

are really opposed to the continuance of slavery. He states that in most of the counties the slaves constitute a very inconsiderable portion of the population, being in many as one to five, and in several as one to eight. In 1847, the total population was 142,000, of whom only 38,753 were slaves. Of the 22,000 electors, he thinks not much above one-fourth are slave-holders. He is of opinion, too, that the difference between slaves and freemen is much greater than that reported by the authorities. He has little doubt that the majority of the people, if stimulated to think and reason upon the subject, would decide in favour of gradual emancipation. The course of the ultras at the South in urging disunion, may precipitate emancipation, as, he continues, "should that dreaded alternative be presented to the non-slaveholding people of Texas, of choosing Union without Slavery, or secession, anarchy and blood-shed with it, they will not hesitate in the choice; and the white banner of universal freedom will flutter side by side over her broad prairies, with stars and stripes, emblems at once of Union and Liberty, one and indivisible."—*Ch. Watch. & Ref.*

Later from California!—Arrival of the Cherokee and Empire City—Upwards of two millions of dollars in Gold.

The steamship Cherokee arrived at New-York on Friday morning, from Chagres, with the mails from San Francisco to March 1, and 100 passengers. The letter mail contains 30,000 letters.

The total amount of gold by this arrival, is \$1,653,818. Our dates are one month later.

The steamship Empire City, also arrived at New-York on Friday, having left Chagres on the 26th ult. There was a large amount of gold dust in the hands of the passengers, estimated at nearly one million of dollars.

Despatches have been received announcing the breaking out of a revolution at Guayaquil.

The disturbances between the Chilians has been adjusted and good will restored.

It was quite healthy at San Francisco and Sacramento city. Business was assuming a very active appearance. Money was scarce and loans were made at 10 to 15 per cent. per month. Lumber of all kinds was arriving in large quantities, and prices had materially declined—good Lumber could be purchased at \$85 per thousand feet.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

HER MAJESTY'S LEVEE.—His Royal Highness Prince Albert held a levee, by desire of Her Majesty, on Wednesday afternoon, in St. James Palace. It was well attended.

On Wednesday the members of the United Service Club gave a magnificent entertainment to General Lord Viscount Gough, at their club house, in Pall Mall, in celebration of the return of that gallant veteran from the East. The banquet was served in the grand saloon on the ground floor, which was so arranged as to form one superb dining room, capable of affording seats for upwards of 200 guests. The company began to assemble at 7 o'clock. His Grace the Duke of Wellington was among the earliest arrivals. The illustrious Duke was very shortly followed by the veteran guest of the day, who upon entering the reception saloon was very warmly greeted by the officers present. General Sir James Macdonell officiated as the president of the day, having upon his right hand General Lord Viscount Gough, and upon his left Field-Marshal his Grace the Duke of Wellington.

The Liverpool Mercury states that a clairvoyante woman in that town, living in the family of a Capt. Hudson, being put in the mesmeric state, 9th ult., by request of Lady Franklin, was questioned regarding Sir John Franklin and his companions.—She stated that she saw Sir John, who was still alive, but looking sad and wearied, nearly worn out with toil, anxiety and despair, and not so well as when she last saw him, but his men console him and behave nobly. The two ships, she said, were a great distance apart, frozen in, and the men were cutting the ice. The ships look dirty and battered. They are trying to get to the west. They are now where ships never sailed before. The ice appears like mountains. Sir John, she says, will be home in six months and three or four days. He has seen some of the natives. They are wild, stupid, and uncommunicative. The vessels sent out to search for him (Sir John Franklin) will not find him; they will cross each other, and he will be first heard of at a place called the Cape.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Watchman states, that during the year 1849 the income of the Wesleyan Missionary Society was 111,000*l.*, and the expenditure somewhat more than £100,000. As compared with the preceding year, the income shows an increase of £7000 and the expenditure a decrease of about £2000.

In the year 1848, eight millions one thousand four hundred and forty-nine pounds one shilling and four pence were spent by the people of this Kingdom in tobacco! If the tobacco had been worked into "pig-tail" half an inch thick, it would

have formed a line 99,470 miles long,—long enough to go nearly four times round the world.

The Pope was to return to Rome about the 1st of April.

Six large emigrant ships left Liverpool on the 13th March, for the United States; they had on board 3,000 passengers. Nearly 200 pauper emigrants from the Cheltenham union are expected to go out to Quebec in the Corsair, to sail from Gloucester this month.

