# Poetry.

WINTER WILL NOT LAST FOREVER.

Winter will not last forever: Spring will soon come forth again, And with flowers of every color. Deck the hillside and the plain, Lambs will soon in fields be sporting, Birds re-echo from each tree, "Winter's gone! its days are ended! We are happy—we are free!" Hedge and tree will soon be budding,

Soon with leaves be cover'd o'er;

Winter cannot last forever; Brighter days are yet in store! Sorrows will not last for ever. Brighter times will come again, Joy our every grief succeeding, As the sunshine after rain; As the snow and ice of Winter Melt at the approach of Spring So will all our cares and trials Joy, and peace, and comfort bring. When the heart is sad and drooping, Think, though you be vexed sore,

## Select Tale.

Brighter days are yet in store!

Sorrows cannot last forever;

#### AN OLD MAN'S STORY.

I am an old man; and yet it seems a very short time since I climbed the tall poplar-tree that grew before the Vicarage, in search of the starling's nest. I can fancy I hear the shout that greeted my descent with the long-coveted prize, and feel again the crimson mounting to my cheeks as it did when, turning to the Vicarage, I saw an expression of pain on the pale face of my father as he stood at the study win-

It seems to me but yesterday since I stood in the centre of that group of lads, and now-

"They are all gone, the old familiar faces," Dick, the Surgeon's son, died many years ago in India. Harvey Vernon, the bravest of them all, was slain on the field of Waterloo; and when the village bells rang for the victory, the rudest fellow in the village was touched as he passed the Grange and saw the blinds down, and knew of the breaking heart of old Widow Vernon.

It was a sad day for us at the Vicarage, especially for Emily. My father stayed in his library all day; though I do not think he read a page in any of his books-even in his favorites, Sophocles and Horace.

Emily and my mother were in my mother's chamber all the day. From that day Emily gradually drooped and faded. Her beautiful face grew more exqusitely beautiful-her dark, deep eyes became more full and lustrous, but they wandered restlessly, as though seeking some missing resting place; her golden hair (I have still a thick lock of it amongst an old man's memories of other days, "the days of auld lang syne,") hung more carelessly absence, we-that is, my mother and tather, Harry about her shoulders, and her pale cheeks were suffused with a rosy tint that gradually deepened into ter who passionately loved Willie-was out in a burning crimson, while her sweet voice sank al- search of the missing one. most into a whisper. As I looked at her, her startled beauty reminded me of my language of the book my mother used to read to her as she lay on was at full, we could see almost as distinctly as by the couch in the drawing room. Her " face was daylight. as the face of an angel."

Ah, me! how I am wandering from the circumstances I sat down to write about; but you must wall, called by the villagers the Black Pool-so forgive an old man, for whenever I think of Emily called because of its depth. Near it, and overshait is always so. Let me see-yes, I remember per- dowing it, grew an old gnarled thorn-bush, which,

snow had been falling heavily alt day, blotting out the broad, fan-like ferns, with their beautiful serand burying the sun-dial that Willie and I had thorn, a summer or two before, a nightingale had carved with great pains during the long winter eve- made its haunt, and sung through the long star-lit

I had come from my father's study, where I and listening to it. Willie had been having our usual lesson in Latin. I can never now hear the song of the nightingale his eyes flashed with a strange light that made us but that I never positively knew.

"Willie will not come down to-night," said he, the quiet stars in its dark face. will keep him all night."

evening at the Vicarage.

then our company began to arrive. There were first rapidly. the children of Squire Harcourt, who came wrapped in soft furs and shawls, in the old-fashioned cosy but when he did, it was with Willie's pale hand- enough in your face to make a twelve-quart pail." family carriage with its couple of docile greys Then came Harry Vernon, and his sisters Emily and on his shoulders, and his long dark, hair which it al- in your head to fill it." Agnes; and as the time wore on about a score of ways seemed a shame to cut, falling over his arm. young people were assembled at the Vicarage. It I think I hear my mother's wild, despairing cry was a merry party. My father whom it would be injustice to represent as an unkind man, threw him- it at night in my quiet study; I have heard it on self into the spirit of our merriment as though he board ship, when the storm-winds have thrown old fasioned piano, had been removed, and the draw- heard it in old continental cathedrals, above the ing room had, by the removal of a partition, been voices of the choir, the music of the organ, and the thrown into one, making a large and commodious ringing and clashing of the bells. room, which had been plentifully hung with holly and other evergreens. The red berries gleamed like carried Willie home, and old Walter and the other tiny masses of fire beneath the dark green leaves, servant assisted my mother. Willie was instantly "kiss."

