the town; but a lodgment effected in such a position would give us immense advantages, and would probably enable us, with such a co-operation as may be anticipated from Sir Edmund Lyons, to pursue to good purpose the work of victory. We can only express our fervent hopes that such an event may be at hand; but in our ignorance of the real strength of the enemy, and after the experience we have had of war's contingencies, it is impossible to venture anything like precise speculation."

Wm. H. Webb has commenced building a propellor of 600 tons, to run between San Francisco and the *Russian Possessions* at the North-West.

The Duke of Cambridge has quitted Malta. His health is still bad.

The Emperor of the French decorated on Sunday several saphis who had captured flags and otherwise distinguished themselves in the late expedition against Touggourt.

It would hardly do for any one to have the temerity now-a-days to question the excellence of Dr. Hooffand's German Bitters, which are prepared by Dr. C. M. Jackson. In cases of dyspepsia, liver complaint, and derangement of the digestive organs, their many virtues have long since been made plainly apparent. They purge from the system the morbid humors which retard the natural functions, and bring paleness to the cheek, and suffering to the brow. They banish those clogs upon happiness, and restore the system to high health. See advertisement.

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Wednesday, February 28, 1855.

The accounts of the war brought by the Mail are any thing but satisfactory, It has at last, become quite evident, that there has been great mismanagement somewhere, but the difficulty is, upon whom to fix it. Upon Mr. Roebuck's resolution: "That a select committee be appointed to enquire into the condition of our army before Sebastopol, and into the conduct of those departments of the Government, whose duty it has been to minister to the wants of the army," Mr. S. Herbert entered into a long and eloquent vindication of the Government, the gist of which, however, seems to be, that the long interval of peace the nation has enjoyed, has had the effect of rendering it more unprepared for war, than it otherwise would, or than it ought to have been. That though we have a collection of Regiments in the highest state of Regimental discipline, we no have army. That these Regiments have been scattered about in various garrisons and Colonies, and have never been exercised in sufficient masses, so as to enable them to act in concert with the same effect as Continental armies, which are kept for a considerable portion of the year, in camp, perfecting themselves in all those various evolutions which may be expected to become necessary in a state of actual warfare. That the Baggage and Wagon Train, which had been brought to some degree of perfection in the peninsular war, had been suffered, from motives of economy, to be entirely destroyed. One of his points of defence is an extraordinary one; he contends that England has never entered into any war, in which she has not encountered in the beginning, a succession of misfortunes, similar to those under which our gallant soldiers are now suffering in the Crimea, and he quotes a despatch from Lord Wellington in 1809, which, with a very few minor alterations, might have been copied by Lord Raglan as descriptive of the state of affairs of the expedition under his command. He is answered however, by Mr. Layard, and most pertinently: "— but surely, if a great minister undertook a great war," says Mr. Layard, "the first thing he should do, would be to refer to history to see how that war should be carried on, and to see what mistakes had been committed, in order, if possible, to avoid them." Lord John Russell, in his speech upon his resignation, admits that the accounts which weekly arrive from Sebastopol, "are not only painful, but horrible and heart-rending," and what is still more extraordinary, that with all the official knowledge to which he has had access, "the state of the army is *to him* inexplicable." Lord John Russell's resignation at the peculiar moment, is looked upon by all sides, as any thing but creditable to him. To back out on the eve of a battle, because he was afraid of the consequences, and to desert his quondam allies at the moment of their utmost need, was not the most chivalric act, nor has he sufficiently justified it, as a statesman-like one. It would seem that Lord John had proposed to Lord Aberdeen that the offices of Secretary of State for the war department, and Secretary at War ought to be held by the same person, who should be a Cabinet Minister, and in the House of Commons. In this, Lord Aberdeen differed from him, but Lord John Russell did not press it. though if he conscientiously thought the change was necessary to carrying on the war with vigour and effect, he ought to have done so; nor did he make it a condition of his remaining in the Ministry, which Lord Palmerston—who was to have benefited by the proposed arrangement—states, should have been his couse. In fact, Lord John should have either resigned some weeks previous, or should have borne the brunt of Mr. Roebuck's attack, in common with his colleagues. Col. Sibthorp's quotation, that "conscience makes cowards of us all," was not inappropriate. There seems to be a general conviction, that Lord Palmerston ought to have the entire direction of the war department.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

In compliance with the Resolutions of the "Central Committee for collecting subscriptions in aid of Patriotic Fund." A public Meeting of the inhabitants of the District of Spring-field, Township No. 67 was held in the Schoolhouse, on Monday the 8th day of January.

