

THE EXAMINER.

Saturday, December 14, 1850.

News by Yesterday's Mails.

The Packet *Damsel* arrived yesterday evening from Pictou, bringing an English Mail, together with the Colonial and American Mails. As the intelligence thus furnished contains much that is interesting and important, we defer the insertion of some original matter prepared for the present number, in order to give room to the following gleanings from our latest papers.

EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.

The steamship *Asia* arrived at New York on Saturday morning, the 7th inst., and the steamship *America* arrived at Halifax on Wednesday morning the 11th inst., in 10½ days from Liverpool. We have intelligence by both these arrivals.

ENGLAND.—The 'No Popery' cry has lost little of its intensity, but the objects have become more distinctly defined.

A great anti-Popery meeting was held at York, on the 22d. Earl Fitzwilliam moved an address to the Queen, praying Her Majesty would maintain and preserve inviolate her supreme authority as by Law established. The motion was carried by an immense majority.

HASSE CASSEL.—Austria proposes to delay the measure against Holstein, until the extension shall have been settled by the free conferences. She also offers to dissolve the Diet and consent to the league of German States.

GERMANY.—The news from Germany continues favorable. A truce of eight days has been agreed upon between General Groeben, and the Prince Thurn and Taxis, and a line drawn, beyond which neither the Prussian or the federal army is allowed to overstep.

The first week of the sittings of the Legislative Assembly in France has passed over without any very important result.

The accounts from the manufacturing districts are encouraging.

The government of the Duchies were firm in their determination to oppose any intervention of the Bund, and not a single Prussian had left the Holstein army.

General Willissen had made another movement of his outposts, which ended only in a skirmish, in which a few were killed and wounded on both sides.

The movements of troops in Austria, Bavaria and Wirtemberg have been temporarily suspended.

In consequence of the excessive demands for floor or counter space in the building for the Great Exhibition, the Commissioners, at their last meeting, resolved to authorize the erection of an additional gallery, by which an increased area of about 45,000 superficial feet is obtained. By this increase the total exhibiting area of floor and counter space applicable to exhibitors of the United Kingdom amounts to about 220,000 superficial feet; but large as this amount is, it is hardly one-half of the total floor or counter space demanded.

The *Daily News* says—"We have not had time to cast more than a glance at Cardinal Wiseman's rejoinder to his numerous foes; but have seen enough to admit that some of them have caught a tartar. Never were blows dealt with

more hearty good will. His Monseignorship is evidently no slumbering, mumbler, dozing son of the Church, clad in purple, and fed with incense; but a busy worldly, go-a-head son of an acute and an industrial age. He has evidently emerged from no cloister, nor from the desk of any antiquated administration. The Cardinal, cardinal though he be, is one of us, and one not of our *effete* or dandy classes, but a *terra filius*, who has touched the mother earth of common life, and learned rude thoughtedness with his vernacular. Cardinal Wiseman, we see, claims to be an Englishman, and no alien."

At Aleppo, on the 16th Nov., a body of Turks and Arabs fell upon the reident Christians during the night, and a fearful Massacre took place. The Greek Bishop was among the killed.

The French Government have ordered the increase of the army by 40,000 men!

HUMANITY OUTRAGED.—The Montreal *Herald* of the 16th states that Sheffirst, the Captain of the *Amelia Serle*, who was tried at Quebec last week, on a charge of murdering a boy, one of his crew, has been convicted of common assault. The nature of the case may be learned from the following remarks of the *Herald*:—

The persecution of this poor lad seems to have been most persevering and cruel. He was compelled to sleep upon the ballast in the hold, with no other covering than canvass trousers and a cotton shirt, was frequently rope's-ended, made to strip in very cold weather, and, in ill-health; soured with buckets of water; then scrubbed in the roughest manner with coarse sacks and birch brooms; and compelled when he could scarcely crawl, to go aloft, and remain without food. He seems, also, to have been made the butt of the wit as well as of the inhumanity of the wretch who commanded him, and that person's abettors; for we learn that, on one occasion, he was induced to smoke a pipe, which turned out to be charged with gunpowder, and exploded near his face. Ultimately he became delirious, thought he saw his sister bringing him a letter, and at last died. The Captain was indicted for murder; but the jury seem to have taken a very—very merciful view of his crime.

ST. DOMINGO.—Accounts from St. Domingo City to the 24th ult., represent that through the intervention of the English and Americans, a treaty of peace between the Dominicans and Haytiens had been concluded. Previous to this there had been brisk fighting between the contending parties, but nothing serious. There was at the time of the treaty a British man of war in port.

RIO DE JANEIRO.—Dates from Rio to the 16th, and from Buenos Ayres to the 6th of October, have been received by different channels. From both places it is stated that the prospect of war between the two countries was increasing.—*Boston Daily Adv.*

FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.—St. John's papers received yesterday by the *Ospray* are destitute of interest—if we except the fact that the office of the Colonial Treasurer in the New Colonial Building, had been broken open and all the money carried off—the burglars considerably refusing to take about £60,000 in Government Securities—deposited there.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN HALIFAX.—A Fire broke out on Wednesday last, at 3 o'clock at Halifax in the Officers' Mess Room, North Barracks. The Officer's Quarters soon became a prey to the flames and the entire range of Barracks soon followed.

The devouring element then seized upon the Block fronting on the North Barracks, nearly every building in which has been either burnt or gutted.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.

