

the resources of the United States to give it efficiency. The civil war in Mexico may therefore favor the project of invasion; but we regret to say we see in it no encouragement for the restoration of peace. With whom shall our government treat for peace? With the government against which the war was declared, and which it has recognized, as *de facto* representing the sovereignty of the country, or with an invader, at the head of an insurgent army? If a treaty be made with either, what guaranty can we have, that it will be sanctioned by the voice of the Mexican nation?

We cannot pretend to divine what will be the event of the crisis which seems to be approaching. Mexico is, and long has been, in a most unfortunate and wretched condition, and it will not be creditable to us, to take advantage of her embarrassments, and her internal dissensions, to impose upon her conditions which she could not honorably submit to, if under the direction of a government capable of wielding the resources, and speaking with the voice of the nation.

SAINT LAWRENCE AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD. GREAT MEETING ON THE CHAMP DE MARS.

Pursuant to the requisition of the Directors, and the public notice to that effect, a meeting of the inhabitants of this city took place yesterday on the Champ de Mars, which we have hardly ever seen exceeded in number, and never, certainly, in the respectability of those who attended it. The morning was cloudy and threatened rain, indeed a slight shower fell a few minutes before one o'clock, but as if it were an augury of the success which would follow the proceedings of the day, just before one o'clock the clouds rolled away, and the sun shone brightly out on the assembled thousands—this fortunate omen was alluded to in a very happy manner by Mr. Drummond, when addressing the assembly at a subsequent period of the day. We should suppose that from three to four thousand persons were collected a little after one o'clock; a platform had been erected on the end of the Champ de Mars nearest St. Gabriel Street, and two places for the enrollment of Subscribers to the undertaking. The platform was decorated with the banners of the different societies, amongst which we noticed the new and beautiful Merchants' Banner of the St. Jean Baptiste Society. The Mechanics' Institute, and the different fire companies with their banners and bands came on the ground a few minutes after one o'clock, and greatly added to the brilliancy of the scene. Numbers of our fair towns women also graced the parade ground with their presence, and appeared to take great interest in the proceedings.

We cannot pretend to give the names of those gentlemen who were on the hustings, for indeed we believe that there were not a dozen gentlemen of any note, either as proprietors of property, mercantile, or professional men, who were not present.

Shortly after one o'clock, Mr. Lafontaine was called to the chair, and addressed the meeting in French, shortly explaining the objects for which it was called, and earnestly impressing on his countrymen to exert themselves in forwarding an undertaking which the altered state of our commercial policy with the mother country rendered necessary. The several resolutions were then moved and seconded as follows:—

Moved by B. Holmes, Esq., seconded by James Logan, Esq.,

Resolved,—That this meeting is of opinion that the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad is now rendered indispensably necessary; as one of the chief of those measures, which, by opening new channels of trade, will enable us to conform ourselves to the altered commercial policy of England. That we must trust, in no small degree, to its agency, to the retention of the trade of Western Canada, the supplying of the New England States with produce—which of itself would become a valuable branch of commerce—and the securing a portion of the carrying trade of the Western States. That on these and other grounds its completion is a measure of the last importance to the Province at large and deserving of general support.

Mr. Hincks, Mr. Cartier, and Mr. Drummond, also spoke to this resolution.

Moved by Dr. Beaubien, seconded by John Try, Esq.,

Resolved,—That the City of Montreal will be most essentially benefited by the proposed Railroad, sharing, as it will, not only the general benefits it must confer, but enjoying these more local and particular advantages which have never failed to result from a work of this kind. That the effect of this Railroad, in connecting Montreal with the nearest port on the sea-board, and opening up before it a large and fertile district of country, must be to extend its commerce, add to its population and wealth, and enhance the value of its real estate. That without this Railroad, on the other hand, the City of Montreal must inevitably retrograde, as trade will abandon it for other more accessible points, and, with declining trade, will come its inseparable attendants, a decreasing population, and a most ruinous fall in the value of landed property. That on these considerations, it is, in the opinion of this meeting, a duty incumbent on every citizen, to subscribe to the stock of this undertaking in proportion to his means, and to use his influence to promote its success.

George Elder, Junior, Esq., and Hugh Taylor, Esq., spoke to this resolution.