On motion, the Rev. D. B. Parnther, was unanimously requested to take the Chair, and Mr. John Sinclair, to act as Secretary.

The Chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting and explained the cause of the war,—the origin and nature of the Patriotic Fund—and urged on the meeting their duty as British subjects, to aid in providing for the widows and orphans of those who have fallen or may fall in the service of our common country during the present war.

On motion, a Subscription list was then opened, and the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to take charge of it, and to solicit subscriptions throughout the District, viz:—Messrs. Stephen Weeks, John Bigger, Thomas Haslam, jun. and Peter Sinclair and Mr. John Sinclair to act as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Committee having solicited the aid of the several individuals within the District have realized the sum of £8 10s as follows.

D. B. Parnther,	£0	10	0
Joseph Haslam,	0	6	0
Stephen Weeks,	0	10	0
John Bigger, sen.,	0	6	3
Alexander McKenzie,	0	2	0
Peter Sinclair,	0	5	0
Richard Elliot	0	6	3
Thomas Haslam, jun.,	0	6	0
Benjamin Haslam, jun.,	0	6	0
Archibald Holms,	0	2	3
John Holms,	0	6	0
John Bigger, jun.,	0	3	9
Hutty Brown,	0	1	6
Benjamin Haslam, sen.,	0	6	3
John McKenzie,	0	3	0
Robert Haslam,	0	5	0
Samuel Haslam	0	6	0
Thomas Haslam, sen.,	0	15	0
William Haslam,	0	7	6
John McCambridge,	0	1	6
Susan Murphy,	0	2	6
Arthur Gay,	0	2	0
James Brown,	0	2	0
James Bigger,	0	2	3
Joshua Murray,	0	3	0
John Murray,	0	10	0
Michael May,	0	2	4
Hector McKay,	0	6	3
Owen O'Neill,	0	5	0
Archibald Ferguson,	0	2	3
John Crorkan,	0	1	6
Bernard Crorkan,	0	1	6
Peter Connick,	0	1	6
John Haslam,	0	5	0
John Sinclair,	0	7	8
	£8	10	0

Received from Mr. John Sinclair, Teacher of Springfield Township 67, District School, Treasurer of Local Committee, the above Subscriptions amounting in all, to Eight Pounds Ten Shillings, in aid of the Patriotic Fund.

THEOPHILUS DESBRISAY,
Treasurer of Patriotic Fund

Subscriptions towards the Patriotic Fund collected at Point Prim, Western District.

Angus McRae,	2	6
Malcolm Murchison,	1	6
Ronald McDonald,	2	9
John Murchison,	2	0
Alexander McRae,	2	6
Simon Murchison,	2	6
Archibald McRae,	2	6
Murdoch McRae,	3	0
Donald McRae,	3	6
John Gillis,	2	6
John Gillis,	2	6
Murdoch Martin,	2	0
John McRae,	2	3
Donald McDonald,	3	0
Michael McLeod,	1	6
Angus McLean,	3	0
Donald McDonald,	2	3
Donald McLeod,	3	0
John Finlayson,	2	0
Allan McDonald,	1	6
Hugh McDonald,	3	0
Simon Murchison,	2	6
Alexander McLeod,	2	6
Donald Finlayson,	1	6
Ninian Finlayson,	1	6
Alexander McDonald,	2	6
Alexander Finlayson.	2	3
Mrs. Alexander Finlayson,	2	3
Hector McDonald,	2	0
James Murchison,	2	3
Roderick Cameron,	2	3
Alexander Murchison,	1	6
Kenneth McKenzie,	3	0
Alexander McLean,	1	6
£4	0	9

Received from Mr. John Murchison, Tresurer, of Point Prim, Western District, Local Committee, the sum of four pounds and nine pence, being the subscriptions received by him in that District towards the Patriotic Fund.