arranged bunches of many-colored ribbons. Many inquiries were made for Willie, and for a In a short time the doctor arrived. moment or two a shadow seemed cast upon the My mother was bending over Willie, and nerpleasure of the children when they were told that vously swaying herself backwards and forwards, a question?" Willie, the presiding spirit of fun in every juvenile when he came in; but she arose immediately, and party, would not be with them; but all feeling of with wild flashing eyes exclaimed : disappointment vanished as the time were on-ex- "Oh! doctor save my boy! Oh! Willie, Wil- mother, for her name is Sally Smith." cept from one gentle, loving spirit.

ther's favorite. She was thinking of a handsome my mother's great agony in Willie's chamber. face pressed against the door, and of a tiny ear close | The doctor was a remarkably skillful man; but to the keyhole, listening to the voices of the merry it seemed a hopeless case. How my mother's eager groups below. She knew these sounds would be eyes followed all his movements!

exquisite torture to the prisoner. She knew how above like a wild bird in a cage.

yet more sad and pained.

My sister played, with exceeding, grace, some in a refreshing sleep. besecching eyes beneath the holly in a corner of the row. smile-oh, how sweet that smile was !- she left the the music seemed to taunt him; and how he beroom. I stole after her to the foot of the wide, old- came afraid, and dared not look where the shadows Queen Victoria is engaged writing her own metashioned staircase; I saw her glide swiftly up the lay in the library; and how he watched the moon moirs. stairs; and I could hear when she unlocked the rise through the poplars before the window and was door; and when she opened it to pass in the moon- tempted to climb down the ivy-stems; and how he light streamed brightly through the doorway on to had wandered to the Black Pool, and been tempted the dark landing, and, as it fell on the face of the to spring across it to get a bunch of crimson berries minutes of ten o'clock.

the stairs, when I heard my mother cry, -" Willie!" Then he told her how he rose to the surface and is about to ask, through the Duke of Saxe Coburg Then I heard a piercing scream, and she suddenly how he was falling into a sweet and pleasant slumpassed me, her face white as the snow that lay out- ber at the bottom, with thoughts of her passing birthday in May. side on the steps, and, rushing into the room where dream-like through his mind-and how he felt some my father was playing with the children, went hand touch him, and an exquisite sensation of pain straight up to him, and crying, "Willie's gone! oh, Willie, Willie, darling!" fell fainting at his my mother wept and smiled, and clasped him to

very soon. Of course this put an end to the festi- pardon of his own child. Willie, fatigued with his vities, and the children were soon on their way long talk, fell asleep again, but it was a troubled, home, except Harry Vernon, who stayed to assist broken slumber. His cheeks grew crimson, and his in the search for Willie. Afterwards my mother told us, that' as she was endeavoring to amuse the was very cold. group of younger children, she heard Willie's voice distinctly calling, " Mamma! mamma!" She in- his head and said there was no chance for him .stantly got the key, as I have before related, and My father and mother watched him night and day; went up into the study; As soon as she opened the but he grew worse and worse. Now he would talk desperate and bloody than any which has yet predoor she felt that the window was open by the rush- of the wild bee's nest he had found a few days ago ing of the cold frosty air past her. The instant she in a bank in the wood-then he would shout as if entered the room she felt a tremor seize her. Why at play; and then, whilst my father covered his face tance, than have been met at any period since the did not Willie spring to meet her? She felt in a with his hands and the big tear trickled through moment that he was not there. The study lamp his fingers in an agony of grief, he would try to rewas flickering out; there stood my father's easy chair opposite a table on which lay his books and manuscripts, and amongst them poor Willie's soil- . Oh! papa, forgive me! I cannot!" ed and hated Latin Grammar.

house by the aid of the ivy-stems which grew up to tique portico, and from thence have leaped to the hand lay on my father's trembling palm. ground. Willie, agile as a squirrel, could easily

have accomplished this. In a few moments from the discovery of Willie's and myself, and two servants, one of them old Wal

