

new vessels, to class A. I. six years, £6 5s. to £7—Messrs. Longe, Curry & Co., from whose annual report these particulars are extracted, remark:—"In our last circular we took leave to direct the attention of Colonial builders to the unsuitability of the models of their small vessels for the only trade they are really adapted for; so far, we find but little improvement. If they could be induced to give this class of vessels both a longer and a flatter floor, and be less sparing of copper fastenings, they would command better prices and a quicker sale."

WINDSOR, January 1.—Her Majesty's New Year's Gifts of meat, bread, coals, potatoes, blankets, and clothing, were distributed this morning to the aged, infirm, and distressed poor of Windsor and its vicinity, in the presence of the Queen and Prince Albert, and the Royal Family, his Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge, the Ladies and Gentlemen in waiting, and the Hon. and Rev. G. Wellesley (domestic chaplain to her Majesty.) The distribution took place in the Riding School.

EDINBURGH.—From the liberality of the Magistrates and other parties, the Scott Monument, in this city, was on New Year's day gratuitously visited by upwards of 1500 persons, and it is pleasing to state that not the slightest injury was sustained by the structure. Gratuitous admission was also given to the New Edinburgh Corn Exchange, Heriot's Hospital, Botanic Gardens, the Antiquarian and Agricultural Museums, and other public places of interest, which were visited by large numbers of the working classes during the day.

Postponement of the Queen's next Visit to Ireland.—A correspondent informs us that it has been finally arranged, if no unforeseen cause arises to prevent it, that her Majesty is to make a yacht voyage during the ensuing summer up the Mediterranean, instead of, as was originally intended, again visiting Ireland. Her Majesty's second visit to Ireland, we understand, is merely postponed.—*Evening Post.*

THE SHIELDS PILOTS, during the last eight years, have saved by the lifeboat 466 seamen of all nations.

A bellringer in Norwich has succeeded to property to an amount entitling him to be considered one of the wealthiest commoners of Great Britain; a chancery suit having at length terminated in his favour, notwithstanding all "the law's delays."

On the 1st inst. the number of troops in Ireland was 38,760, exclusive of enrolled out-pensioners.

ANNUAL ABSTRACT OF VESSELS BELONGING TO THE PORT OF DUBLIN.—31st December, 1848, 470 ships, 42,330 tons, 2,777 men. 31st December, 1849, 475 ships, 42,430 tons, 2,792 men.

Gambling in Madrid.—With a view to discourage gambling in Madrid, the names of all persons found in gambling houses by the police of that city, are regularly published in the official gazette.

INDIA.—Calcutta papers to the 21st Nov., and Bombay papers to Dec. 3d have been received in London. The Punjab was quiet, with the single exception of Peshawar. Some disturbances had broken out on the frontier of Peshawar. Some fighting is expected.

SIR CHARLES NAPIER.—Agra, November 9.—The last week has been one of unusual excitement, owing to the advent of Sir Charles Napier, but his stay was short, and his movements so eccentric and meteor-like, that he has left but a faint impression, which will soon fade. The best story extant regarding his sojourn, is one that he related himself at the Lieutenant Governor's table, when talking of his proper want of power as Commander-in-Chief of the forces in India. Addressing the circle at large he said—"I shall leave you shortly—I can't stay; I am thwarted in every way by the Military Board. What authority has a Commander-in-Chief in India? None. Who have, who possess the authority? The Military Board. I was dining with the Governor-General at Sunnah the other day, when I said to him, 'My Lord, it is no use; I might as well resign my authority at once as go on in the present system. The whole authority is engrossed by the Military Board.' His Lordship replied, 'Not at all, Sir Charles; in all things your authority would be respected and appealed to.' When I replied—'You are mistaken; the only people I have any authority over in all India are the apothecaries, and I could not give a dose of medicine to one of them without first obtaining leave of the Military Board to expend a certain quantity of their—medical stores.' You may imagine the grin that pervaded his audience, as they listened to such emphatic language from the lips of a Commander-in-Chief."

Sickness is prevailing at Mooltan.

#### [FROM LATE AMERICAN PAPERS.]

THE CASE OF PROFESSOR WEBSTER.—In the Municipal Court, before Chief Justice Wells, at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon, John White Webster was placed at the bar, and duly notified that the Grand Jury had found a true bill of indictment against him, for the murder of George Parkman,—that the indictment would be certified up to the Supreme Judicial Court,—that he would be furnished with a copy of the indictment, and that, by order of the Court, he would be committed to the Commonwealth's jail, for safe keeping, until the final order in his case. Mr. Webster then left the court room in custody of two officers. His appearance was perfectly calm, and much the same as it ever was, prior to his arrest.—*Boston Daily Adv.*

Extensive preparations are making all the way South to receive the Hungarian refugees. Large crowds are arriving.

