

English and Foreign Extracts.

PRESENT FOR THE KING OF ASHANTEE.—That most useful and energetic body, the Wesleyan Missionary Society, having found means, through the enterprise of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, of the Western African Mission, to interest the King of Ashantee in the proceedings of the missionaries in that part of Africa, has, out of gratitude for the toleration and attention displayed by his Majesty towards Mr. Freeman, and in return for his kind reception of that gentleman at his capital Coomassie, resolved upon making the King a present, suited as well to his dignity as to the high importance of the object which the Wesleyan mission has in view, that, namely, of extending the blessings of Christianity through this vast though benighted continent. An order has been given to Mr. Sims, of No. 51, Great Queen street, Long-acre, to build a carriage for the African monarch, which order has been executed in a style to do credit as well to the munificence of the donors as to the skill and taste of the builder. The vehicle which is now on view at Mr. Sims' manufactory, is a George the Fourth's Pony Phaeton for two horses; the colours chosen are a light blue, picked out with silvered moldings, and plated fittings, and the hood is of crimson leather. Mr. Sims having been instructed to avoid the introduction of black, that tint being highly offensive (or probably considered ominous) to the optics of the Ashantee court. Altogether the appearance of the carriage is so elegant, and its proportions are so just, that we have very little doubt the ensuing spring will witness the display in our own public drives of one or more copies, nor is there the least reason to accuse the decorator of having been too lavish or gaudy in his department of the work. The harness is of light coloured leather, with silver mounting adorned with a "celestial crown," which is also repeated on the panels, whereon are inscribed the initials "Q. D." for Quaque Doah, that being the Ashantee monarch's patronymic. We understand Mr. Freeman is about shortly to return to the west coast of Africa, accompanied by several other missionary labourers in this extensive field, and the carriage above described will be shipped, for the purpose of being conveyed to Coomassie (which is a very populous city, upwards of 130 miles from Cape Coast Castle), where it will be ceremoniously presented to Quaque Doah. *Morning Herald.* [The carriage, which fully merits the description given of it above, will remain for inspection a week or two longer.]

FORTIFICATIONS OF PARIS.—The contractors for the portions of the continuous enclosure for the fortifications of Paris, from Charonne to the Butte St. Chamont, from the Porte Maillot to the village of Auteuil, from the Canal St. Denis to the Royal route, No. 1, from the Park of Neuilly to that route, by the road of La Revolte, and of the whole line enveloping the Grande and Petite Vilette, have been proceeding with the excavations with increased activity since the return of fine weather. More than 10,000 men were at work on Sunday and yesterday, and the different points were visited by crowds of Parisians. Already, upon a portion of the line, the ditch of the outer wall is so far advanced, that the spectator can judge of the form of the intended fortifications. The works of masonry will commence shortly between Muteuil and the Port Maillot, and also beyond Belleville. *Galignani's Messenger.*

The official returns state that the number of houses destroyed by the late inundations on the banks of the Saone, in the Department de l'Ain, as 1094.

Some Jews in Russia having sent their sons abroad to avoid military service, the Emperor has ordered that every Jew shall furnish two recruits for each son sent out of the country.

M. Cremieux in passing through Athens, on his return home from Alexandria and Constantinople, received the honor of a grand dinner given him by the bar of that capital, and was congratulated on the successful result of the endeavours of himself and Sir Moses Montefiore, in behalf of the Jews of Damascus.

A dreadful accident occurred on the 23d, on board the Medea, off Alexandria. A bombardier was examining a shell which had just been taken out of the gun-room, when the fuse, cut for four seconds, was observed to have accidentally ignited. It exploded immediately, blowing the bombardier almost to atoms, severely wounding the gunner, and in a most wonderful manner throwing the gunnery-officer (who was going up the ladder on to the upper-deck) some distance up, burning his coat completely off his back, with the exception of the sleeves, and not hurting him in the least. The captain was slightly wounded in three places; the master so severely that he was not expected to live; and several other persons were more or less hurt. The whole of the bulkheads from the afterpart of the engine room to the captain's cabin were knocked down, the upper deck was forced up and one beam broken, and almost every particle of property in the cabins and mess places of the officers was destroyed.

