

as good an investment as can be found. Owing to the confusion in the corn trade, there is a great indisposition to risk money in that business, though there are persons of good judgment who believe that grain purchased at the present prices would pay very well a few months hence.

Parliament it is thought will not meet before the beginning of January.

The Duke and Duchess of SUTHERLAND are expected to reach Inverness on Friday first, on their way south. Their Graces' suit went south by the North Star steamboat at last trip.—*Inverness Courier*.

Earl BATHURST left Dunrobin Castle early in the past week, where the noble earl had been visiting the Duke and Duchess of SUTHERLAND.

THE LATE EARL OF LEICESTER.—The subscription fund for the erection of a monument to the memory of the late venerable Earl of LEICESTER amounted, early in the present week, to nearly £4,000.

GORDON CASTLE, N. B.—There are to be rejoicings here and at Fochabers, on Saturday (to day), to celebrate the birth day of Lord GEORGE GORDON LENNOX, youngest son of the Duke and Duchess of RICHMOND. There is to be a public dinner at Fochabers.

Major General Sir NEIL DOUGLAS, K. C. B., Commandant of the Forces in Scotland, has left Edinburgh on a tour of inspection of the different military stations in that country.

The King of DENMARK and the Grand Duke of OLDENBURG have just negotiated a treaty, by which they mutually cede to each other certain fragments of territory, for the purpose of more conveniently rounding their dominions. The result of the treaty will be to bring the Grand Duke's dominions on the Baltic (the principality of Lubec), within two ring fences.

On the occasion of the marriage of the Crown Prince of BAVARIA with the young Princess of PRUSSIA, the inhabitants of the Bavarian Palatinate have contributed to purchase the Castle of Hambach, and to present it to his Royal Highness as a wedding day gift. The KING has allowed the CROWN PRINCE to accept the gift, and the Castle of Hambach, henceforth a royal residence, will bear in future the appellation of Maxburg.

ZWIRNER, the architect of the Cathedral of Cologne, intends to visit England towards the close of the present autumn, for the purpose of examining some of the old English cathedrals.—*Prussian paper*.

A ROYAL YATCH.—There is at the present moment, a merchant vessel of a very handsome build, lying in Greenock harbour, close to the Custom House, which, in its time, has played many parts. At one period it was a favourite pleasure Yatch of that most extraordinary man Napoleon Bonaparte. Finding there was need for all the vessels that could be procured to keep up the demand, the French converted the Yatch of the "Grande Empereur" into a ten gun brig; but as a matter very much of course, it was soon captured by the British. After various ups and-downs, it is now quietly engaged on the peace establishment, and sails under the modest title of the Thomas, of which Capt. Duncan is the worthy commander.—"*Sic transit gloria mundi*."—*Glasgow Constitutional*.

The French papers generally express strong opposition to the proposal for a commercial treaty with England, for which negotiations are said to be on foot between the two governments.

His Imperial Highness the Archduke FREDERIC of Austria arrived on Tuesday at Inverness from Edinburgh and Sterling, whence he intended to return by Inverary to Glasgow, and thence to Liverpool by steam, and to town by railway.

The Pacha of Egypt has forwarded to Sir C. Napier a medal, splendidly enriched with diamonds, and a sword, the hilt and scabbard of which are nearly all composed of solid gold.

THE KIRK AND THE GOVERNMENT.—We understand that the heads of a new bill for settling the church question have been again drawn up with the concurrence of the Non-intrusionists, and which the government is disposed to accede to. It is Sir George Sinclair's bill in substance, but with some alterations to please the Nons. It recognizes the veto of the male heads of families, and permits the Presbyteries to give effect to it or not, as they shall think fit in each case. This discretionary power is in reality more objectionable than the absolute veto, because it opens a door for jobbing and private partiality, and invests the church courts with an almost despotic power, which they may employ at pleasure against the patrons, the presentees, or the congregations. The same high legal functionary who took charge of the last fruitless negotiation, is said to have been the go-between in this instance.—*Scotsman*.

THE LATE FIRE AT LIVERPOOL.—The following is a detailed account of the damage done by the late conflagration:—40,797 bales of cotton, 12,987 barrels turpentine, 150 barrels resin, 39 casks tallow, 60 tons oil, 145 tons hemp, 14½ tons flax, 200 casks beef, 3,224 barrels flour, 800 sacks flour, 5 tons coffee, 5 tierces coffee, 57 casks tinned, 14 cases tinned, 108 cases quercitron bark, 60 casks horn tips, 37 tons logwood, 54 double bales madder, 416 barrels Indian corn, 6 packages India rubber,

3 crates teasels, and several packages and parcels of drugs.—*Liverpool Journal*.

