

stepped upon the verge of the covered way. Then waving his flag very formally three times, he cleared his throat and began,—"In the name of the Blessed Virgin, the patroness of the Catholic cause, and immediate protectress of the Irish army; and in the name of the Kieran, the tutelar saint of these parts, as well as in the name of the authorities of Patrick and Colomkill—amen. I. Cormack MacTeige, MacCormack Bay, MacCabil More, MacCormack na g'erao O'Dempsey, captain and commander of artillery and battering-train of the army of Leix and Offaly, do hereby call upon, summon, exhort, and strongly advise all such sons of unfortunate fathers as I see ranged on these walls before me, ready to be blown into the air, like *traumens* on a windy day, at the first salvo from my guns—Arrah, what is the old churl laughing at!" he exclaimed, as Sir Simon, who had made his appearance on the top of the tower on the commencement of his oration, burst into a hearty fit of laughter.

(To be concluded in next No.)

### CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR—  
I saw in the last No. of "The Examiner" an article headed, "Pleasure Excursion to Pictou," and signed "Fast," which I have read with all the attention possible, but unfortunately without discovering the object which the writer expected to accomplish by his communication, unless indeed it be to eulogise the enterprising proprietor of the steamer *Rose*, for having "brought her here at much outlay of individual capital," and for putting her upon a line that does not pay, or otherwise to threaten "the natives" that "if her owner finds that she continues to lose money for him on this line, her removal hence is the only alternative," as though we are bound to travel, and that by the *Rose* too, whether we have business and wish to travel or not. I would therefore, Sir, insinuate to your correspondent, that although he be "Fast" with the "noble owner" of this said steamer, he will certainly be considered "loose enough" by men of spirit—by men who are determined not to be chained to any one movement in particular, or to disoblige themselves without a good or sufficient cause, and unless their judgment fully acquiesce in the matter.

"Fast" appears from the tenor of his letter to wish us to understand, that he is a man of great sympathy, and that he deeply feels the disappointment experienced by the owner of the *Rose*, in her not paying him according to his expectations, while the people of this Colony are blamed by him in consequence, because, forsooth, as he thinks, "there does not appear generally here that proper generous spirit towards the support of the *Rose* which the proprietor deserves." Now, let me submit a question or two for the consideration of your correspondent: 1st. Did the people of this Island generally, or even of Charlottetown in particular, request the owner of the *Rose* to procure and place her upon "this station"? 2d. Did the inhabitants of this Island, by special engagement with that gentleman, after the arrival of the *Rose* here, pledge themselves to support him further than their personal or individual interest demanded? Nay, but is there any such a thing as a pledge in the matter? I certainly presume not. If so, do they then, the people of this Island—3d. Require Mr. Peake, or have they by any intimation whatever requested him to continue the *Rose* upon this station, at all hazards, and whether she pays him? To the best of my knowledge there never has been such a request made of him by the inhabitants of "the Island of the Gulf." Let him, therefore, if the steamer does not pay, send her where she will do better. No doubt we would like very much that the *Rose* should be continued amongst us, if this

\* It is only due to our correspondent to state that *Fast*, and not *Fast*, was the signature appended to his communication—and that in setting up the types an S was inadvertently substituted for a C. In the copy of proof reading the error escaped our notice.—Ed. Ex.

could be so arranged without injuring the spirit of enterprise. It is certainly highly convenient for us to be able to avail ourselves of the services of the steamer when circumstances require them—but rather than her owner should lose money on that account, we would willingly dispense with her altogether, and employ means similar to those adopted by us previously to the *Rose* being introduced here and engaged as at present.

My remarks so far are made without the least wish to be invidious; nor do I wish that the preference of public support should be given to one party more than another, for "justice to all," is my motto and aim, and that of the whole community. I believe, although "Fast" tells us in plain terms that we are devoid of a "proper generous spirit;" that is, as I take it, that the people of this Colony want zeal for the advancement of public interest, and general good feeling towards one another, which I consider to be an unwarranted stigma upon our endeavours.