THE LIONS AT THE AMPHITHEATRE.—On Wednesday evening, just before the animals were fed, a most extraordinary scene took place. Mr. Carter having gone through his performances, left the den, as usual, accompanied by one of the leopards. He had hardly been off the stage a minute when the lion and tiger commenced a terrific fight. The scene was most extraordinary; the whole of the company assembled on the stage prepared to take flight, and the audience were in a moment in the greatest excitement. Mr. Carter hearing something unusual, rushed on the stage, and in an instant was in the cage, and threw himself between the combatants, felling the lion on one side, and hurling the tiger to the other. A wild burst of applause rewarded this daring feat, and was loudly continued when the excited animals were seen to cower into the corners of the den in the most abject state of subservience. The effect of this was remarkable in the extreme. In a cage, hardly 10 feet square, stood a man, unarmed and alone, so perfect a master of the wildest and most savage creatures of the forest, that they forgot their animosity to each other, and actually trembled with fear at his presence! The attitude of the lion-tamer, and the position of the animals im-

mediately after they were parted, formed one of the finest and most interesting groups ever beheld. *Liverpool paper.*

A citizen of Konigsberg, lately deceased, has left 25,000 thalers (125,000*l.*) to be placed out at interest, which is to accumulate for 250 years, and then to be employed in the founding of an homeopathic establishment. He has named a physician for the proposed foundation, whose salary of 2,000 thalers is to begin at once.

THE PARIS PEACE PARTY.—A new journal is about to be established in Paris, called the *Patriote de 1840*, founded by the chief capitalists, and having for its aim to propagate the principle of peace, in contradistinction to the principle of the present opposition, said to be whr.

During the flooding of the Rhone, a mother escaped on the roof of one house, leaving her two children on a bed in an upper room, and thirty three hours after they were found alive floating on the water, with the body of the house dog beside them, whose warmth, it is probable, had alone enabled them to sustain animation.

The despatch in which Commodore Napier announced to Admiral Stopford the taking of Sidon (Saida) was written upon a small scrap of paper in the following words:—"Dear Sir, I have taken Sidon and 2,000 prisoners; I am very tired and very hungry.—Yours, C. Napier."

The sciences have just suffered a great loss, by the death of the celebrated astronomer, Von Littrow, director of the observatory, and professor of astronomy in the University of Vienna.

A private letter from Augsburg states, that on the 25th ult., several ladies of the royal family arrived in that city from Munich by railway, and that after dinner they called for cigars, and even entered the town-hall smoking.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPLOSIONS OF GAS.—On Saturday last, as Mr. and Mrs. Hake, of Bartholomew-yard, Exeter, were sitting with their family in the parlour, a violent explosion took place which was evidently produced by gas, though there was no gas-light in the house. The concussion was something like the shock of an earthquake; the chairs were lifted from their places; the flooring was raised; glass smashed, and the hearth-stone thrown upon the table. The occurrence caused the utmost alarm, although no personal injury was sustained. Mr. Hake and his family got out of the room by the window; and immediate search was made by the officers of the Gas Company to ascertain how the gas had got into the house. But as two of the men were raising the flooring into a small room behind the parlour, another tremendous explosion took place which lifted one of the men to the ceiling, and scattered the furniture in all directions. A carpet was torn into strips, and a brick wall was greatly damaged. It was at length discovered that there was a leakage in the main gas-pipe in the street, from which the gas must have made its way through an old drain, underneath the flooring, from which it got into the rooms. The escape of so many persons under such circumstances appears to be almost miraculous. *Cornwall Gazette.*