SOME of the English papers received by yesterday's Mail—amongst the number is "Willmer & Smith's European Times"—state that W. B. BANNERMAN has been appointed to succeed the late Sir Donald Campbell in the Government of this Colony. The statement of this gentleman's appointment is given in the English journals without note or comment, and we know nothing further of him than what we have learned from private information—that Mr. Bannerman owes his appointment to his having served the Whigs some years ago as a member of the House of Commons for Dundee—that he has latterly been unconnected with Parliament, in which he never figured very conspicuously, and engaged in mercantile business—that he has a wife but no family, and is about 60 years of age—that he won't come to Prince Edward Island till the Spring, having gone to Scotland to spend the winter there. This matter, perhaps, of little concern whether he comes or stays: the existing oligarchy, Governor or no Governor, must walk the plank, or give way to the introduction of Responsible Government before the grass will grow again, or else suffer the Island to be without a Revenue or Supply. Either the present or any future House of Assembly will be satisfied with nothing short of an unconditional concession to the principles advocated by the majority of the existing House. The Oligarchy may scheme, and plan, and lie, in order to postpone the consummation of "the good time coming," but come it must, as sure as to-morrow's sun will rise.

BEGINNING TO KNOW HIM.

WE perceive by the following extract from the Halifax *Sun* of the 6th instant, that Mister Donkey Maclean is beginning to be rightly appreciated on the other side of the Straits:—

The greatest Editorial Niiny in the Lower Colonies, is beyond all question, he of the *P. E. Islander*. That, the Island is misgoverned—that her people are groaning beneath the corruptions and tyranny of an irresponsible clique—is not to be wondered at when to such men are entrusted the guidance of public opinion through the Press. Duncan McLean—for so it appears is the cognomen of this veritable Editor, was once—and not long since—a "roaring, ranting" Democrat and Patriot—but the constituency he represented, suspecting his fidelity, sent him about his business.—when he at once mortgaged his valuable services for the mess of pottage to the enemies of Constitutional Government. In the *Islander* of the 22nd he makes this unblushing assertion, and others equally devoid of truth:

"Joseph [Mr. Howe] pockets the comfortable salary of £1,300 as Provincial Secretary, and another office called the 'Financial Secretary's' has been created for a hungry Responsible, at a salary of £300, of which the Province stands just as much in need, as a cart does a third wheel."

Here is another certificate of character for Donkey from the *Novascotian* of Wednesday last—the most able and respectable journal in the Provinces. Our Halifax contemporaries would find it no easy matter to notice all the lies which Donkey is constantly putting forth, with the hope of keeping his pre-ent employers in office, and continuing to himself "the mess of pottage." But his lies can do no harm either here or elsewhere:—

"THE P. E. ISLANDER.—This is the title of a silly obstructive paper published at Charlottetown, P. E. I.—the Editor of which has recently gone out of his way

to have a fling at Responsible Government, and the Hon. Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia. The *Colonist* in this city, being at present rather short handed in its *Corps Editorial*, has again made itself ridiculous by placing the *Islander's* falsehoods and slanders under its heading. It is notorious that almost every sentence contained in the *Islander's* off-spring, and adopted by the *Colonist*, is either a gross misstatement or a downright falsehood. If it were necessary we could make this apparent, but really the two worthies in question are not entitled to further consideration."

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

A vessel had arrived at San Francisco from Sacramento with the Cholera on board. Many persons had died suddenly with it, and great consternation prevailed at the former place.

The steamer *Sagamore* on leaving Central Wharf with a large number of passengers, burst her boiler with a tremendous explosion, scattering human bodies and timbers in all directions. The number on board is said to have been 95 or 100, half of whom are missing. Many bodies were recovered, but so mutilated as not to be recognized. Limbs and fragments were gathered up in baskets.

Robberies and murders have of late been frightfully on the increase from one end of our State to the other. Not a week passes but several of our stores are broken open and men knocked down at night and sometimes murdered for their money in our most public streets. The Indians in the northern section of the State are growing quite troublesome.

The vast body of the overland immigration have arrived into California. There cannot be over 8000 or 10,000 people on their way, the other side of the mountains.

There has been several cases of cholera in San Francisco. No single case has appeared in any other section of the State.

EXTRAORDINARY.—As one of the many instances of extraordinary good luck which has attended the operation of miners in California, we will mention the following, which we have received from a reliable source. In Grass Hollow Dry Diggings, five men, not long since, took out nearly five thousand dollars apiece in less than a week.

Jenny Lind has presented \$500 to the widow of the late mate of the bark *Sophia*, of Calais, who lost his life 3rd Sept. in taking off the crew of the Swedish bark *Johanna*, which was in a sinking condition.

The steambot *Antionette* burst her boilers on the Alabama river, on Thursday last; the loss was several killed, 28 wounded, and several still missing—51 escaped uninjured, and were carried to Mobile.

Thirty-seven vessels arrived at Boston on Monday last, nearly all from ports in Nova Scotia.

The River St John is covered with ice.

The Schr. *Providence* reports the schr. *Don*, Meriden, from P. E. Island for Halifax, with 2000 bushels of produce, totally lost at White Head on the 28th ult.—crew saved.

The Schr *Billow*, Phillman, from Halifax for New London, P. E. I., is reported on shore between Cape Traverse and Bedeque—a total loss.

PHOENIX FOUNDRY.

A FEW SQUARE STOVES, FRANKLIN STOVES, and COOKING STOVES, of a stout quality, may be purchased there, by an early application, for CASH only.

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