

important matters. Some of them, I wish you to consider in secret session.

Perhaps it is unnecessary for me in this message to refute the wicked slanders circulated by our enemies against us; but it is to the minds of those who would otherwise be led away from our government. You know, gentlemen, it is not our intention or desire, in seeking to give liberty to our race at home, to pillage, plunder or subvert the rights of individuals, in any country where the friends of the cause demand our presence. We are struggling to defend republican liberty to Ireland; and, as American citizens, we desire to see the Monroe Doctrine carried out, not alone on the high seas, but also on land.

We have the right to inscribe upon our banners, Equal Right to all men; are Civil and Religious Liberty. These, gentlemen of the Senate, are our intentions and principles; and let our countrymen of every creed believe what we assert, that we are not men as friend to Ireland, in favour of giving freedom to Ireland; and consider as foes only those who take up arms against us.

I have the honor to remain, gentlemen and Brethren, your fervent, WILLIAM E. ROBERTS, President Fenian Brotherhood.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ON NO OCCASION WILL THE NAMES OF OLD ADVERTISEMENTS BE INSERTED HERE.

House Wanted, to Purchase.

Ed. Cluff—Meeting of O. L. C. Club.

Thomas Burton—The Henry Rifle.

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Just Received,

THE NEW GLUNY LACE,
IN COLLARS, CUFFS, AND SETTS,

LACE SHAWLS,

LACE SASHES,

LACE VEILS, (NEW SWAY)

LINEN COLLARS AND CUFFS,

MARNETS,

BOW FRIZZLES,

FRILLINGS, &c., &c.

MAGEE & RUSSELL,

Ottawa, April 7. 94-3m



The Ottawa Times
OTTAWA, APRIL 17, 1866.

FOR INTERESTING READING
MATTER—SEE FIRST AND FOURTH Pages.

By private telegraph received yesterday from Halifax, we learn that the opinion amongst the medical men of that city differs as to the true nature of the disease with which the passengers of the *England* are afflicted. The dead were not so numerous yesterday, and the sick were also reduced in number. All the symptoms had taken a turn for the better. The disease is decidedly checked. Our inquirer does not state the number of deaths that have occurred, but says the sickness is entirely confined to the steerage passengers; a fact which goes to show that the over-crowded state of the vessel was, if not the primary cause, the reason of the malignity of disease. There we think little doubt that the sickness is ship-fever in a bad form, intensified by the unwholesome atmosphere in which such a crowd must have lived, ate, drank and slept. Proper precautions, however, appear to have been taken, and we may fairly hope that the disease will be confined to the ship and not spread on shore!

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