TESTIMONIAL IN HONOUR OF WILLIAM THE FOURTH.—On Friday, the Commissioners of Sewers at Guildhall were much pleased at the exhibition of the model of a small marble granite column, at the top of which was placed a figure of William the Fourth, executed by Mr. Nixon, a rising artist, and proposed to be erected in honour of his late Majesty in the wide space in King William street, leading to London bridge. The Commissioners have determined to fix a small column for the safety of passengers in the place described, and it is thought that the opportunity is a good one for raising a grateful memorial to the late King, who opened the bridge amidst the acclamations of the citizens of London, who never failed to express the warmth of their loyalty and attachment to His Majesty. The column and figure of granite would cost about £2,500. The estimate is, we understand, £2,300. As the erection of a monument would be a very great ornament, and would serve other good purposes, the Commissioners intend to take the matter into consideration on Tuesday, and it is believed that a Resolution will be adopted recommending the proposition to the Court of Common Council.

LEAPING OFF RAILWAY TRAINS FOR HATS.—As the mixed train of the Taff Vale Railway was going up on Monday last, a third class passenger, having his hat blown off, most rashly and madly jumped from the train to recover it, whilst going at the rate of 35 miles an hour. He was observed to make a complete summerset in the air, but providentially falling on soft ground, he escaped with a dislocated shoulder, and numerous cuts and bruises, which, it is hoped, will be a sufficient lesson against any repetition of such dangerous rashness in future. *British Journal.*.... A sailor, travelling on the North Midland Railway, last week, had his hat blown off. He leaped from the train to recover it, and was killed on the spot. *Sheffield Iris.*

It appears that the French are trying to get up a quarrel with the Emperor of Morocco, (a second edition of that at Algiers, and no doubt with the same ultimate intentions,) a conquest of whose fertile dominions would amply repay them for their expenses and losses in Algeria. The possession of Tangier and the adjacent coast, (and why not also Ceuta, notwithstanding its being now garrisoned by Spaniards?) would give them the command of the very entrance to the Mediterranean; and in the event of a future war, it would prevent those supplies which during the last war we constantly received from Tangier and Tetuan for the garrison of Gibraltar and (what was even of greater importance) for the fleet then blockading Cadiz under Lord Collingwood, without which our ships could not have continued there, as they did, and but for which the glorious victory of Trafalgar might not have been achieved. *Correspondent of the Times.*

It has been determined to proceed without further delay with the plan proposed in the Bishop of London's letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury for providing a fund for the en-

dowment of bishoprics in our colonies and foreign possessions. Her Majesty the Queen Dowager has announced her intention of contributing the munificent sum of £2,000; the Archbishop of Canterbury, £1,000; the Bishop of London, £1,000; the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has voted a grant of £10,000; the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, £5,000; the Church Missionary Society has declared its intention of contributing liberally to the same object; the Colonial Church Society has subscribed £400. We have reason to believe that the first object to which the fund will be applied will be the endowment, or part endowment, of bishoprics in Malta and in New Zealand. *Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry arrived at Constantinople, after an unpleasant voyage down the Danube, on the 5th of November. The Marquis was to be presented to the Sultan in a day or two after his arrival. He received at Constantinople an address of thanks, beautifully embossed in gold, from the Association of Officers of the British Auxiliary Legion of Spain, expressive of their thanks for the distinguished services conferred on them by his Lordship's advocacy of their claims in Parliament.

Brigadier General Sir Charles F. Smith, K. C. B., commander of the troops employed in Syria, is second son of the late Mr. George Smith, of Barham, near this city, and received his education at the Durham Grammar School, where he gave early promise of those transcendent talents and that enterprising spirit which have since so eminently distinguished him. Sir Charles was born July 9, 1786, and is consequently in the 55th year of his age. *Durham Chronicle.*

On the Serpentine river, in Hyde Park, on Christmas day, it is calculated there were during the day nearly 40,000 persons on the ice. The thermometer at six o'clock yesterday evening had sunk to 18 degrees, or 14 degrees below freezing.

Among the new sources of traffic we see the arrival at Sydney of 10,000 bushels of wheat from Valparaiso, in South America, a distance of nearly half the circumference of the globe.

