of these men in rescuing Captain John T. Philbrick, of the late American Schooner *"State of Maine"* from the wreck of that vessel.—*Halifax Journal*.

A SINGULAR AFFAIR.—A very curious instance of confusion has taken place in a family in Lumber street, on Harbor Hill. A mother and her daughter were both confined on the same day, each having a little son. In the bustle of the moment both babies were placed in the cradle, and to the confusion of the mothers, when the youngsters were taken from the cradle, they were unable to tell which was the mother's and which the daughter's son—a matter which, of course, must ever remain a mystery. The family is in great distress over the affair.—*Albany Knickerbocker*.

PREDICTIONS OF THE EMPEROR NICHOLAS IN 1845.—The *Indianapolis Journal* gives the following extract from a lecture given by the Hon. H. W. Ellsworth, late American Minister to Sweden, being the language of the late Emperor of Russia, used in an interview with the lecturer:—

"Sir," said the Emperor Nicholas, in a memorable diplomatic interview between him and your speaker, during the recent revolutions that struck down Hungary, remodeled France, and broke the bond of union between Denmark and revolted Duchy, causing nearly every monarch to tremble for his throne—"Sir, I view calmly all this agitation. Russia is untouched, and will not be min-

gled with it. Her hour has not yet come, though her destiny cannot be long delayed! She will soon be involved in a protracted contest, in which England and France will be her opponents; those nations, so long and so naturally hostile to each other, will be arrayed in unison against her!"

"And what, your Majesty, will be the result of this great contest?"

"Favorable beyond doubt to Russia. I shall rise superior to all reverses, and protract the contest till I worry out my enemies. But there is another war looming in the distance, a struggle between constitutional and unrestricted monarchy, in which nearly all Europe will stand opposed to Russia, while Turkey, her natural enemy, with Persia and Asia will be fighting at her side."

"And how is to result the second conflict?"

"Still favorable to Russia, though it will be bloody and protracted. But a third, and still mightier contest is approaching, in which the world will be involved,—a struggle between what is called tyranny in any form, and freedom. Into this struggle your nation will be forced from its present policy, and compelled to take a leading part. It will be a struggle such as history never has recorded."

STARTLING PHENOMENON.—Mr. John Parker and son, were attending some fish lines on the river about three miles above here, when they were surprised by a continuous, unusual roaring towards the middle of the stream; the night was without wind. Owing to the darkness, no effort was made to ascertain the cause of this strange noise, until daylight, when it was seen that a whirlpool of large extent was in active operation some two hundred yards from the Missouri shore which still continues in operation, drawing in a great body of water; so much, indeed, that the volume of the river below is sensibly lessened. Driftwood and large floating logs go in and disappear totally. Many hundreds went up yesterday to see the strange sight. Unless this immense chasm soon fills up with water, the effect upon navigation will be calamitous indeed, for it would seem that the bottom of the river has really fallen out.—*Squatter Sovereign, Atchison Kentucky*.

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