It appears that "Fast" very much enjoyed his late tour to Pictou, and that his association with the "true hearted Pictouians" was of the most agreeable character, which I am pleased to hear, and must confess that I do not know how any one could have felt otherwise than pleased and gratified with that visit and reception; and trust always to meet with equal welcome and no less good cheer from our Pictou neighbours, which courtesies will be reciprocated on all occasions by the warm-hearted inhabitants of P. E. Island—at least so thinks

OLD MENTOR.

July 23, 1850.

["Old Mentor" will perceive that we have altered, in some particulars, the style, and, where practicable, the tone of his communication. We cannot agree with him in all his observations respecting the present employment of the *Rose*. The owner of that Boat deserves well of the travelling public, if for no other reason than for the taste and elegance displayed in her general appointments and fitting out; and since we cannot promote the enterprise by encouraging people to travel more than they have need to do, we think we should abstain from all cavilling and unkindness in reference to the matter. Under this impression we have endeavoured to soften expressions in the letter above printed, and have omitted some short passages that seemed needlessly harsh.—Ed. Ex.]

## The Examiner.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 27.

### One Week later News.

The R. M. Steamship *Asia* arrived at Halifax on Tuesday last, bearing intelligence from the old world one week later than that which appeared in our Wednesday's paper. The *Asia*, we are informed by the Halifax papers, was detained by a dense fog off the harbour of that place for nearly a whole day. There is nothing, however, particularly important or interesting in the news. Death has stricken down another important personage—the Duke of Cambridge, of whose demise a notice will be found below.

#### ENGLAND.

Trade continued steady without symptoms of activity. Produce was arriving on a moderate scale. Prices generally remain unaltered.

The weather has been favourable for the crops of grain in Europe, and from all parts of the United Kingdom the most cheering accounts have been received.

The ill advised interference with the Post Office continued to excite great dissatisfaction throughout the kingdom; it is expected the limited Sunday delivery of letters will be resumed.

Lady Peel has refused a similar distinction conferred upon Lady Ganning and her family, after her husband's death. Lady Peel in answer to Her Majesty's wish replied that it was her desire to bear no other name than that by which her late husband was known,—and added also, that it was the special direction of the late Sir Robert that none of his family were to accept any title of public reward for any services he might be supposed to have rendered his country.

A public funeral having also been declined, by the relatives of the deceased statesman, the House of Commons have voted a monument to the illustrious departed in Westminster Abbey. A monument is also to be erected to the memory of Sir Robert Peel, at Manchester—the subscriptions for which had already reached £3,000.

#### THE LATE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, youngest son of the late King George III, and uncle of Queen Victoria, died on Monday night 8th inst., at Cambridge House, Piccadilly, after a short illness. The disease which terminated his existence was cramp in the stomach. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge was at the bedside of her husband up to the time of his dissolution. Prince George of Cambridge was also present. The Duke's eldest daughter, the Princess Augusta, was in Germany with her husband the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburgh-Strelitz. On the announcement of the death of the late Duke to the Queen, Prince Albert immediately paid a visit of condolence to the Duchess and Prince George. A cabinet courier was sent off to acquaint the King of Hanover, the King of the Belgians, and other members of the Duke's family on the continent, with the news of the decease of the Royal Duke.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says, "Though the Duke of Cambridge had entered on his 70th year, he was hale and hearty until within a comparatively recent period.—Not very long ago he stated that he had suffered very little from illness during his life, and even such a thing as a headache very seldom troubled him. When he did come down to the House of Lords which was but seldom, it was amusing to remark his movements. If he arrived early, before a debate commenced, he would go from bench to bench, shaking hands with such Peers as he was personally familiar with, making his private conversational remarks in a voice so loud to be heard all over the house, and occasionally breaking out into merry laughter. Comparing him with his brothers, we may rate them thus:—George IV was a handsome, polished, naturally clever, but most heartless and unprincipled gentleman. The Duke of York had talent, was very good natured and easy, but sociality swallowed up all the prudential virtues. The Duke of Kent, father of the Queen, was honest, stern, having a sense of personal dignity and character which rendered him unworldly, and even unfortunate. William the fourth was a jolly sailor, not very brilliant, but well meaning, and easily managed by those who gained his confidence. The present King of Hanover had the reputation of being a narrow bigot, having all the prejudices and obstinacy, with but little of the more amiable qualities of George the Third. The Duke of Sussex was reckoned the only patriot in the family, and was a great man at meetings to promote civil and religious liberty, suppression of the slave trade, the circulation of the Bible, and so forth; but he was not destitute of capacity for finesse and political intrigue. As for the deceased Duke of Cambridge, he was a pleasant, companionable man; and one forgot his intellectual deficiencies in the heartiness of his character, and his readiness to promote good will amongst all with whom he came into contact."