The snow was still falling heavily, but by the light of the moon; which although behind the clouds

Strange to say my mother went instinctively towards a deep pool of water, beneath the orchard after many winters' frosts and snows, still preser-It was Christmas Eve, in the year 1791, and the ved its vitality. It was a pleasant place in summer; the hedges and walls that surrounded the Vicarage, rated leaves, loved to grow there, and in that old nights, and Willie and I had laid awake for hours

Willie was a high-spirited lad, of a very loving and without thinking of my darling brother and the affectionate disposition; though when excited, or chamber in which he slept. The villagers said it was in a passion, his temper was fearful to behold, and haunted by something more than the nightingale,

all tremble except my father. It was some time be- 'Well, I saw my mother bend close down to the fore my father came down; but when he did, we water a moment, and then suddenly turn and pick heard him lock the study door after him, and he something up from the ground at the foot of the came down alone. He looked stern and angry; he thorn-bush. She held it out a moment in the moonwas in one of those moods which sometimes took light, and then gave a wild cry of pain. It was a my father was always silent when in these moods. liar kind of lace which she had put on herself. The realm in circulation. You pay your cabman with yet I always thought there was a vivid resemblance water was still and rippleless-save a slight tremor, a dozen screws of greasy paper; you tip the omni-

(children of the neighboring gentry) to pass the vulsively upon her bosom; her lips were drawn Week. tightly across her small white teeth, and we could It began to grow dark about four o'clock, and hear her breathe as though she had been running a witness. She was sharp and wide awake. At the revolutionary cause .- Galignani.

some face, looking more beautiful than ever, lying "Yes," she replied, "and you've got sass enough Halifax. They would consent to any reasonable hensive argument in defence of the Board, its past together with the net earnings of the said Railway, now, at the distance of seventy years. I have heard had been one of us. The furniture, excepting the like a feather amongst the frothing waves; I have out of debt, and don't fear the sheriff.

Hush! I thought I heard it then! My father and here and there my sister's hand had gracefully got to bed, and the ordinary means used for his restoration, while a servant was sent for the doctor.

lie, darling! speak to me, my child!" I knew that my mother was thinking of the dear I never read David's thrilling lament. "Oh, boy in the room above us, for Willie was my mo- Absalom! my son, Absalom!" without thinking of

At last, when we were just despairing, Willie gently opened his eyes—those magnificent eyes of Items, Foreign & Foreign that quick, eager spirit would fret in the study gently opened his eyes-those magnificent eyes o his! There was an unmistakable eestacy on my Sometimes I saw her whisper to my father-and mother's face, the like of which I have never seen then his face grew hard and dark, and my mother's since, and never expect to see again. It was com-

simple airs on the old piano; and then, the boys The many-colored rainbow of Hope now hung choosing their partners from the graceful little over the Vicarage, alas! soon to fade away, leaving maidens, who stood with eager, blushing faces and us but the cold rain and dark clouds of a great sor-

room, the dance began. Whilst this was going on After an hour or two of sleep, Willie awoke, and I saw my father put something into my mother's told my mother how he heard the shouts and laughhand. It was the study key. With a grateful ter of the children in the drawing-room, and how old clock which stood there, I saw it wanted a few that hung from a branch on the other side, thinking rockers upon the bottom, making a serviceable crahe would give them to her; and how he had missed I had not stood more than a minute at the foot of his footing and fallen backwards into the pond. as if he was dying, and that was all he knew. How her bosom, and called him her darling Willie!

The doctor came again, but this time he shook peat his Latin, and failing to do so correctly, he would begin again, saying in beseeching tones.

Willie died one morning, just as the old year was He must have climbed down the side of the old dying amidst frost and snow, repeating his Latin 000. lesson, as my mother held his head, with its splenthe pinnacles of the gables on to the top of the an- did dark hair locks on her bosom, and his little

### The road to poor Farming.

As the road to poor farming is not generally understood, though it be crowded with travellers, we throw up the following landmarks from the Spring- time, from documents furnished by a learned cap- reference to the Inter-colonial Railway was promis- provided. field Republican, for the common benefit. 1. Invest all your capital in land, and run in

debt for more. 2. Hire money to stock farm.