It is rumoured that Lord Barham will be created Earl of Guisborough on the christening of the Princess Royal. *Morning Herald.*

Great complaints are made of the numbers of light sovereigns now in circulation: of a parcel of about 18,000 sent into the Bank of England last week, 1,000 were rejected as short of weight.

The Scots Fusilier Guards, not to be outdone by the other regiments who have animals marching before the band—have purchased an enormous white or Polar bear, whom they have christened Bill. He is so tame, that the smallest drummer may play with him with impunity.

Father Mathew stated the other day, in the course of a speech at New Ross, that the number of Irish Tee-Totallers is 3,300,000.

The London Atlas, Ministerial, of the second of January, gives the following admirable summary of the news of the preceding week:—

The new year meets us with a fair and fortunate aspect. It finds us quiet and prosperous at home, and successful abroad. Guizot, and the peace party in France, supported, as they will be, by the King, and by every Frenchman who has property to lose, will, we are convinced, make good their stand against all the intrigues which are now directed against them. Mehmet Ali retires to his old den, where he will probably take a short time of torpor before he makes another inroad upon his neighbours. Spain and Portugal have submitted their differences to England, and thus, another aperture through which war might have entered, is closed. So well are all things settled, that it might appear impossible for even Thiers himself, if he were again to come into power, with all his secret agents, his inflammatory press, and his unprincipled tactics, to find out another flaw which he could widen into a breach.

In China and in British India we have no news but news of success; in Canada all again is peace; while our sturdy, though infant Colonies in Australasia, are opening to us new sources of wealth, power and grandeur. Surely there is nothing in this prospect which can make us look suspiciously upon the advent of the year 1841.

At home we are as well off as we have ever been or ever can be while the inevitable inequality of conditions entails upon every society a large class of necessitous persons. It is a cheering symptom that even at this time of general holiday and leisure, Chartism has been unable to rouse itself from its torpor. The labouring classes are inspired by a better spirit, and prefer the enjoyment of the festivities of the time, to listening to angry declamations against their employers. In the restored health of our happy and our good young Queen, and in the birth of a direct heir to her crown, we have a further assurance of peace and prosperity to our country, which must always render the old year an epoch to be remembered with gratitude, and to be noted with a white mark in our annals. Everything promises that in this new year we may set down in peace, and apply ourselves to the better development of our internal resources, and the maturing of safe and wholesome domestic reforms. Nothing appears to threaten us but the selfishness of faction, nothing impedes the prospect of general prosperity but the expressed determination of the opposition to wrest the governing power from the hands which have held it so long and used it so well.

It is in times of happy promise such as these, when the sky is cloudless and the waters smooth, that the helm becomes an object of envy to those who would shrink from its responsibility in moments of peril. We may expect that in this new year the efforts of the opposition will be more earnest and desperate than ever; but we have confidence in the good sense of the British people, that they will see that their common interest is to leave this prosperous state of things undisturbed.

INDENTURES for Sale at this Office. Feb. 11.

ROYAL GAZETTE.

FREDERICTON, FEBRUARY 3, 1841.

Central Bank of New Brunswick.
WILLIAM J. BEDELL, President.
SAMUEL W. BABBET, Cashier.
Discount Days.....Tuesdays and Fridays.
Director this week.....J. F. TAYLOR.
Bills or Notes offered for discount must be left at the Bank, enclosed and directed to the Cashier before two o'clock on Mondays and Thursdays.

Commercial Bank of New Brunswick.
FREDERICTON BRANCH.
ARCHIBALD SCOTT, Cashier.
Discount Days.....Mondays and Thursdays.
Manager for this week.....JOHN GREGORY.
Hours of business from 10 to 3.
Notes or Bills for discount are to be left at the Bank, enclosed to the Cashier, before 3 o'clock on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Bank of British North America.
FREDERICTON BRANCH.
GEORGE TAYLOR, Manager.
Discount Days.....Wednesdays, and Saturdays.
Director this week.....SPAFFORD BARKER.
Hours of business, from 10 to 3.
Notes and Bills for Discount to be left before 3 o'clock on the days preceding the Discount Days.