THEOPHILUS DESBRISAY,
Treasurer of Patriotic Fund.

February 27th, 1854.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

To the Secretary and Treasurer of the "Patriotic Committee Fund."

Respected Sir;

We the Pupils of the Mount Mellick School, Township No. 49, beg most respectfully, that you will accept through our Teacher, Mr. Alexander McNeill, the small Juvenile contribution made by us, as a token of our sympathetic commiseration, and ardent desire to contribute our pence toward the relief "of the Widows and Orphans of those heroic Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, who have fought, bled, and expired, in the cause of Freedom, and in the downfall of despotism; or who from other casualties have endured deprivation of health and debility of body, while employed on service during the present campaign in the East of Europe. List of Subscribers—

Philip S. Lane, 9d, J. R MacDougall, 9d, Joseph Hayley, 4d, John Byrns, 6d, Patrick Cairn, 1d, Peter Cairn, 9d, J. R. A. McNeill, 3s. 3d, William H. McNeill, 3s. 3d, Alexander McDougall, 9d, Sarah Praught, 3d, Catharine Praught, 1½d, Elizabeth Acorn, 1½d, M. E. McDougall, 9d, Elizabeth Acorn, 1½d, Mary Ann Lane, 9d, Angus Praught, 1½d, Jane Acorn, 9d, Susan Acorn, 9, Esther MacLellan, 4d, Eliza McDougall, 1s. 1d, Ann Hayley, 9d, Mary Hayley, 9d, John L. Mellish, 1s 7d, Lydia Ann Palmer, 2d, John V. McDonald, 4d, Mary Cairns, 6d, Charles Acorn, 4d, Roderick Visey, 5d, John Acorn, 9d, William Acorn, 9d, Christina Ann McRae, 9d, Catherine Mellish, 4d.

Received from Mr. Alexander McNeill Teacher of Mount Mellick District School, Township number Forty-nine, the above sum of one Pound three Shillings, being the offerings of the Pupils in his School, to the Patriotic Fund.

THEOPHILUS DESBRISAY,
Treasurer Patriotic Fund.

By Telegraph to St. John's News Room.

ARRIVAL OF THE BALTIC.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.

The Baltic arrived to-day, with dates to the 10th.

New British Ministry formed. Premier, Lord Palmerston; Minister of War, Lord Panmure (Fox Maule); Foreign Affairs, Lord Clarendon; Home Office, Sidney Herbert; Colonial Secretary, Sir George Grey; Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Gladstone; Chief of the Admirality, Sir James Graham: Chancellor, Lord Cranworth; President of the Council, Earl of Granville; Keeper of Privy Seal, Duke of Argyle; Chief of Board of Public Works, Sir W. Molesworth; President of the Board of Controul, Sir Charles Wood; Post Master General, Lord Canning; the Marquis of Lansdowne is in the Ministry, without office.

Lord Aberdeen, the Duke of Newcastle and Lord John Russel go out.

Lord Panmure's coming in makes the balance of power about the same as in the old ministry.

Sir Charles Napier made a savage speech in Parliament against the Government.

Nothing from the seat of war.

Consols 91 1-4. Flour 6d. to 1s. lower. --Markets generally dull.

THE COLONIAL MAILS arrived last night. We have news from England, via New York and St. John, N. B. of the formation of a new ministry.

We Published a double sheet last week on the arrival of the British Mail. in order to put our readers in possession of the news at the earliest period—where practicable—we issued it in two parts,—one of which was delivered on Saturday morning and the other on Monday. We again issue a double sheet, with a continuation of the news, our readers will find that they will be much benefited by the change in our size.

TEMPERANCE.

On Thursday evening last the fourth of the series of Temperance meetings was held in the Hall, J. T. Pidwell, Fsq., G. W. P. in the Chair.