It is said that the President has sent instructions to Mr. Marsh, our representative in Turkey, to use the influence of our government in favor of the Hungarian refugees in that country.—*Id.*

The duties collected at the New Orleans Custom House, in 1849, amounted to \$1,880,824.—The

emigrants arrived at that port from foreign countries in 1849, were 31,337.

The value of the exports from Charleston, S. C., to foreign ports, in 1849, amounted to \$10,343,771, of which \$3,615,181 was in foreign ships, the remainder in American. The value of the coastwise exports were about \$5,494,520.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A SCIENTIFIC MAN.—Some six months since, John H. Kyan, Esq., an aged gentleman of extensive scientific attainments, arrived in this country from England. He took lodgings in a private boarding house in Barclay street, where he early gained the friendship of the inmates by cultivated conversation and great urbanity. On Saturday morning he was at the breakfast table with his habitual cheerfulness, and apparently enjoying his usual good health. Two hours afterwards, he was found insensible in an out-house, having died, as the Coroner's jury decided, from apoplexy.

Mr. Kyan was a member of several scientific societies in Europe; he was connected with some of the English Nobility, and has left a wife and children at his residence in London. He was about 75 years of age, and possessed great elasticity of spirits and physical vigor, otherwise business and scientific pursuits would never have brought him across the Atlantic at his advanced period of life. "Kyanized wood," known extensively in this country as wood saturated with a chemical composition and almost incapable of decay, originated with this deceased gentleman.

At the time of his death, Mr. K. was also engaged in some experiments for purifying and filtering water; he had been in consultation with the Croton Board on this subject, and it was proposed, by some simple apparatus at the Distributing Reservoir, to have this abundant supply greatly improved for domestic use.—*N. Y. Jour. of Commerce.*

MANUFACTURE OF CHINA IN NEW YORK.—The decoration of china is a branch of art rapidly growing in New York. Elegant sets of china have been exported to Europe and are prepared for the south. About forty persons are employed, who have been brought from Europe. It is in contemplation to enlarge the works in a few months, when at least a hundred persons will be employed, and young American workmen be initiated in the art. Unadulterated gold is invariably used, obtained by dissolving sovereigns. In the process of decorating china, the ground colours are first put on, after which the ware is subjected to a powerful heat, in a furnace appropriately constructed, until the colours unite with the glazing. This being done, the gold colours are put upon the ground-work and again placed in the furnace. The gilding is then finished, when the article is prepared for the market. In the execution of elaborate figures on porcelain vases, &c., the articles undergo several burnings in the furnace.

GOOD WAGES FOR PRINTERS.—The *Placer* (California) Times of the 17th of November says:—"During last week we were somewhat 'hurried up' by the election printing, which gave our compositors an opportunity of making something over a hundred dollars each—a sum which probably was never before handed to a journeyman printer in this or any other country for a week's work."

OREGON CITY, Sept. 22.—Since the first of May there have arrived and departed from our river 16 barks, tonnage 4218; 5 ships, tonnage 2723; 3 schooners, tonnage 144; 13 brigs, tonnage 2221. Grand total of vessels 37; grand total of tonnage 9288. The schrs. Milwaukee, Pioneer and General Lane have been built in Oregon since the last winter, and they are now doing a most profitable business.

NOVA-SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.—Despatches were laid on the table on Monday, confirming the Departmental, Civil List, Crown Land and Railway Bills.

A letter from the Speaker of the Canadian Assembly, setting forth the destruction of records and books by the burning of the parliament house at Montreal, and soliciting copies of any record the Province could furnish, was referred to a special committee.

A general measure for perfecting a uniform rate of postage, was read a first time.

A Bill to take a Census of the Province was introduced and referred to a select committee.

A Bill was introduced by Hon. J. W. Johnston, to make the Agents of English Insurance and other Companies liable for their engagements in this Province. Agents of American Companies are already liable.

Upon a question from Hon. J. W. Johnston, the Hon. Provincial Secretary stated that a communication on the subject of reciprocal trade with the United States would be made on Friday.

Hon. Provincial Secretary presented a memorial from a Mrs. Dick, a benevolent lady of New-Brunswick, in favour of the claims of the insane. Referred to a special committee.

PROPOSED WATER WORKS AT QUEBEC.—A large public meeting was held at the city of Quebec, for the purpose of adopting measures for carrying into effect the project for some time entertained there of furnishing the city with an abundant supply of water. The present and late Mayor of the city, and other gentlemen, addressed the meeting, and stated a variety of interesting facts. The report of Mr. George Baldwin of this city was referred to, as showing that the best source of supply is the river Montmorency. It was shown that the amount of losses by fire in the year 1845 was equal to £586,000, and since £200,000, making a total of £786,000. Several resolutions were adopted, one of which recommended the forming of a joint stock

company for the introduction of water, with a capital of £100,000, and that a rate of sixpence in the pound should be levied on all the property in the city, to be appropriated in aid of the water company, and to furnish the corporation with water for the extinguishment of fires.—*Boston Daily Adv.*

At a meeting of the British American Telegraph Company, at Quebec, on the 17th inst., a resolution was passed authorising the Directors to communicate with the New-Brunswick Telegraph Company, as to a junction of the two lines on the Fredericton route.

