

melancholy to see such a man as the accomplished Editor of the Westminster, so besotted by the dregs of the drugs of Radicalism, as to admit into its boards the blaguardisms of that consummate blockhead—the Ass of the Age, who brays himself into a mortar. The cuddy is a coxcomb too, and must needs have a wreath of dockens round his ears, as if he were a victor crowned at the Olympic Games. But in the midst of his capers, independently altogether of his ears, at every step on his hind legs he betrays the doukey. No animal more difficult of concealment than your ass, and your son of an ass. He ought never to go in character to a masquerade. There he goes—obvious to all eyes—the Knight of the Thistle. One domino after another thwacks him across head or tail—there is little difference between the two in shape or sound—yet in the inscrutable obstinacy of his being, he will not budge from the cudgel, but opposes bone to bludgeon with a determination of purpose that, in a higher cause, would make the helot a hero.

We allude to Long-Ears now, merely to illustrate, by this Vicar of Bray, the character of the stupid and insolent radicals who have been bawling the lower orders into rebellion. And what think you of Dr. Bowring himself—advertising as a puff preliminary to a new number of his Review, that the people have already expressed their opinion on Reform, and that now is the time for every man of them to take his part in revolution? And what think ye of a Ministry, who take such a man into their employment, and send him over to Paris to learn how to conduct accounts! The Imbeciles!

SPIRIT OF THE PROVINCIAL JOURNALS.

ST. JOHN OBSERVER. MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—In our last we informed our readers that the Lieutenant Governor had called a meeting of His Majesty's Council, to deliberate and decide upon proper measures to be taken in the matter of the Revenue Law, of late the subject of so much anxious discussion. The result of their deliberations has been, the calling of a Special Session of the Legislature, to meet at Fredericton on Thursday 3d May next, as will be seen by the Governor's Proclamation. The PECULIARITIES of the Act in question, originated no doubt in an oversight of the House, and will, it is to be hoped, prove a salutary lesson on all future occasions.—A Law regulating the imports of the Province, by which so large a portion of its inhabitants must be guided in their commercial transactions, imperiously demands at least the ATTENTION of the Legislature, and no pains shall be spared to render its language free from ambiguity and incapable of misconstruction.

As to the question of the members receiving pay for their attendance at this extra Session,—“Let it not be so much as named”—Certes, the public spirit of the Members would revolt at the insulting idea of any remuneration, either in the shape of TRAVELLING CHARGES or for their attendance in the House. Too happy must they feel at the opportunity afforded them of atoning for their error, and repairing the evils of the late Revenue Law, by the enactment of another, more congenial to the interest of our commerce and the feelings of the People.

Yesterday morning, 23d April, the thermometer stood at thirteen degrees above zero! Wind North-west and clear. A further proof of the intense coldness of the weather yesterday, was furnished by the chilling sight of ICE formed at the bows of the vessels coming into harbour. Such a backward spring is scarcely recollected by our oldest inhabitant.

Symptoms of Fever having been observed among some of the passengers on board the ship Pallas, arrived yesterday from Cork, via Halifax, it was deemed prudent to detain that vessel a short time at the quarantine ground, to give time for further observation. We are happy to learn that she has since been released.

ST. JOHN COURIER.—The Compass. By a paragraph in one of our late English papers, we observe that the Pantheon, 10 guns, Lieut. Dawson, would proceed to sea in a few days, from Portsmouth, with Colonel Graydon, Royal Engineers, on board, to try the efficacy of a newly invented Celestial Compass, the properties of which are said to be the showing the true variation, true latitude, and true influence of the ship on the common steering compass, at sight. Colonel G. was for some time stationed in this Province, and is well known to many of our readers as a gentleman of the most extensive scientific knowledge.

HALIFAX JOURNAL.—Small Pox. The small pox has made its appearance among the passengers on board the brig Wellington at quarantine.

QUEBEC CAZETTE.—The last English mail brought authority for the construction of an Armoury in the Citadel. The arms, amounting to about 20,000 stand, were removed from the Ordnance Stores, at Palace Gate, to the Citadel last summer.

The official notification of the separation of the Port of Montreal from that of Quebec, as regards the Customs' department, has been received by the chief officers of Customs here.

EUROPE.

IRELAND.

CHOLERA IN BELFAST.—We are sorry to find that the Cholera has at length, appeared in this town. A person named Geo. M'Keown, a man employed about the lighters, was seized on Thursday night last. It was hoped, at first, that his case was going on favourably; but, on Saturday, it took a decided turn for the worse, and he died yesterday, about 1 o'clock, p. m. His wife and son, lived in the same room with him, in Johnny's entry, off Talbot-street, were seized early on Sunday morning, and were sent to the Cholera Hospital, at 10 o'clock. This son, a young man of 27 years of age, however; sunk rapidly, and died about 9 o'clock p. m. Before his death, he assumed the blue colour, which marks the most exquisite form of the disease. We hope that the woman will recover, as we hear that her case is of a milder character. In the evening the brother of Geo. M'Keown, a man living in Grattan-street, having shown some promitory symptoms of the disease, it was thought advisable to send him to the Hospital, as he had frequently during the course of the illness, been in the room with his brother.

The following is the official report of the Belfast Board of Health:—

“Board of Health, Belfast, March, 18, 1832.

“SIR,—It is with great regret, that we acquaint you, for the information of the merchants, and the town at large, that the Indian cholera has manifested itself in this town. Four cases have occurred in the last three days, two of which have been declared this day to be decided cases of Oriental cholera, by the medical members of this Board.” (Signed by the Members of the Board)

The grant of £40,000, for the relief of the Clergy in Ireland, will be issued from the Treasury in a few days.

SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW, March 21.—Total cases since 12th Feb 423; deaths 219; recoveries 164. During the last two days the number of new cases has been large, and the deaths numerous in proportion. A good many of the cases have occurred on the south side of the river. On Monday there were six cases reported from Gorbals, two from High street, one from Gallowgate, one from Jeffery's Cross, Goosedubbs, two from Calton, and one from the Town's Hospital. Yesterday there were five additional cases in the Gorbals, three from Calton, three from Anderston, three from the lower part of the town, and one from West Regent Street.

Cholera is gradually spreading over the country, particularly in the parish of Old Monkland. We formerly mentioned that it had been carried to Cowdyke, near Airdrie, it has now reached Calder Iron Works, where several cases have occurred, and some deaths. There have been 46 deaths in all the Parish of Old Monkland. The excellent precautions adopted by the authorities of New Monkland have hitherto prevented the pestilence from being carried to Airdrie.

The uncommon mildness of the season in the Baltic has allowed many of our vessels to leave the port sooner this spring for the east country trade than ever we remember, and during the last week, from the preparations of some, and the sailing of others of our ships, engaged in the Whale Fishery, and the departure of several vessels for America, our quays have exhibited a scene of unusual bustle. The number of emigrants from this quarter for America this season is considerable, several of our traders have taken out from 50 to 60 passengers.—*Dundee Courier*

EDINBURGH.—This city has been entirely free from cholera for the last eight days.—The disease has been totally extinct for a week at Musselburgh.—In the other villages in the same neighbourhood it is rapidly subsiding.

The disorder is stated to have appeared at Perth.

MISCELLANEOUS EUROPEAN ITEMS.

CHOLERA.—In London, the disease has spread to the following parts:—Tower, Limehouse, Thadwell, Ratcliff, Poplar, Bermondsey, Southwark, Newington, Butts, Camberwell Lambeth, Christ Church, Westminster, Chelsea, St. George's in the East. St. Luke's Bethnel-Green, Old Brentford, Wandsworth. Woolwich, Afloat on the River—total number of cases to the 24th March, 1260—deaths, 680; of which number, 500 cases and 252 deaths, had occurred in Southwark alone.—On the Surry side of the water the disease is said to be diminishing.

At Ely, Cambridgeshire, to 22d March, 15 cases, 6 deaths—South Shields, 22d, 17 cases, 8 deaths—Coldstream, 21st, 113 cases, 38 deaths—Hetton, 17th 6 cases, 1 death—Porto Bello, 20th, 35 cases, 20 deaths—Water of Leith, 21st, 48 and 24—Bonnington, 21st, 4 and 1—Greenock, 21st, 40 and 21—Glasgow and suburbs, 21st, 423 and 117—Maryhill, 21st, 25 and 23—Paisley, 21st, 260 and 144—Pollock-shaws, 21st, 8 and 3—Falkirk, 21st, 34 and 16. Total, 1058 cases, 522 deaths. Total from places where the disease has ceased, or from which no returns have been received, 5726 cases, 1647 deaths.—Grand Total, (exclusive of London) 6784 cases, 2169 deaths.

TITHES.—A meeting of the owners and occupiers of land of several adjacent parishes was held on Tuesday, at Car Green, Cornwall to petition the legislature on the subject of the present system of tithes.—As this is the first meeting of the sort in England, we give the petition, which was unanimously adopted:—“That your petitioners being impressed with the many and grievous evils arising from the present system, do earnestly implore your right honourable house to remove so intolerable a burden. That the present mode of paying the clergy by tithes is injurious to religion, and contrary to sound policy. That your petitioners are fully persuaded that tithes are public property, and may be disposed of in any way the legislature may deem fit. Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray your right honourable house to restore to the people of England their ancient and legal rights. Your petitioners also most humbly pray your right honourable house to remove all ecclesiastics from political power—to disunite Church and State; allowing every parish to choose its own minister. That your petitioners bear with regret that coercive measures are in contemplation to be enforced against the tithe payers in Ireland. Your petitioners therefore earnestly pray your right honourable house to suspend all proceedings against their Irish brethren respecting tithes.”

It gives us great pleasure to learn that our gallant and chivalrous countryman, Lord Cochrane, will be immediately restored to his rank in the navy. This will be received as a boon by every individual in that branch of the public service.—*Scotsman*.

LORD BROUGHAM.—Should his health permit, we suppose the Lord Chancellor will undertake the management of the Reform Bill in the Committee of the House of Lords.

THE BISHOPS.—We understand the Reform Bill will pass through the second reading in the House of Lords by a very considerable majority, and that the Archbishop of York, the Bishops of London and Litchfield, with nine other prelates, will certainly vote for it. The Archbishop of Canterbury and some others will, it is said, absent themselves from the House during the discussion.—*Globe*.

MR. MACAULAY.—It is rumoured in London that Ministers are desirous of securing the powerful aid of Mr. Macaulay, and that, with a view of enlisting his great talents most effectively in the service of the public, they have requested his acceptance of office.—Should this be correct which seems very probable, and should Mr Macaulay accept office, the Administration will have strengthened its bands by obtaining the active support of one of the ablest and most upright of our senators.

IRISH MEMBERS.—The resolutions agreed to at the last meeting of the Irish members were, that they would not support any proposition brought forward by the Government having for its object the resort to coercive measures for enforcing the payment of the arrears of tithes; at the same time, if the government thought proper to make advances out of the consolida-