Saving's Bank.
Trustee for next week.....B. WOLHAUPTER.

Central Fire Insurance Company.
Office open every day, at Mr. Minchin's Brick House, opposite the Parade, (Sunday excepted,) from 11 to 2 o'clock.
B. WOLHAUPTER, President.
Committee for the present month.
JOHN S. COV and THOMAS STEWART.

Alms House and Work House.
Commissioner for the week commencing to-morrow.
C. P. WETMORE.



By Authority.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
30th January, 1841.

It appearing from a Report of the Board of Education for the County of Westmorland, that Theophilus Cowdell, a Licensed Schoolmaster, has been dismissed by the Trustees of Schools, for the Parish of Sackville, for highly improper conduct in his School; the licence granted to the said Theophilus Cowdell, is therefore withdrawn and cancelled. By Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

We would remind the Public that Dr. GESSNER is now delivering a course of his interesting Lectures on Geology, at Messrs. Beckwith's Long Room, as will be seen by advertisement in to day's Gazette. We very much regret that our numerous and pressing duties at this season of the year, have prevented us from being present on the previous evenings of the Doctor's Lectures; but from the accredited talent and research of our Provincial Geologist, and being perfectly conversant with the subject on which he treats, he has been listened to with great satisfaction, and, as the subject advances, will become more interesting to every scientific mind.

The Lectures have been honored with the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Members of the Government and Legislature, and a considerable number of the inhabitants of this place and its vicinity.

"AN ACCOUNT OF THE RIVER SAINT JOHN WITH ITS TRIBUTARY RIVERS," BY EDMUND WARD, ESQUIRE, EMIGRANT AGENT.

This work, as we announced as being in the Press, is dedicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and has been delivered to the Public during the past week. The Author has combined in a small compass, and at a cheap rate, a great variety of useful and valuable information which will be found highly interesting to every inhabitant of the Province, but chiefly so to the Settler and Emigrant, and has added another to the list of those scanty publications, which have yet appeared, on the subject of the history and natural capabilities of this flourishing Province.

We wish the Author much success and encouragement in this and in his future efforts to promote the public good.

A correct and well executed Map accompanies the work.

We are requested to intimate that there will be three Services in St. Paul's Church on Sabbath first, the 7th instant. The Rev. James Souter, A. M. of Newcastle, Miramichi, will preach in the forenoon at 11, and in the evening at 6 o'clock, and the Rev. Dr. Birkmyre at the usual hour in the afternoon. At the close of each Service a collection will be made in aid of the funds for the enlargement of the building.

The Pews in the new addition to the Church will be sold at Public Auction on the following day, Monday, the 8th inst. at 12 o'clock.

NORTHUMBERLAND MILITIA.
At a meeting of the Officers of the second Battalion Northumberland Militia, held at Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, on Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1841, to take into consideration a communication from the Adjutant General of this Province, enclosing certain Resolutions and proceedings at Queenston Heights, Upper Canada, relative to the reconstruction of Brock's Monument, which had become necessary in consequence of a late wicked attempt at its destruction.

Major SALTER having been called to the chair, and Adjutant CROCKER having been appointed Secretary, Major SALTER, in opening the proceedings, read the communication and reso-

lutions above referred to, after which the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the brilliant success which attended the late Sir Isaac Brock during his eventful military career in Upper Canada, and the valour and fidelity with which he served his King and Country on all occasions, and particularly on the memorable occasion, when he fell in the midst of victory, contending against a host, compared with his army, rendered his memory dear to every British subject in the Colonies, inasmuch that a Monument had been erected on Queenston Heights, to perpetuate his fame.

Resolved, That this Meeting view the late attempt at the destruction of the Monument of Brock, by a wicked and treacherous hand, with the most perfect disgust and abhorrence.