3. Have no faith in your own business, and be king explorations in search of oil. always ready to sell out.

4. Buy mean cows, spavined horses, poor oxen, 5. Feed bog hay and mouldy corn-stacks exclu-

sively, in order to keep your stock tame; fiery cattle are terribly hard on eld rickety waggons and when the Royal Family was unbroken up; but now

oxen need strength; it is cheaper than hay or meal,

that haven't strength to herd. 8. Be cautious about manufacturing manure: it of his wife's family. makes the fields look black and mournful about

planting time; besides it is a deal of work to haul

## The Austrian Currency.

During a residence of some three months in Vien- ney, the carriage was suddenly stopped in the Via useless body, and the report as containing super- made with the Government of that Province for the possession of him when he was disturbed. Though little handkerchief of Willie's, edged with a pecu- na, I never saw a single silver or gold coin of the between them and Willie's outbreakings of passion. which might be caused by the breeze-and reflected bus conductor with a twopenny bank note; you the spot, and the other died the next morning. The lar with his constituents. Mr. Fisher was opposed intituled An Act to authorize a Loan, and for the pay the house-porter in the same way if you return coachman, whose complicity appears probable, has to the bill, but intended to move an amendment construction and management of an Inter-Colonial 11 have left him in the study with a lesson that My father, who was a good swimmer and a stran- home after ten o'clock, you throw a bank-note to ger to fear, quietly took off his coat, and in a mo- the beggar at the church door! You see the mar- of the crime, he instructed the commander of the said the Agriculturalists were not properly repre-I thought I saw a tear start from my mother's ment was down at the bottom of the pool. I shall ket women counting up their paper money when French gendarmerie to lend every assistance to sented at the Board, nor was that important interest to construct a line of Inter-Colonial Railway to eye, as she turned her face to the window and look- never forget the expression of anxiety on my mo. their fruit stalls are emptied; you see the chari- the Roman police. The general impression is served by their deliberations. Mr. Smith was decied out upon the snow, which continued to fall ther's face as she bent over the pool. Her large table dropping into the crimson collecting bags in heavily. It was the anniversary of Emily's birth-day, dark eyes had something awful in the intensity of Company. Some persons, however, seem to think Tilley thought that the law might be improved and empowerand we were expecting a party of young friends their gaze; her thin white hands were clasped con- the critical state of Austrian finances. - Once a that both these robberies were committed by politi- a large amount of saving effected, still the present ed to enter into an agreement with such Company

last the cross examining lawyer out of all pa-It seemed an age before my father reappeared; tience, exclaimed. "Mrs. Lawson, you have brass bours of the sister Province, and it is a laudable one for some years. Mr. Stevens, the Secretary of the said line of Railway shall be efficiently worked, pay

> Your Own Fireside.-If there is a heaven on a clear conscience, and a knowledge that you are

was in the passage, "Whosoever shall smite thee on the right check turn unto him the other also ;" she would have the word "smite" changed to clear to command the means, with Canada in his ture time to prepare for death.

"Father, did you ever have another wife besides

"Because I saw in the old family Bible where you married Anny Dominy, 1855; and that isn't

" Mother, did you hear sissy swear?" "No, my dear; what did she say?" "Why, she said, she wasn't going to wear her darned stockings to church!"

to be hung to a limb of the law.

The Irishmen in California have sent on a brick of solid gold and several bricks of silver to the Feing light when the doctor left us, and Willie was nin fair at Chicago.

declared their preference for Mr. Lincoln as the next President. For the first time in thirty-two years the Washington Globe failed on Wednesday to print any of

the Congressional debates. Searcity of compositors The Coburg Gazette states that her Majesty

attend either Parliament or Cabinet meetings. During a search at a house in Gloucester, Mass. for goods stolen during a recent fire, a ready-made coffin was found with the top knocked off, and dle, in which a babe was comfortably snoozing.