Moved by Dr. Nelson, and seconded by W. Dow, Esq.,

Resolved,—That, irrespective, altogether, of the advantages

which have been enumerated, and which may be said to concern Canada exclusively, this meeting records its opinion, that, as a simple investment for the capitalists, the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad is deserving of the fullest confidence and support. That the revenue, on the most moderate estimates, cannot fail to be such as will yield a handsome return to the capital embarked. But, that, while on these grounds the co-operation of the English capitalists may be confidently looked for, this meeting is of opinion that every effort should be made to complete the undertaking, without too much reliance upon British or Foreign aid.

This resolution was also spoken to by R. S. M. Bouchette, Esq.

Moved by C. S. Cherrier, Esq., seconded by O. Berthelot, Esq.,

Resolved,—That in order the more effectually to secure the success of this undertaking, this meeting considers it desirable, that organized and well directed efforts should be made to procure subscribers in this City, and with that view divides the City into its Municipal Wards, and appoints the following gentlemen to these Wards, whose duty it shall be, to procure meetings of the residents within their several bounds, supply all necessary information, by addresses, or otherwise, respecting the objects and advantages of this Railroad, and by active, energetic, and appropriate agency, to enlist public feeling in its behalf, and increase, by every legitimate means, the names of subscribers and amount of subscriptions already made.

It is impossible for us to give a full report of the speeches in this number—many of the gentlemen spoke in French, and the length of their speeches rendered it impossible for us with the means at our command to get them written out in time for this day's paper. The arguments gone through by speakers contain nothing more than has already been repeatedly laid before the public, but they had the merit of being repeated with great eloquence and impressiveness, and we are happy to say with such effect on the immense auditory, that about 500 shares were taken up on the spot. The meeting dispersed a little after five o'clock, no single thing having occurred to mar the harmony and good feeling which prevailed.—*Montreal Courier*, August 11.

From the Saint John Courier.

THE COLLECTIONS in the undermentioned places of Worship in this City, on Sunday last, for the Newfoundland sufferers, were as follows:—

Trinity Church,	£18 0 0
St. John Church,	14 9 7
St. Andrew's Church,	10 11 0
Wesleyan Chapel, Germain Street,	13 2 5
Centenary Chapel,	6 0 0
Baptist Chapel,	6 13 3

REGATTA.—We understand that it is proposed this year to have our annual Regatta on the 25th September, on the waters of the Kennebeckasis, near Poverty Hall, instead of in our harbour. This change, while it would disappoint some of our citizens in witnessing the exciting sport, would perhaps afford a fairer chance of competition among the boats, by avoiding the tides and currents of the harbour, and offers to spectators a most delightful excursion a few miles from the City, either by land or water, with views of most beautiful and romantic scenery, which but few, perhaps, even of the natives, have had an opportunity of admiring. We go for the Kennebeckasis.

SMALL POX.—The Schooner *Indian Queen* arrived at Miramichi last week from Quebec, with small pox on board. Several of the passengers had landed before the authorities were aware of the existence of the disease,—a pilot having spoken the vessel and compromised with the master for half pilotage. The vessel was subsequently ordered to quarantine, but the master afterwards landed from her and was at large in the streets of Chatham.—A special session of the Magistrates was thereupon called; the passengers and crew of the schooner, fifteen in number, were ordered to be landed and put into the hospital at Chatham, where they remained on Saturday last.

DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY.—Sir Wm. Colebrooke, his Lady and family, have returned home. Her Ladyship, who on her arrival was quite an invalid, has been so far restored to health, as to be able to depart by land route, which she did on the 23d instant. This happy improvement in her health is no doubt owing in a great degree to the salubrity of St. Andrews. On Monday, Sir William, with his son, Master George, (who has not yet wholly recovered from the injury he received by his fall,) left here for Fredericton in the Steamer *Saxe Gotha*, via St. John. On his departure from the wharf, he was saluted both by loud and hearty cheering from the town people, and by the guns from the fort. During their stay our worthy Governor and his excellent Lady, have deeply ingratiated themselves in the favor of all with whom they have associated. Sir William's courteous and agreeable deportment has here gained him much esteem and popularity, while her Ladyship's benevolent heart cannot but insure her the respect of all classes. Sir William has, during his residence in St. Andrews, had an opportunity of becoming more fully acquainted with Charlotte County—her importance and resources—and it is reasonable to suppose, that, now she is known, her claims will be more favourably listened to both in Council and House.—*St. Andrews Standard*.

All Letters must be Post-paid.

Printed and Published at the Royal Gazette Office, near the Province Buildings, by JOHN SIMPSON, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.
Wednesday, September 2, 1846.