GREAT FIRE.—The extensive sugar refining establishment of Wackerbaths & Co. in St. George's street, Ratcliffe-highway, London, consisting of three nine-story buildings, were almost wholly destroyed by fire early on Wednesday morning. By great exertions the surrounding property was saved. The loss to the sugar establishment is estimated at about 60,000*l.*

SCOTLAND.—Money, I see, is as abundant with you in Scotland as it is among our English merchants and capitalists. In the North British Advertiser I find there are advertisements from various parties offering to lend the following sums, viz:—3000*l.*, 5000*l.*, 24,000*l.* (in various sums), 2000*l.*, 4000*l.*, 6000*l.*, 5000*l.*, 2000*l.*, 1000*l.*, 10,000*l.*, 2500*l.*, 1600*l.*, 4000*l.* (in one or more sums at 3*1*/₂ per cent.) 15,000*l.* (in sums of 5000*l.*), 10,000*l.*, 2000*l.* and 17,500*l.*—being together 115,000*l.* The only offers to borrow in the same paper are for 35,000*l.* on a transfer security at 3*1*/₂ per cent., and three small sums of 700*l.*, 400*l.*, and 300*l.* Who says Scotland is a poor country?—*London Correspondent of Inverness Courier.*

HANDSOME BEQUEST.—We understand Mr Allan Glen, a citizen of Glasgow for half a century, who died last week, has left the greater part of his fortune, amounting to nearly £20,000, for the endowment of two schools in Glasgow. We have not heard the full particulars of the bequest, but we understand the schools are to be free of all sectarian trammels. One of the schools is for fifty boys, who are to receive clothes, books, &c., and the other is an industrial school for girls.—*Glasgow Examiner.*

THE DEBT OF NATURE.—No Englishman dies exactly poor, for he leaves his share in the National Debt to his children.—*Punch.*

ROYAL RESIDENCE IN DUBLIN.—Arrangements have commenced for fitting up the Phoenix Park, embracing an area of some hundreds of acres, as a residence for the Queen during occasional visits to this country after the abolition of the Lord-Lieutenancy.

IRELAND.—On Thursday last, pursuant to a requisition most numerously signed, and addressed to the High Sheriff of the city, in the absence of the Lord Mayor, a meeting was held in the Round Room of the Rotundo, for the purpose of petitioning against the threatened abolition of the office of Viceroy, a measure which, as the requisition stated, will, if carried, inevitably bring desolation upon the city of Dublin and its trade. The meeting was most numerously attended by men of all creeds, parties, and classes, who united in denouncing a measure looked upon as fatal to the interests of this country, and of Dublin especially. Long before the hour named for the meeting, the Round Room was densely crowded by respectable and influential citizens. A series of resolutions opposing the contemplated abolition of the office of Viceroy of Ireland was adopted. The speeches were firm, but respectful towards the constituted authorities of the country.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland is to be abolished. Lord Clarendon was making preparations to leave the Viceregal Palace in Dublin.

In the hospitals of the metropolis, about 300,000 persons annually obtain relief from suffering.

THE WESLEYAN DELEGATE MEETING.—The Watchman contains a significant warning to the persons who have been chosen as delegates to the approaching meeting on Wesleyan affairs. It is intimated that it will be considered a revolutionary proceeding, and that if those who are named as delegates value their position and influence in the church, they had better absent themselves. The warning concludes with a word of encouragement to the supporters of the Conference, whom this meeting might alarm. They are reminded that in 1835 a gathering of persons, calling themselves Wesleyan delegates, took place, but Conference refused to hold intercourse with them; there was no surrender, and the commotion died away. This intimation is quite in the spirit of the President's declaration. The meeting opened its proceedings yesterday.—*British Banner.*

STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM.—An address signed by nearly 1,000 clergymen and laymen of the Church of England, praying for a revival of the active functions of the Convocation, having been forwarded to the Queen, the Home Secretary has replied that her Majesty "did not signify any commands thereon."

M. Guizot's book, entitled "Democracy," has been suppressed by the authorities of Bohemia.

The crown of St. Stephen, which, it was falsely stated, had been carried off by Kossuth, is now being traced. A man named Boljak has been arrested at Constantinople, and several of the jewels belonging to the crown were found in his possession.