It is stated that the Archduke Joseph of Austria, Gotha, for the hand of the third daughter of Victo-

Revivals are spreading throughout New England, and it is mentioned as one of their marked peculiarities that there is an absence of all excitement.

brick, with a 1000 fr.-note glued on it, which has should ensure a good measure in a short time. Afbeen paid, and will be kept in the Bank Museum of ter this the House went into committee to consider My sister immediately left the piano, and, with need not tell you how my poor father kissed him, Curiosities. It appears that it had been for fifteen certain miscellaneous expenses appearing on the the aid of some cold water, my mother was restored and asked—aye, he the stern disciplinarian, asked years glued on the wall of a peasant's house, and railroad accounts. This matter was brought up by considered as a pictorial curiosity by the man who Mr. W. J. Gilbert, who moved that certain sums lative Council; and Assembly, as follows:-

pidity over the country. In Cincinnati it is worse claims, an amount not charged Mr. Steeves for and completion of the following lines of Railway, breath quick and hot, and he trembled as though he than ever before known; in Cleveland, Ohio, it is freight of his horses and carriage on the road, for that is to say: said there are upwards of 1,200 cases; and in Co- the use, it was alleged, of his Excellency the Lieu- A Main Line from the City of St. John to the lumbus and other places it is very bad. It seems to tenant Governor, and for fares not charged mem- State of Maine, running as near as may be by the

have started from the camps and hospitals. The Chicago Tribune says, everything indicates that the campaign of the present year will be more ceded it; and that instead of meeting a starved, demoralised enemy, the Federals shall meet larger inauguration of the rebellion.

At the Armory in Springfield, Mass., 27,700 muskets were made in January-the largest num- of as an Inter-Colonial one. ber ever manufactured in a single month.

aries. has been presented to the Museum of Prague | the people for a speedy and favorable journey should | sions, shall also in all cases be subject to the approby the Chevalier Lipwoski.

Two volumes of Napoleon III.'s " Life of Casar' are ready; but they are, according to the Memorial Diplomatique, not to appear as yet, since His Matain of the Gente corps.

A district has been discovered in Russia of simil ormation to that of the oil-producing regions of Canada and Pensylvania, and an American has obtained a tract of 50,000 acres upon which he is ma-

ALLEGED JARS IN THE ROYAL FAMILY.—The London correspondent of the Witness says :- " The re Leonard's, near Hasting, gives rise to some curious -beauties of runts, thin in the hams and pot bel- residence in the Isle of Wight is farther attributed fish fried and boiled, and didn't want fish at all. lied; but be sure and keep their blood thin by to an unfortunate divergence in the politics of the Royal Family-the Queen, as it is pretty well People's Bank of New Brunswick. This is the scanty herbage; animals are safest to breed from known, taking the German view of the question Fredericton Bank. The capital stock is to be \$60.

letter from Rome gives an account of a most audacious crime committed in one of the most frequent- Mr. Cudlip's bill to abolish the Agricultural 9. Never waste time setting out fruit and shade ed thoroughfares of the city. M. Baldini, a money Board was committed. The mover intimated that changer, who has a shop in the Corso, but resides the Provincial Grant for Agricultural purposes was trees; fruit and leaves rotting around a place make at some distance, has long been in the habit of re- wasted in paying the expenses of delegates and removing his specie to his dwelling house after busi- presentatives travelling all over the Province, inness hours, in a backney coach. On the evening of stead of being appropriated to the various County completion of a line to connect with the Province the crime, when two cierks were conveying the mo- Societies. Col. Boyd denounced the Society as a of Nova Scotia, until satisfactory arrangements are Lucina by three men, one of whom held the horse fluous information, as the newspapers convey to the completion of the connexion with the Nova Scotia while the two others poinarded the clerks, seized country all the information that is there to be Railways. the money amounting to 10,000 scudi (53,000fr.) found. Mr. Hatheway made an eloquent appeal in and got clear off. One of the clerks was killed on favor of the Board and the grant, which was popu- in the twenty sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, been arrested, but the robbers have not been discovered. As soon as Gen. de Montebello was informed shall have to pay their own expenses. Mr. Cudlip Company or body corporate, now or hereafter to be that the perpetrators belong to the same band that dedly in favor of the bill but, modestly, preferred to such guarantee or assurance of their ability as the recently stole 30,000 scudi from the Roman Railway hear the opinions of the farmers in the House. Mr. Governor in Council may deem necessary; the Govcal desperadoes belonging to the party of action to was an improvement upon the old system. Mr. or Body Corporate, for the construction of such line raise the 500,000fr. which a recent manifesto of Ferris was in favor of the bill, as the law was very upon the following terms :- That upon the comple-Sass and Brass.—Old Mrs. Lawson was called as Mazzini declared to be necessary for the success of unpopular in his County. Mr. Hatheway urged tion of such line of Railway, in efficient operation