SHIPPING.—There were owned at this port, at the close of 1849, as far as can be ascertained, 505 vessels, amounting to 93,192 tons—showing an increase, as compared with 1844, of 105 vessels, 24,699 tons.

The new vessels built at this port in 1849, (including those built for owners in the United Kingdom) was 85, tons 31 279.

There are now building at St. John and its immediate vicinity, 14 vessels, of 9850 tons; at Fredericton and Oromocto, 3 vessels, 750 tons; at Quaco, 29 vessels, 14,950 tons; at Dorchester, Hopewell, and the Bend, 6 vessels, 3070 tons—total building in the St. John District, 52 vessels, 26,620 tons.

In the Miramichi District there were owned, in 1849, 90 vessels, measuring 7,464 tons.

The new vessels built in that District, in 1849, were 21, measuring 6763 tons.

There are now building in the Miramichi District, as follows:—At Dalhousie, 2 vessels, 850 tons; at Bathurst, 3 vessels, 1,250 tons; at Miramichi, 6 vessels, 3,320 tons; at Richibucto, 2 vessels, 1,400 tons; at Cocaigne, 1 vessel, of 600 tons—total building in the Miramichi District, 66 vessels, 34,040 tons.—*Observer.*

NEW SCOTCH CHURCH.—A new building for Presbyterian service in connection with the established Church of Scotland, was opened at the Upper Village of Woodstock, on Sunday the 30th December.—The Rev. John Hunter, Minister of the Church, conducted the services, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Brooke, of Fredericton, who was prevented being present by sickness in his family.

GOOD HAY is selling quick to-day at £5, per ton, and the general expectation is that it will be higher yet.

#### MARRIED.

On Thursday evening, by the Rev. Dr. I. W. D. Gray, Rector, Frederick W. Wood, Esquire, Manager of the Bank of British North America, to Frances Botsford, youngest daughter of the late Hon. George H. Hazen.

On Saturday evening, by the Rev. Alexander Stewart, Mr. John Malone, to Miss Mary Ann Stewart.

On Thursday evening, by the same, Mr. Charles M. Leonard, to Miss Harriet S. Baldwin, both of this City.

On Thursday evening, 21st inst., by the Rev. R. Cooney, Wesleyan Minister, Mr. Andrew McGurk, to Miss Anne Fox, both of this City.

On the 31st ult., by the Rev. C. Milner, Mr. Nathaniel Belyea, to Miss Louisa Belyea, both of Westfield, King's County.

At Woodstock, on the 2d inst., by the Rev. S. D. Lee Street, Mr. Francis McDonald, of Schuykill County, State of Pennsylvania, to Frances Caroline, youngest daughter of the late Thomas G. Cumliffe, Esq., of the former place.

At Moncton, on the 25th Dec., by the Rev. R. A. Chesley, Mr. John F. Goodere, of Nantes, (France), to Miss Hannah Haines, eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Haines, of Moncton.

By the same, on the 28th Dec., Mr. Tyle Price, of Buctouche, to Miss Nancy Ryan, of the Parish of Moncton.

At Coverdale, by the same, on the 17th January, Mr. Malcolm Jones, of Salisbury, to Miss Celia A. Stiles, youngest daughter of Enoch Stiles, Esq., of Coverdale.

#### DIED.

On Sunday evening, after a protracted illness, Mr. James McMann, in the 47th year of his age. Of him it might be truly said, he was "a sinner saved by grace."

At Fredericton, on the 20th inst., after a short illness, Jane, daughter of Mr. James Pollock of that City, aged 28 years.

At Fredericton, on Thursday last, after a lingering illness, William, second son of Mr. John Perkins, Gardner, of that City, in the 22d year of his age.

On the 19th inst., at his residence in Kingsclear, of paralysis, Mr. Alexander Thomson, aged 61 years.

At Douglas, on the 14th instant, Charlotte, wife of Mr. Zebedee R. Estey, aged 34 years.

#### PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

##### ARRIVED.

Friday—Brig Albert, Isaac, New York, 12—N. S. Demill, ballast.

Schr. Albert, Elder, New York, 12—G. Bent, flour, &c.

Monday—Schr. Rising Sun, Bissett, Beal's Island, with wrecked materials of ship Sultan.

A Brigantine from Digby, bound to Lepreau, to load with lumber.

##### CLEARED.

Jan. 22d—Brig. Gem, McCready, Barbados, boards, shingles, grindstones, and smoked herrings—Estabrooks & King.

23d—Barque Actress, Murphy, London, deals, pickets, &c.—Joseph Fairweather.

28th—Ship Albatross, Geves, Liverpool, timber, deals, &c.—S. Wiggins & Son; Brig. Fashion, Bingay, Barbados, lumber—R. Rankin & Co.

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