

by the Opposition of the indifference manifested by the working men to the prospects of relief held out by the Premier.—They are couched in terms of warm thankfulness; and the replies of Sir Robert prove that he is keenly alive to the pleasure of being thanked by those humbler classes, to increase whose comforts and enjoyments is one of the objects nearest and dearest to his patriot heart.

The Earl of Mountchase and Dr. Rolph had an interview with Lord Stanley on the 7th, at the Colonial Office.

Sir Allan McNab was present at the Queen's Fancy Ball.

Sir Howard Douglas, Lord Sandon, and Sir J. Harmer, presented in the House of Commons on the 11th inst., petitions from the County of York, in New Brunswick, from the Chamber of Commerce of St. John, and other bodies in that Province, against any alteration in the Timber Duties, and praying the house to pause before they consented to such a measure.

It has been announced that the reduced rate of duty on coffee will come into operation soon after the 1st of June.

Miss Coutts Burdett is to be married to Lord Claude Hamilton. The Britannia arrived home in eleven days.

The subscription for the relief of Paisley had amounted to nearly £25,000. Increased liberality was still required.

A gentleman of the name of Slade, an eminent and opulent merchant, a native of the town of Poole, has undertaken to build, at his own expense, five new churches in the colony of Newfoundland.—*Essex Post.*

Liverpool Docks during the past month have been a scene of great bustle, owing to the immense number of emigrants about to take their passage for New York, Canada, &c.

Blasting rocks by means of galvanism has, it is said, been practised with success at Glasgow.

No fewer than one hundred and seventy religious meetings are announced to be held in London during the present month.

Colonel Paisley commences immediately his operations against the Royal George, and expects to clear away the whole of the remaining wreck, embedded at present several feet in mud, this season.

The Bude light is to be applied to light the Mansion House and the projecting clock of Bow Church, Cheapside.

Her Majesty will give a Fancy Dress Ball to-morrow, in a style of unprecedented splendor. Two thousand invitations have been issued. The costumes generally selected, by royal desire, are those of the time of Edward III. The character selected by her Majesty is that of Queen Philippa. Her robe, gold and silver brocade, will be of surpassing magnificence; from the upper part will be suspended a stomacher displaying jewels worth £60,000. Prince Albert, as the royal Edward, will be most gorgeously attired. Every external part of his attire, as well as that of Her Majesty, has been manufactured at Spitalfields. The Earl of Pembroke, as Count d'Angouleme, will wear a brilliant in his cap valued at £10,000. The Duchess of Sutherland will exhibit jewels estimated at £100,000. The principal ladies of the Court, and the high officers of the household, will personate the leading characters of the age. The Duchess of Cambridge, as Anne of Brittany, has formed a dignified cortege, in which Lord Cardigan will appear as the Chevalier Bayard. The Queen Dowager and the Duchess of Kent will sustain characters.—Spanish, French, Crusader, Greek, Cossack and other quadrille parties have been arranged by the nobility and the leaders of fashion.

**DEATH OF LORD HENRY RUSSEL.**—On Monday morning, this young nobleman expired at the house of his father-in-law, Sir Robert Stopford, the Governor of Greenwich Hospital. The noble lord was the youngest brother of the present Duke of Bedford and Lord John Russell, and about seven months since was married at Greenwich, to the third daughter of the gallant Admiral. About five years ago he had a tremendous blow on his head, on board the *Ganges*, then at Portsmouth, by a block line giving way, and the block falling heavily on his Lordship; since which period he has never enjoyed perfect health. His lordship was, we believe, in his 27th year.

**DEATH OF SIR CHARLES BELL.**—This eminent practitioner expired suddenly on Thursday last, at Hatton park, near Worcester, where he was staying on a visit. At dinner on Thursday Sir Charles complained of slight spasms, but, as he was subject to them, he treated the affection as merely a slight and temporary attack, and the next morning he was found lifeless in bed. He was professor of surgery in the University of Edinburgh, and author of many valuable works.

The Chartist petition presented on Monday night to the House of Commons, is said to bear the incredible number of 3,315,752 signatures.

**EFFECTUAL PREVENTIVE.**—There exists in some parts of Germany a law to prevent drinking during divine service. It runs thus:—Any person drinking in an ale house during divine service on Sunday, or other holiday, may legally depart without paying.

Dean Swift proposed to tax female beauty, and to leave every lady to rate her own charms. He said the tax would be cheerfully paid and very productive.