Resolved, That although this Meeting feel amazement that the Tomb of a lamented Veteran, esteemed by all while living, should have needed protection even against the most worthless of mankind, yet we cheerfully embrace the present opportunity of shewing our attachment to the memory of Brock, and the principles he died to perpetuate, by aiding in the reconstruction of a suitable Monument to the departed Hero.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Second Battalion Northumberland Militia, will cheerfully contribute a sum equal to one day's pay of their respective ranks, when on actual service, towards the re-building of Brock's Monument, and they feel satisfied that the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men will do likewise.

Resolved, That this Meeting tender to Sir George Arthur, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, their sincere thanks for his promptitude in calling attention to the reconstruction of Brock's Monument.

Resolved, That the Captains of the respective Companies make the necessary Collections from their Companies, and pay the same when collected into the hands of Major SALTER, who shall transmit the amount, together with any donations that he may receive, to the Adjutant General of this Province, on or before the 10th July next, to be by him transmitted to the Adjutant General of the Militia of Upper Canada, for the purposes aforesaid.

Resolved, That Major SALTER be requested to forward the foregoing Resolutions to the Hon. George Shore, Adjutant General of this Province.

Major SALTER having left the Chair, and Captain BETTS having been called thereto:

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Officers of this Battalion be given to Major SALTER, for his able conduct in the Chair.

DAVID CROCKER, Adjutant
Second Batt. North'd Militia.

A similar Meeting to the above, we understand, was held on Friday week, of the Officers of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Militia, but we have not as yet, been furnished with the particulars.

COUNTY RESTIGOUCHE.

A meeting of the Officers of the First Battalion Restigouche Regiment of Militia, was held at the Court House in Dalhousie, on Saturday, the 9th day of January, Lieutenant Colonel R. FERGUSON, in the Chair, to take into consideration a communication received from the Adjutant General of Militia of this Province, relative to the destruction of Brock's Monument.

The chairman having made known the subject of the meeting, read the several following resolutions, passed by the Militia of Upper Canada, on the 30th July and 17th August last, for the purpose of adopting measures for the reconstruction of the Monument, sacred to the memory of the late lamented Sir Isaac Brock, who gloriously fell while cheering on his troops to the fight, in the service of his King and the protection of these Colonies—when A. BARBARIE, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary.

The following Resolutions were moved and unanimously adopted.

1st. That this meeting have learned with feelings of detestation and horror, the atrocious act committed by vile hands for the destruction of the Monument erected to the memory of the late Sir Isaac Brock, on Queenston Heights.

2d. That the proceedings held on Queenston Heights, by the loyal inhabitants of Upper Canada, on the 30th July last, for the purpose of adopting measures for the reconstruction of the Monument to the revered memory of the late lamented Sir Isaac Brock, have been communicated to this meeting, and viewed with feelings of unfeigned satisfaction and regard.

3d. That the Officers of this Battalion do contribute a sum equal to one day's pay of their respective ranks; and that Officers commanding companies do communicate to their respective companies, the proceedings of this meeting, and be requested to receive from the non-commissioned officers and men, a sum equal to one day's pay, or such sum as they may be disposed to contribute.

4th. That the funds collected be paid over to Lieutenant Colonel R. FERGUSON for the purpose of being transmitted to the Adjutant General of Militia of this Province, and by him remitted to the Adjutant General of Militia of Upper Canada.

The thanks of the meeting were then given to Lieutenant Colonel FERGUSON for having called the meeting, and for his conduct in the chair.

A. BARBARIE, Secretary.

HALIFAX, Jan. 21.—More Steam!—We have been favoured with the following extract of a letter from one of the first houses in London, dated January 4th:—"We had a long visit yesterday from Mr. Cunard—the Steam Lion. He talks of establishing a steamer every week for Halifax. The project is favourably considered at the Colonial Office." From other letters which have been received in town, we are informed that Mr. Cunard is making arrangements to build two more steamers. Success to his enterprise!—*Morn. Post.*

DEATH OF COMMODORE STEVENS.—The National Intelligencer announces the decease of Commodore Stevens, of the navy. In the meridian of life, and in the enjoyment of the highest health, he retired to bed on Wednes-