#### IRELAND.

The accounts received of the harvest prospects throughout the country, continue highly favourable.

Mr. But Q. C., has taken the field as the candidate on Protectionist principles for the county of Mayo.

The accounts in the Cork papers, con-

pletely refute the report of an extensive failure of the potato crop in Kerry.

Mr. Charles Brackenridge, gamekeeper to the Earl of Antrim, Ireland, lately captured a very large eagle on Carey Mountain. It carried an iron trap nine pounds weight about an English mile.

The grand Juries of the counties of Clare and Limerick, and the city of Limerick, have severally past resolutions applying for the mitigation of the punishment inflicted on W. S. O'Brien at Marra Island.

THE 12TH OF JULY.—Acting on sound advice, it appears that the Orangemen meant to abstain from any demonstration, either in doors or out of doors, on the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne, which came round yesterday.

#### FRANCE.

A young lad, seventeen years of age, named George Alfred Walker, a Frenchman, was taken into custody on Friday, close to the door of the Elysee, for having declared his intention of assassinating the President of the Republic. Walker had been long watching an opportunity of effecting his purpose, but by some chance always failed. He had never seen the President, and on Friday, after having waited at the door of the Elysee for a long time, though the President had passed close to him, it was not allotted that by his hand Louis Napoleon should fall. He gave himself up to the police and fully avowed his design. On searching him a pistol loaded and primed was found on him. It is generally admitted that Walker is a person of weak intellect. He is to be confined in a madhouse.—His father has died since the arrest of his son.

#### "THE ISLANDER" AND ITS CORRESPONDENTS.

It has been a relief to us, and no doubt to our readers likewise, that we have been spared the trouble of reading the *Islander* for the last fortnight, it being extremely difficult to meet with a copy of that precious production during our visit to the country. To the honour of King's County it must be said, that few farm houses there will tolerate the unclean thing, although Numskull has attempted to foist it upon the people by offering it to them gratuitously, the attempt has been a signal failure; the people of King's County, with a very few solitary exceptions, would scorn even to light their pipes with it. The impossibility of seeing the regular issue of the *Islander*, therefore, during our absence from town, will account for the circumstance of there being no reference in late numbers of THE EXAMINER to all the tiresome abuse which has been heaped upon us. Since our return we have glanced at the last two Numbers. In the paper of the 12th we notice a letter from William Douse, who, in the true spirit of the bully—unable to reply to our observations on his late conduct—gives vent to his malice against us on purely personal grounds. We do not dream of prosecuting Douse for damages, because, were we even inclined to enter a court of law, it would be hard to prove that we had sustained injury from the evil report of an individual whose word is utterly valueless, whose public character is so atrociously vile that his abuse is less to be dreaded than his praise. Douse is heartily welcome to enjoy his sneers at our expense on the score of poverty. We would prefer to be poor all our life rather than resort to the miserable shifts and dishonest practices by which, as Douse knows from experience, some people acquire wealth, or the semblance of wealth. If we are poor, we are not compelled for subsistence, to follow Douse's example, and to take ourselves to the employment