after all. regarded from any other standpoint but Provincial Board, made an eloquent and compre- to the said Company or Body Corporate, a sum which fice to make St. John an Atlantic terminus. They accrue from it. Those who opposed were ignorant the actual cost of the said line so agreed to be built, earth, it is on a soft couch by your fireside, your would move heaven and earth to be the great out- Mr. Smith, notwithstanding the glowing pictures 7. The Governor in Council is hereby authorized wife on one side, and a smiling baby on the other, let for Canada and the great West, and to be con- which had been drawn of the doings of this Board, to issue from time to time for the purposes of this nected with Portland by rail, and thereby with the was still determined to look at the practical results Act, Debentures payable either in New Brunentire American Republic. More effectually to ac- of this body, and in this light he did not think its swick currency or Sterling money, to be numbered complish this, we should not be surprised to find operations were such as to warrant its continuance. consecutively, with coupons annexed bearing them organizing and subsidizing a system of Bay A young lady once remarked that there was one steamers, the better in that case to monopolize the of the Farmers the Board of Agriculture had not annually, in such form verified and authenticated in trade from Cumberland, from the Basin of Minas, proved of any real benefit to the country, and he such manner, in such amounts not less than one from Annapolis, Digby and our whole southern would favor the provisions of the bill, to come into hundred pounds each, and on such conditions as the Bay of Fundy shore. And Tilley is just the man operation at some certain period, in the future, giv- Governor in Council may prescribe. The principossessing the foresight, if he can only see his way ing the agricultural societies and Board of Agricul- pal of such Debentures to be paid in full after the rear to entertain and carry out a bold, comprehensive scheme like that here sketched. - Nova Scotian.

The Times Paris correspondence announces the Sanford Fleming which are as follows: "No, my boy; what possesses you to ask such important fact that Minister Dayton had served a written notification upon the French Emperor, that if the rebel cruiser Rappahanock, now at Calais, is do to American commerce. It is also announced and examination of the territory through which the that the French Government has issued more strin- proposed line of Railway, between this Province ligerents. Among other things specified in these would run. regulations are two to the effect that no vessels of | 2. This survey and examination are intended for either of the belligerents can remain in port more the purpose of enabling the Government of Canada than 24 hours, unless by stress of weather or for to form an estimate of the practicability of the pronecessary repairs, and that no vessel can return to posed undertaking, and of the probable cost, in or-Don't marry an attorney; it must be a sad thing a French port after leaving it on a less time than der that the expediency of engaging in the work tions. three months.

#### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FREDERICTON, March 23, 1864. We did not, we believe, state at the proper time; that supply was furnished on the 21st. The items we published some time since; there were no amendments offered. The item of \$10,000 for the Eight thousand school houses have been erected militia service was discussed. Col. Boyd recomin Russia since the emancipation of the serfs took mended that the militia or some 1000 of them should be turned out every year, and pay them for Fifteen State Legislatures and Conventions have their time while undergoing field or battalion movements. Mr. Smith thought the \$10,000 would be better appropriated to the bye-roads and bridges of the country. Mr. Gray would gladly vote for \$20,-000. Mr. Tilley admitted that there was room for improvement, but the present law must finish the term, 3 years, for which it had been enacted.