PROHIBITED SCHOOL-BOOKS IN NAPLES!—The correspondent of the Daily News, at Naples, states that the restrictions to education and books are becoming daily more severe in the Neapolitan dominions. In some schools, Goldsmith's "History of England" has been prohibited; and there is amongst many an expectation that the study of history will be forbidden as forming a part of the course of instruction. The use of the "Adventures of Telemachus" has been prohibited; and the Council of Public Instruction are engaged in drawing up a list of books to be permitted in the schools. Meanwhile, to make still more sure of the masters, they are first submitted to an examination of the police, and then are thoroughly examined in the Catechismo Grande. Many refusing or omitting to pass through this ordeal have been removed.

Black Men in the French Assembly.

Perinon, who was governor of Martinique under the Presidency of Lamartine as head of the provincial government, has just been elected a member of the National Assembly in Paris from the island of Gaudaloupe. Another colored citizen has been elected with him, so that two black men from Gaudaloupe will appear in the Assembly.

The Financial affairs of Newfoundland are in anything but a satisfactory condition. The revenue is inadequate to meet the expenses of Government, and it has been proposed to reduce certain salaries 10 per cent. The defalcation of the late Treasurer, has been ascertained to be more than £3000. A petition signed by 150 able bodied men, has been presented to the authorities, praying that they may have work in order to support their families. The Sealers had not at last accounts been heard from. It is estimated there are 300 vessels and 1000 men engaged in the Sealing business this season. The prospects so far had been good.—*Chron.*

The last Royal Gazette contains a proclamation announcing the erection of the new County of Victoria, and the official notice of the appointment of the respective officers. The County Town is at the Grand Falls.

NEW STEAMER FOR THE RIVER ST. JOHN.—The new steamboat laid down last fall, for F. W. Hatheway, Esq., of this city, at the market landing in Fredericton, is now rapidly approaching completion, and will be launched immediately after the ice leaves the river.—This vessel is pronounced by competent judges to be one of the finest specimens of steamboat architecture ever built on the St. John waters. Her length of keel is 155 feet, breadth of beam 24 feet, depth of hold 5 feet 8 inches; all her cabins are on the main deck, and are to be fitted up in the most approved style. Her engine has a 32 inch cylinder, and 8 feet stroke, with paddle-wheels of 24 feet diameter. Her boiler is 6 feet 2 inches in diameter, and was entirely manufactured on Mr. Hatheway's premises, from the very best description of boiler plate, and on the most approved principle, by Mr. Holland, whose capabilities as an engineer and boiler builder were fully tested in fitting up the "Forest Queen." We are informed that this excellent boat will be ready to commence her trips some time in May next, and we congratulate the travelling public on this additional means of river communication, which the enterprise of our townsman has placed at their disposal. We cannot leave this subject without wishing this vessel God speed, for in building her many a poor man has had labour throughout the winter, who, but for the enterprise of her owner, might have found it difficult to support himself and family. The boat will be a credit to the town in which she has been built. It is said the new boat will be placed under the command of Captain Barker, formerly of the steamer "New-Brunswick," and we believe we only echo the general opinion when we say, that it would be exceedingly difficult to find a more competent, careful, and obliging master.—*Head Quarters.*

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

CHARLES JOHNSTON, Esquire, to be High Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John; and WILLIAM BAYARD, Esquire, M. D., to be Coroner for the same, for the ensuing year. By His Excellency's Command. J. R. PARTELOW, Secretary's Office, 2d April, 1850.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of JOHN SIMPSON, Esquire, as Mayor of the City of Fredericton. By His Excellency's Command. J. R. PARTELOW, Secretary's Office, 2d April, 1850.

MR. EDITOR.—The following Resolution, passed at a meeting of the Germain-street Church, was ordered to be sent to the Christian Visitor for insertion.

On motion, moved and seconded, Resolved, that this Church express its grateful thanks to our late Pastor, Elder Samuel Robinson, for the disinterested, honourable, and prudent conduct he manifested during the arrangement for having two Churches, and that we record our firm belief that his influence materially contributed to the perfect unanimity evinced in the choice of our Pastor, and that a copy of the above be sent to the Christian Visitor for insertion. Extract from the Minutes.

GEORGE A. GARRISON, Church Clerk.

April 11, 1850.

MARRIED.

Monday morning, in Trinity Church, by the Rev. the Rector, T. E. Gilbert Tisdale, Esq., to Frederica, fourth daughter of the late Captain French, H. M. 47th Regt. and Barrack Master at this place. At Glasgow, on the 14th March, by the Rev. Dr. Paton, James P. P. Lester, Esq., Surgeon of St. John, N. B., to Mary Campbell, only daughter of John McDonald, Esq., of the former place.