Eight new islands in the Pacific, are stated, by the Cape papers, to have been discovered by an English whalers; they are fertile, inhabited, and of considerable extent.

The personal property of the Earl of Munster is sworn under £40,000.

The number of unemployed in Glasgow is upwards of 12,000

The South Eastern railway from London to Tunbridge will be opened to the public on the 13th instant, Old May-day.

The sons and daughters of the Duke of Norfolk have obtained the royal leave to use the name of Fitzalan immediately before that of Howard.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to order two very fine bucks to be killed, and presented to the Royal Tradesmen's Association, who celebrate Her Majesty's birth day by a dinner at the Freemasons' Hall.

A dreadful fire broke out in Hamburg, which destroyed property to an immense amount, and deprived 30,600 persons of shelter. On the news of the catastrophe being made known in London, general sympathy was evinced for the distressed, and in three days afterwards, £10,000 were subscribed and sent to their relief. Her Majesty generously subscribed £200, and Prince Albert £100.

A body of one thousand Prussians were immediately marched into the town, and waggons and ammunition from the King of Hanover were brought down the Elbe to blow up the houses, and to stop the conflagration.

The principal houses and hotels, among which were the Exchange, Strait's Hotel, St. Peter's Church, the Post Office, the Bank, Spinnhauss's Hotel, and several others, with their costly property, have not a wreck left. The whole presents a mass of ruins fallen into the dykes which intersected the streets. Upwards of 100 lives have fallen a prey! Owing to the inadequacy of the engines little could be effected, and the strenuous efforts of the people themselves were of no avail.

It is computed that 14,000 lbs. of powder were expended in blowing up houses, with a view to arrest the progress of the flames. Our latest papers state that 2,000 houses were destroyed, and 150 lives lost. The fire lasted upwards of 80 hours.

**ANOTHER CONSPIRACY TO MURDER LOUIS PHILIPPE!**

Another conspiracy to assassinate the King of the French, has happily been detected, and several persons, chiefly ouvriers, have been arrested, among whom is the notorious Considere, twice before implicated in similar plots, but acquitted. A quantity of petards, arms, and ammunition, found in their possession, have been seized.

**DREADFUL RAILROAD ACCIDENT NEAR PARIS!! IMMENSE LOSS OF LIFE!!!**—A dreadful Railway accident in France had excited much painful attention. The train was returning from Versailles, the carriages crowded in consequence of a recent fete; the Engine while proceeding with great rapidity ran off the line, and six or seven carriages were smashed to pieces.—Some of the passengers were killed, some dreadfully wounded, and the catastrophe was made more awful by the fire of the engine communicating with the wreck, while the sufferers lay among it. The scene was utterly appalling. The killed were stated at from 50 to 70, beside many dreadfully wounded. Confusion and terror prevented accurate particulars. The heap of waggons remained two hours on fire. A later account says that the preceding engine broke down, and the next ran into it, causing the crash and conflagration.—Among the killed were Admiral d'Urville, his wife and son. The carriage doors were locked, and escape was thus prevented. Several members of families perished together. The excitement caused by this fearful occurrence was extreme. Additional precautions were provided for, so as to prevent accidents in future. Upwards of nine millions of passengers had been conveyed on the railroad without serious accident, until that described. The speed has been decreased. Travellers to the amount of eleven millions had passed on the Belgian lines, and only two deaths from actual railroad accidents are recorded. Admiral d'Urville was a celebrated navigator. His funeral was conducted with great solemnity.

**DREADFUL EARTHQUAKE IN SAINT DOMINGO.**—By the brig William Neilson, Capt. Morris, which arrived at New York on Friday the 27th ult., from Port au Prince, the Editors of the Express received accounts of a terrible earthquake in the Island of St. Domingo on the 7th of May, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Port au Prince "*Le Patriote*," of the 11th, gives the following particulars:

The principal destruction of life, of which we have an account, was at Cape Haytien, which town was entirely destroyed. It contained about 15,000 inhabitants, two thirds of whom are thought to be dead.

Two shocks were felt at Port au Prince, the first, which lasted the longest, continued about three minutes. No damage was done.

A letter from St. Marc says that the earthquake was felt there with violence. Many houses were seriously damaged, and some destroyed, but no loss of life is mentioned.

At Gonaves the shocks were yet more serious. The greater part of the houses were overthrown. A fire broke out at the same time, and there was not a drop of water in town. All the houses that were not burnt suffered from the earthquake. The Church,