This morning the Bankrupt bill, originally prepared by a Commission, at a cost of several hundred pounds, and which Mr. Skinner has now charge of, he having reduced its sections, modified The Duke of Newcastle remains too unwell to and made more practicable its provisions, was committed, and a lengthy discussion had. Every hon. member who spoke, and nearly every one had something to say, expressed themselves favorable to a Bankrupt law, but seemed equally determined that this bill should not pass. Mr. Cudlip's practical and practicable suggestion that the bill had better able pass, and then it could, from time to time; be improved as experience dictated, will scarcely be followed. Probably the wise men who rule our desria, the Princess Helena, who will see her 18th times will not set to work in earnest about this important matter, until nearly the whole country becomes insolvent, and then, as in the case of the last one, some means will be hurriedly adopted. Progress was reported and the bill committed to a select committee on which, with others; are Messrs. A notary has forwarded to the Bank of France a Skinner, Smith, Watters, Cudlip. This reference

> last night, has expressed the opinion that any road Andrews Line; and another Branch to connect the on the western side of the river is not to be thought European and North American Railway with Hills-

It is also said that his Excellency the Governor, not be the less readily given.

ed to be laid before the House. But the despatch 4. If any Company or body corporate now or

Mr. Fisher introduced a bill to incorporate a

the act, the remainder within three years. AUDACIOUS ROBBERY AND MURDER IN ROME. - A Four St. John bills were severally committed and summarily disposed of by 3 months postponement. "We know the spirit that animates our neighter, and therefore the law should not be repealed shall each and every year thereafter, in which the amount of taxation in New Brunswick—any sacri- operations, and the prospective benefits likely to shall be equal to the interest of six per cent. upon would eventually subsidize companies and construct of what they decried, and sought to obtain popular- such sum not to exceed in any one year the sum of lines up the North Shore to Miramichi; - they ity, by raising an ignorant cry of extravagance. \$20.000 currency.

Progress was reported. the instructions of the Canadian Government to Mr. currency payable at the Treasury in New Brun-

SECRETARY'S OFFICE QUEBEC, 11 March 1864. allowed to proceed to sea, the French Government 1. You are instructed on the part of the Governwill be held responsible for all the damage she may ment of Canada to proceed immediately to a survey gent regulations concerning the cruisers of the bel- and those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia,

itself may be judged of in a satisfactory manner.

3. The information so obtained will also be at the service of the other Governments interested if de-

4. On a general examination of the country you will consider the routes which have on previous occasions been contemplated for the object in question, as well as any others which may seem to you

worthy of attention. 5. Your notice will be especially given to any obstacles which may present themselves as requiring serious expense to surmount, and the best methods of overcoming such obstacles, or of avoiding them

by deviations from the direct line. 6. You will also pay attention to the distance of what may in other respects appear the most eligible line from the Frontier of the United States at var-

7. You will make your calculations in the matter of the probable cost of the work with a due regard to economy, but at the same time to full efficiency. 8. Similar considerations will guide you as re-

gards the survey and examination, 9. You will endeavour to act in cordial and harmonious spirit with any persons who may be appointed either on the part of the Sister Colonies or of the Imperial Government to co-operate with you. 10. The completion of the survey and examination at as early a period as possible is highly desir-

11. You will report your progress from time to time, to the Provincial Secretary of Canada. I have, &c ..

A. J. FERGUSON BLAIR, (Signed.) The following is the bill prepared by the Govern-

ment; for Railway extension. AN ACT. IN AID OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS.

Whereas it is deemed advisable to aid the construction of Railways in this Province : Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legis-

paid the Solicitor General for preparing papers, 1. That Provincial aid, in the matter hereinafter The small pox is spreading itself with fearful ra- Hon. W. H. Steeves for investigating railway provided, shall be given towards the construction

> bers of the Government when passing over the road, Douglas Valley, and a Line from some point on the be paid the railway department. Some of these European and North American Railway to the matters are disgustingly small to require the grave Boundary of Nova Scotia; also an extension of the deliberations of the Legislature, and should never European and North American Railway to Miramhave been allowed by the gentlemen connected to ichi; and also a Branch to connect the main line occur in a way to appear thus publicly. Progress with the City of Fredericton; another Branch from the Town of Woodstock to connect with the present-It is rumored here that Mr. Fleming, the Cana- St. Andrews Line; another Branch from the Town dian Surveyor, who arrived at the Barker House of Saint Stephen to connect with the said Saint

borough, in the County of Albert. 2. The several lines of Railway and Branches and The idea of connecting Liverpool and Birkenhead leaves for England about the 13th of next month, Extensions to be constructed under the provisions. by means of a tunnel under the Mersey is again some say to see his girl, others that more grave and of this Act, shall be made on such grades and with started in Liverpool. It is estimated to cost £400,- weighty matters call him hence just now; our con- such gauges and curvatures, and of such class and clusion from the rumor is that the House will close character respectively, as the Governer in Council An immense Map of China executed in the sev- early in April in consequence, and if his Excellency shall determine; and the routes and locations of the enteenth century by a number of Catholic mission- thus helps us to a short session, the good wishes of said lines and the said several branches and exten-