DIED.

Monday morning, Mary A., youngest child of Mr. M. D. Riehey, aged 8 months. Monday morning, John, only child of Mr. John Rowley, aged 16 months. At Carleton, on Thursday, 4th inst., at the advanced age of 97, Mrs. Susannah Craft, widow of the late Mr. John Craft, one of the last of the Loyalists, deservedly lamented by a large circle of relatives and friends. At Loch Lomond, on Tuesday last, Mrs. Jane Bartram, aged 70 years. At Fredericton, on the 26th ult. Catherine McPherson, widow of the late Francis McBeath, of that place, aged 83 years. At Fredericton, on the 5th inst., Elizabeth Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. R. Atherton, in her 14th year. At Woodstock, on the 29th ult. at the residence of her son, (Charles Peabody, Esq.) Hulda, relict of the late Mr. Oliver Peabody, in the 80th year of her age. At Maugerville, on the 15th ult. Mr. George Hamilton, a native of the North of Ireland, in the 66th year of his age. He has been a resident of the Province 32 years. At Lincoln, on the 31st ult. in the 19th year of her age, Annabella, daughter of Mr. John Howe. At Cutler, State of Maine, suddenly, Mr. Joseph Henderson, in the 75th year of his age. He was formerly an accredited Baptist Minister, and preached in this Province.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

ARRIVED.

Saturday—Barque Independent, Atkins, Carthagea, S. Wiggins & Son, ballast. Brig Clare, Allan, Dublin, 33—W. Carvill, iron, &c. Monday—Brigt. Nile, Crowell, Philadelphia, 9—four. Schr. Cuba, Kavanagh, Boston, 3—assorted cargo. Last Night—Schr. Albert, Elder, New-York, 10—four, &c. Brig Euphrates, Cox, Porto Rico, 24—sugar & molasses. This Morning—Brig Damascus, Hayes, New-York, 10—Allison & Spurr, flour, naval stores, and hay.

CLEARED.

6th—Barque Duke of Wellington, Kianey, California, assorted cargo—Allison & Spurr; schr. Venture, Whelpley, Boston, sawn lumber—Master. 6th—Ship Belmont, Grant, London, timber and deals—S. Wiggins & Son; Schr. Sultana, Whittier, New-Haven, boards and shingles; Mary Chase, Robinson, New-York, scantling. 8th—Ship, Olive Branch, Cronk, Liverpool, timber and deals—Wm. Olive & Sons; Schr. Madeline, Connors, Halifax, potatoes; Moudnock, Colson, Philadelphia, deals.

ARRIVALS FROM ST. JOHN.—March 10th, Lydia, in the Clyde; 12th, Leviathan, off Queenstown; 13th, Medium, at Gloucester; Retriever, at Dundee; 19th, Harriot, at Liverpool.

SAILINGS.—March 8th, Hannah, from Plymouth; 10th, Sophia, from the Clyde; Frederic, from Hull; 12th, Czar, from Dundee; 16th, Joanna, from Alton; 18th, Elizabeth Holderness, from Hull; Fingalton and Renfrewshire, from Pitt; 19th, Lisbon, from Deal; 21st, Olive and Candace, from Liverpool, all for this port.

Cleared at London, March 21st, barque Faside, Walker, St. John.—At Liverpool, 22d, Alice Bentley, do.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

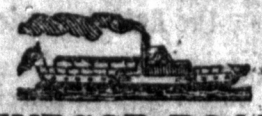
GENERAL POST OFFICE, SAINT JOHN, March 19, 1850.

ON and after THURSDAY the 21st instant, a SHIP LETTER MAIL will be made up for the United States, and forwarded by the Steamer Maid of Erin. The Postage on a Letter by this Mail, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, will be 4*d.*, which must be paid in advance.

So long as the Steamer continues her present arrangement of leaving at 7, A. M., this Office will be open for the receipt of Letters from 6, A. M. till 6, 30, A. M., after which late Letters will be received for 15 minutes.

J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.

Steam Arrangement!



WINDSOR BOAT!

THE first Steamer for WINDSOR, will leave the South-Wharf on THURSDAY Evening the 18th April—passage as usual. Cabin Passengers Tickets through to HALIFAX, Six Dollars.

For PORTLAND, BANGOR, BOSTON, &c. THE "COMMODORE" will leave the South Wharf on MONDAY morning, 15th instant, for PORTLAND, BANGOR, and BOSTON.—Fare moderate. April 12. JAMES WHITNEY.