The Rev. John McMurray, delivered to a crowded and attentive audience, a highly intelectual and interesting address. We shall refrain for the present from making any special remarks on it, as by a resolution passed at the meeting, the Rev. Gentleman was requested to furnish a sinopsis of the lecture for publication, to which request he very kindly consented, we therefore trust that at an early day to present it to our readers.

Mr. Harris gave a short address much to the point, which could not fail of leaving a good impression.

That old veteran in the Temperance cause Mr. John Bovyer, being requested by the Chair to make a few remarks, came forward, and in a style peculiarly his own, declared his warm attachment to the cause, and though fast verging to the grave, was disposed to go all the length that the most ardent advocate contended for, and urged the people to rest not short of a *Prohibitory Law*.

The singing on the occasion was *remarkably good*. The young Ladies and Gentlemen who have so kindly volunteered their services to sing at these meetings deserve all praise, but we are sure that any compliments from us are quite superfluous, as the satisfaction they feel that in any way advancing so great and glorious a cause gives its own reward.

The Instrumental music too was very good and all go to show that the Temperance cause has a firm hold on the affections of the community.—*Com.*

MECHANICS INSTITUTE.—John M. Stark Esquire, the Inspector of Schools for this Island, last evening, delivered an instructive lecture, upon "EDUCATION." He entered upon the principles of his important subject, with much minuteness; discussed the system that had prevailed in Greece and China; and then shewed what Education really was, in its moral, intellectual and physical tendencies. He also described the working and training of the Normal School system, and concluded, by suggesting certain improvements, necessary, to make the Free School system now in successful operation in this Island, the best in the world.

William Cooper Esq. M. P. moved that Mr. Stark be requested to place his lecture into the hands of the Committee of the Institute for the purpose of having it published for general information.

The motion was seconded by the Hon. the Col. Secretary. His Honor the President deservedly complimented Mr. Coles, as being the originator, and as having the energy and indomitable perseverance to carry the Free School system into successful operation in this his native Isle.

The motion was unanimously passed. A lively debate then ensued.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor honored the Institute with his presence; and a number of both Houses of the Legislature were in attendance.

Dr. Johnson will (D. V.) Lecture next Tuesday evening, upon "Corporate Bodies, having relation especially to Sanatory Measures."

N. B. The Librarian will be in attendance in one of the Rooms of the lower story of the Temperance Hall, one hour, before each lecture, to deliver Books to the Members of the Institute; commencing on Tuesday evening next at seven o'clock.

Donations in Books, apparatus or curiosities towards the Museum will be thankfully received.—*Com*

Died,

At New Wiltshire Settlement, on the 24th inst., Mary, wife of Mr. Methuselah Pethick, aged 47 years, a native of Cornwall, England, from whence she emigrated to this Island in 1832.

WILLIAM STRAIGHT,
Hatter and Dyer.

GENTLEMEN'S Clothes cleaned, Spots and Stains extracted, and restored to their original colour. Beaver and Silk Hats cleaned and stiffened. Also, Kossuth and Felt Hats of all Descriptions.

Orders taken at at the Queen's Arms, 3 Mile-Run, and at JAMES REID'S, Queen Street Charlottetown.

At Charlottetown, on Thursday the 22d inst., by the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. James Barrett, to Miss Christiana Cameron, both of Charlottetown.

At Woolwich, G. B., on 18th January the wife of Captain Vyvyan Crease, Royal Engineers, of a son.

Valuable Stand for Business.

TO LET, and possession given in the month of August next, a DWELLING HOUSE and PREMISES, now occupied by Mr. W. HEARD, in GREAT GEORGE STREET.

The suitable position of the premises for Business purposes is too well known to require comment.

For particulars apply to Mr. W. HEARD, on the premises, or to Mr. W. SMARDON at the cornor, GREAT GEORGE STREE.

Charlottetown, 28th Feb. 1855.

Building Lots for Sale and Lease.

SIX BUILDING LOTS only will be sold at the Ferry opposite Charlottetown, Lot 48, the remaining lots will be let on reasonable leases ,also a most desirable farm within a mile of the aforesaid property. For particulars, apply to Mr. JOHN BALL, or to the Proprietor,

2i J. P. BEETE.