

of New York, invented the first system on this side the Atlantic for transmitting Telegraphic messages. He of course took out a patent for his invention, and exacted an exorbitant sum for the right of using it. We believe that at least he required that one-half the profits should be paid him by any company which used his system.

The rest of the world, with their wives, discovered some other machine to answer the same end as Mr. Morse's, and in due time Mr. Henry O'Reilly invented a machine, by some contrivance superior to Morse's. Mr. O'Reilly's machine was then held by several companies, and put into operation, when Professor Morse charged them with interfering with his patent, alleging that it gave him exclusive rights to send messages along wires, and not simply to receive the messages, which it did in a pluribus.

Mr. Morse claimed to have invented the law of nature, that electric fluid will run along particular metals, a law which has been used by man for his own safety for a long time, and strange to say, the Courts of Kentucky, where the suit was tried, agreed with him, and have interdicted the use of Mr. O'Reilly's machine in that State.—*Globe.*

**Concord, Mass.—**A man named Brewster was convicted at the last assizes, held in Niantic, of the murder of Mary O'Connor, and sentenced to be executed on the 4th of October. He pleaded "not guilty," when put upon his trial, but he subsequently confessed that he strangled his victim and afterwards threw the body over the precipice at Queenston Heights, into the river. John O'Connor, the husband of Mary O'Connor, was thrown over the same cliff, but died at or about the same time, and there is every reason to suppose that the convict, Brewster, was the double-murderer. He persists, however, in asserting that Mary O'Connor was the murderer of her husband, and that the deed was committed in the old church at Queenston.

From the evidence adduced on the trial it appears that Brennan and O'Connor emigrated from Ireland in 1847. The wife of the former died at Gross, and he succeeded westward with the latter, accompanied by his daughter, a girl of 16. All parties lived in the same room to shelter from the time of their arrival at Queenston until the murder was committed. Brennan was an idle, worthless, dissipated character, but O'Connor is represented as having been an industrious, sober man. The reason which prompted Brennan to commit the murder we are yet unknown, but he has promised to make a "clear confession" upon the scaffold.

*Bright American.*

**Known Boston Souvenir.—**At the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Kingston Building Society, at the Court House, in the City of Kingston, on Monday evening last, the 2nd Oct., 1848, £400 (shares) were loaned at the following rates:

£1 of £100 per cent Bonus.  
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Average Bonus, 42 1/2 per cent.

**The Navigation Laws.—**The necessity of an immediate repeal of these laws, has seldom been more fully illustrated than by a paragraph in the Quebec Mercury of Sept. 21st, which informs us that not more than 16 to 18 vessels will be constructed in the ship yards of that place during the ensuing winter, whereas the usual number is from 30 to 35. Most of these ships receive but 2 1/2 days for 12 hours' labor, and a quantity of the very best workmen in that branch are engaged in blocking the streets, after laying of the Gas pipes! It is supposed that there will not be work found for one-fourth of the hands who derive their subsistence from the ship-building business. Despite the prating of the monopolists, could matters be worse, if all protection were removed? If the Navigation Laws have for their sole object, the support and encouragement of the ship builder, and the ship owner, they have not done so prosperously and actively to the ship yards of Quebec? The truth of their inability to assist, and promote the commerce of the country is too evident for a sufficient explanation of their continuance, and their repeal is hardly a question of time only.

**STRAMA.—**Long Elegans!—his substantial and well fitted steamer has commenced her regular trips between this place and Dundee, calling at the intermediate landings. Having had occasion to travel on board the above boat, we can speak confidently of her superior accommodation, which is quite equal to that on the *Castor*, according to our estimate at present time. Over all, she makes 170 ft. 49 feet, is said to be roomy for families of guests, dressing-rooms, &c., & a spacious cabin with comfortable berths and clean heating. We were surprised at the swiftness with which she ploughs the watery element, there being little or no tremor perceptible even at full speed. We understand that is the intention of her enterprising projector, Mr. Fardinger, to add additional accommodation during the winter, and to put her on the spring, when she will probably extend her trips to Kingston, Mont., &c.

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**THE ASSIZES.**  
Mr. Miles Ferguson was tried yesterday on a charge of Forgery. The Jury after having retired for about five minutes, returned into court with a verdict of not guilty. The Court will try this evening, after having disposed of about 125 cases. His Honor Mr. Justice Diaper, proceeds on Monday to Belleville to open the Court there.

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