val of the Governor in Council 3. The aid to be granted to the said Lines of Rail-Some St. John bills having been attended to, Mr. | way and the said Branches and extensions in the Smith rose and stated that he found on reference to first Section of this Act specified, shall be at the jesty is going to revise them, for the sixth or seventh the Governor's speech, that all correspondence in rate of \$10,000 per mile, to be paid as hereinafter

from our Government, the answer to which from hereafter to be organized, possessing sufficient capithe Duke of Newcastle was read the other day, was tal, shall offer to construct the first before mention not included in the correspondence, which was in |cd Lines of Railways, or any of them, and shall give consequence incomplete. That despatch was dated such assurance or guarantee of their ability as the 15th February, one day before the Legislature met. Governor in Council may deem necessary; the Gov-But as the despatch had not been laid before the ernor in Council is hereby empowered and author-House he now moved a resolution to the effect that | ized to consent and agree to the building of the said this letter and all other correspondence on the sub- lines, or any of them, by such Company or Body sidence of the Prince and Princess of Wales at St. ject of the railway had with Canada. Nova Scotia, Corporate, such agreement to be in the name of the or the Home Government, since the 15th February, Queen, and subject to such securities, clauses and gossip. It is asked. Why are they not at Osborne? be laid before the House. The Provincial Secretary conditions for protecting the public interests and said that the despatch could not be brought before for securing the due completion of such Line or the Legislature before it had been received by the Lines of Railways as the Governor in Council may that, like all grown up families the elder children Duke of Newcastle. It was generally conceeded deem necessary; and so soon as it shall be satisfac-6. Use the oil of hickory freely whenever your are dispersed in various directions, there might that it would be unparliamentary and discorteous torily proved to the Governor in Council that any surely be found room for the heir to the throne, in- to the Duke of Newcastle to put the public in pos- such Company or Body Corporate shall have bona stead of allowing him, his wife and infant child, to session of the contents of a letter sent him. before fide expended the sum of \$100,000 in actual work keeps the hair lively, and pounds out all the grubs. occupy the unseemly position of a lodger at an or-7. Select calves for stock that the butchers shun dinary hotel. The exclusion from the royal marine ral said Mr. Smith was hard to please. He wanted shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to pay to such Company or Body Corporate the sum of \$20,000 being a portion of the said aid, and so in like manner from time to time pro rata until the whole of the said Road undertaken by the said while the Prince naturally stands by the interests 000, in \$20 shares. The first half of the stock is Company or Body Corporate shall be fully completto be paid in within two years after the passage of ed and in efficient operation, with all necessary Station Houses and with substantial and sufficient Locomotives and other Rolling Stock for the accommodation of passengers and transportation of merchandize, when the balance of the said aid hereby authorized, amounting to the sum of \$10,000 per mile, and no more, shall be paid to such Company or Body Corporate.

5. No agreement shall be entered into for the

6. In case the Act of Assembly made and passed organized, possessing sufficient capital, shall offer that time had not yet been given for a popular con- for the accommodation of passengers and transporclusion to be arrived at with reference to the mat- tation of merchandize; the Governor in Council

Mr. S. H. Gilbert was satisfied that in the opinion interest at six per cent, per annum, payable semiexpiration of thirty years to the holders thereof; the debentures in Sterling money payable in The Provincial Secretary laid before the House London, and the debentures in New Brunswick

8. The Governor in Council are hereby authorized, from time to time, to appoint during pleasure a fit and proper person as Engineer on behalf of this Province, whose duty it shall be to watch over this Province in the construction of the several Lines of Railway hereinbefore specified, and the said Branches

9. When any of the Lines of Railway in this Act mentioned, or the said Branches or extensions, shall pass through Crown Lands, the Governor in Council shall grant, for the purposes of such Road necessary Crown Lands for Tracks, Sidings, and Sta-

10. That for the purpose of securing the due and