THE FOOT GUARDS.—An impression prevails, in quarters generally well informed, that Woolwich will shortly be added to the metropolitan stations of the Foot Guards, and that a permanent body of that portion of the service will occupy the barracks recently vacated by the 73d regiment.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Normanby have returned to Mulgrave Castle, near Whitby, Yorkshire, from Ravensworth Castle, the seat of Lord and Lady Ravensworth, near Durham.

SALE OF THE GREAT WESTERN STEAM-SHIP.—On Monday afternoon, at two o'clock, the steam ship Great Western was offered for sale by public auction in Bristol. The bidding was very spirited; but she was ultimately bought in at £40,000 by her present owners, to be by them sold by private bargain.

A rope, upwards of three miles long, and weighing fifteen tons, has been recently supplied to the Directors of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway, by Messrs. Haggie, of Gateshead. It is heavier by five tons than any line ever manufactured before, and is intended for the tunnel on the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway.

Deck passengers are now taken from Dublin to Liverpool by the steamers, for one shilling each!

CAPTAIN DREW, THE HERO OF THE CAROLINE.—The *Wasp* corvette has been commissioned at Chatham by Captain Drew, who so gallantly distinguished himself during the revolt in Canada.

DEATH OF GRACE DARLING.—This heroic and interesting female expired at Bamburgh, on Thursday, the 20th instant, in her 25th year. She had been in a delicate state of health for a considerable time past. Her complaint having assumed the form of decided consumption, and all hope of her recovery abandoned, her father anxiously desired that she should return amongst her family, and she was accordingly removed from Alnwick to Bamburgh only about ten days ago.—*Newcastle Journal*.

MARRIAGE OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA OF CAMBRIDGE.—The preliminaries for the marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Augusta of Cambridge (the eldest daughter of Her Majesty's illustrious uncle,) have been finally arranged, and the nuptial ceremony will take place at no very distant period. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge arrived at Windsor on Wednesday last, for the purpose of communicating this interesting fact to Her Majesty. The future husband of the Princess is His Royal Highness the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg Strelitz, the eldest son of the reigning Duke, George V. The bridegroom elect was born on the 17th of October, 1819, consequently His Royal Highness has just entered his twenty fourth year. The Princess Augusta of Cambridge is in her twenty first year.

ENORMOUS SQUARES OF GLASS.—A new shop has just been opened at the bottom of Ranelagh Street, Liverpool, by Mr. Scott, the windows of which attract unusual attention, being each eleven feet two inches, by six feet wide.

IMPORTANT TO CLERGYMEN.—By an omission of the words "or by any other patron," in the schedule to the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 79, no duty whatever is now payable on presentations to benefices by any patron except Her Majesty. This error will be rectified in the next session of Parliament.—*Salopian Journal*.

It will give all admirers of true poetry gratification to hear that Her Majesty has conferred a pension of £300 a year upon William Wordsworth.

BRITISH ARMY.—According to late Parliamentary returns, there are 14,000 Scotchmen in the Army, and 42,000 Irish: the remainder being natives of England and Wales.

The potatoe crop of Ireland is universally abundant and of the best quality. Prices have rarely been so low.

Extreme distress presses on the trading classes in the French capital.

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EARTHQUAKE.

The *Canadien* of last evening, gives the following account of the recent shock of an earthquake, received in a letter from Three Rivers:—

"This morning, about 10 o'clock, we experienced a violent shock of an earthquake. I was present at a marriage, (we omit the names of the parties) and the *grand vicaire*, Mr. Cook, had reached the *Agnus Dei*, when on a sudden a sound was heard resembling the rolling of a cart over hard frozen ground; this noise continued, perhaps, for four seconds, and was followed by an explosion resembling that of a twenty-four pounder; the trembling of the earth then commenced, shaking the walls of the church, and making its arched roof crack in a fearful and surprising manner; I thought the building, which was crowded with people, would have crumbled over our heads. The scene which ensued baffles description; the piercing lamentations of the females, and cries of terror of the men, with the piteous, despairing shrieks of the children, were truly awful. A general rush was made to the door by the congregation, the