

## LATEST NEWS.

Private mercantile letters received from Calcutta state, on good authority, that it is in contemplation of the Indian Government, to maintain the number of steamers lately employed in the Chinese war, although the war has terminated, so as to form an additional means of communication between England and Bombay or Calcutta.

Incendiarism has of late been very prevalent in various parts of the country. The firing of premises, stacks, and farms in many of the Agricultural districts has been on the increase, while few of the depredators have been discovered. In one instance, in Surrey, property to the amount of £2000 was destroyed.

The distress in Paisley continues, and is daily increasing. A few days ago, it was stated that the number of unemployed hands amounted to 11,800. Government has refused to give further aid to the destitute population.

The income tax is still very unpopular, and the hatred of it increases daily. Meetings have been held in London, Scotland, and elsewhere, to petition for its repeal.

The wheat crop is coming up beautifully everywhere, and looks more promising than it has done at the same season for years.

The friends of complete suffrage, held a National Convention at Birmingham, about the first of January, which was largely attended. Joseph Sturge was in the chair. The Convention was not entirely harmonious in its proceedings. A part were for adhering to the "Charter." This class were led by Fergus O'Connor, and may be called the physical force party. They are made up chiefly of the original *chartists* and embody some of the most combustible materials in the Kingdom. The remainder, of whom Mr. Sturge may be regarded as the leader, wished to rally on an entire new platform, and employ only moral and political means to effect their objects. The Convention divided on this question, and each branch carried on its discussions independent of the other. The meetings had not dissolved when the Steamer sailed.

**Just Legislation.**—The Massachusetts Senate has passed a bill providing that railroad corporations shall not make any rule discriminating between the accommodations of passengers on account of colour, and making it a penal offence in agents who exclude or assault persons on that account.

The Governor General's health is in a very precarious state.

*For Prices Current, see last Advocate: the only alteration being an advance of 6d. on Ashes, and a reduction of a half per cent in the Exchange between Canada West and Montreal.*

## MONIES RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF

**Advocate**—Z. Fell, St. Johns, 10s; J. W. Fell, Chippewa, 5s; J. Jackson, C. R. Ross, H. Read, Sarah Green, A. Ross, Drummondville, £1 5s; Dr. Beadle, C. Yale, Windsor Chase, St. Catherines, 7s 6d; E. Jackson, Hamilton, £7 7s 6d; A. J. Mackay, Nelson, 5s; J. Sanderson, Streetsville, £5 10s; James Clarke, Montreal, 5s; John Morgan, do, 5s; W. D. Dickinson, Prescott, 10s.

**Donations and Subscriptions**—James Court, Montreal, £20; A. Savage, do, £10; W. Ross, N. P., do, £1; C. A., 5s; Collection Monthly Meeting, 7s; A. G. Private 71st, 2s 6d; Russelltown Society, £1 10s; Royal Canadian Regt. Amherstburgh, £2 9s 8d; Amherstburgh Society, £2 10s 8d; A. B. Fox, Granby, 10s; Dunville Society, £1 18s 7d; Chippewa Society, £1; Mrs. A. Lemon, Stamford, 11s; Drummondville Falls Society, £1 1s 3d; Queenston Society, 4s 2d; Niagara Society, £6 10s, and £1—£7 19s; St. Davids Society, £1 2s 3d; St. Catherines Society, £7 1s 6d; Hamilton Society, £2 10s; Hannahsville Society, £2 10s; St. Ann's Society, 10s; Streetsville Society, 17s 8d; Credit Society, 14s 3d; Chingacousy Society, 10s; Committee Savings Fund, 93d Regt. Toronto, 6s 3d; Rev. R. Darlington, Nelson, 5s.

**Open Accounts**—J. Freeman, Queenston, 1s 8d; J. Sanderson, Streetsville, 7s 6d; W. B. Hamilton, Penetanguishine, 5s.

**For Stock**—Dundas, Waterdown, and Rock Chapel Societies, £8.

Mr. WADSWORTH'S list of Donations and Subscriptions, &c. from Toronto to Dunville has been mislaid, but will be published soon.

## PROSPECTUS

## OF VOL. IX. CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

The experience of the past year, proves that the present price of the *Advocate* is too high, to be compatible with the widely extended circulation which a Temperance paper ought to possess. But on the other hand, the great increase of the Temperance public, seems to demand that the frequency of issue, and quantity of Temperance matter should not be diminished. Both results may be obtained in either of two ways—1st, by leaving out all except Temperance matter, and thereby reducing the *Advocate* to half its present size; or, 2d, by obtaining a greatly extended subscription list. By the first alternative, the trouble of sending off, as well as the expense of postage, would remain the same; and it is feared the interest in the paper might be so much diminished, that many would either decline subscribing, or omit sending for it, so that copies would lie as they formerly did, in considerable quantities about the Post-offices, until lost or destroyed. Indeed the Committee's object is to introduce the *Advocate* into every house, which they could not hope to do, were it solely devoted to Temperance. As, however, there is now an agricultural paper in Canada, that department might be omitted, or greatly diminished, as also the price current.

The cover, instead of being supported as was expected, by advertisements, has proved a source of considerable expense, without directly benefiting the Temperance cause, and therefore ought to be discontinued; and the paper should in that case be published in the quarto form, as more convenient, the pages being twice as large as at present. In this form, the Committee would devote four pages to Temperance matter, one and a half to Advertisements, and two and a half pages to Education, Popular Information, including some Agricultural matter, and News. But as they are actuated solely by the desire to do the greatest possible amount of good, especially with reference to the advancement of the Temperance cause, they respectfully request Temperance Societies throughout Canada to communicate, before the 1st of April next, (post paid) their advice as to the kind of matter which should fill the two and a half pages last mentioned above; and the Committee will be guided by the wishes of the majority. Should few Societies report, the *Advocate* will be conducted as above announced.

In order materially to reduce the price, it will however be necessary to obtain at least twice as many subscribers, and to raise a gratuitous distribution fund to supply Ministers and Teachers. It will also be necessary that payments be made strictly in advance, all of which conditions, it is hoped, the public will be willing to fulfil; and therefore the Committee take the responsibility of announcing the following

## TERMS:

The NINTH volume of the *Canada Temperance Advocate* beginning 1st May, 1843, will be issued semi-monthly, in the quarto form, (containing about the same quantity of printed matter as at present) at TWO SHILLINGS AND SIX-PENCE currency per annum, payable in advance; and as an inducement to obtain subscribers, one copy will be sent gratuitously, with every ten copies remitted for, which will make the subscription in that case, equal to about 2s. 3d. per annum. The postage will however be payable by subscribers; and should the law not be altered so as to permit this arrangement, the Committee will be under the necessity of charging one shilling more per annum to subscribers who receive the paper by post. To subscribers in Britain, the price will be Two Shillings Sterling. In either way, the *Temperance Advocate* will be, all things considered, by far the cheapest paper in Canada. And the Committee must rely upon the good feeling and activity of their friends, for securing a sufficiently extensive subscription list, to protect them from pecuniary loss. If the friends of the cause in every locality should prove active in canvassing for subscribers, there is little doubt that the present subscription list might be increased ten fold.