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QUEBEC, SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL.

in a jocular manner he was happy in assisting at the resurrection of genius. Poor Chatterton smiled, and taking his companion by the arm, replied, "My dear friend, I feel the sting of a speedy dissolution. I have been at war with the grave for some time, and find it is not so easy to vanquish it as I imagined. We can find an asylum to hide from every creditor but that!" His friend endeavoured to divert his thoughts from the gloomy reflection, but what will not melancholy and adversity combined subjugate? In three days after, the neglected and disconsolate youth was no more.

LOVE OF MUSIC.—The passion of De Lue, the natural philosopher, for music was so predominant in his latter days, that a piano was placed by his bed side, on which his daughter played great part of the day. The evening of his death, seeing her father ready to sink into a slumber, she asked him, "Shall I play any more?" "Keep playing," said he, "keep playing!" He slept, but awoke no more.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.—The London papers of Feb. 18 mention the safe arrival, at Penambuco, from Liverpool, after a passage of 47 days, of the iron ship *Ironides*. This was the first sailing vessel, built of iron, that was ever sent from England on a foreign voyage. By this voyage the great question of the compasses was satisfactorily determined; throughout the whole time they traversed with the same regularity and accuracy as on board vessels of the usual construction.

From Martinique.—We have been favored, says the New Orleans Louisiana of the 22d ult., with the perusal of a private letter from the island of Martinique, from which we are permitted to make the following extract. It presents a dreadful picture:

"St. Pierre, Feb. 8th, 1839.
"On my return to the city, I perceive that a paper had been forwarded to you containing the various details on the subject of the earthquake. The statements made therein fall short of the truth. Every day reveals new evidences of destruction. Since the late frightful calamity, we have experienced an infinite number of shocks, one particularly, ten days after, which was extremely violent, and which effected perhaps more damage than the first. We do not know what will become of us. Poor Martinique is entirely ruined. Misery and desolation are at their height. Our courage is completely subdued. The very houses that threaten momently to fall, are suffered to remain. The difference of despair has seized upon all—People continue to reside in houses that are on the point of falling, without having resolution and energy enough to leave them. Every one appears plunged in a gloomy stupor. The city of Port Royal is annihilated, and the street where I reside, a mass of ruins.

UNITED STATES.

There are at present in the Penitentiary of Sing-Sing 834 prisoners, of whom 784 are males and 50 females.

The American Consul at Florence is the only officer living who can boast of holding his commission from the hands of the venerable Washington. He is more than ninety years of age, and it is upwards of fifty years since he saw his country.

The legislature of Alabama have passed an act making it lawful for any one to seize upon and make a slave for life, to his own use, of any free person of colour, who may come into that State.

So great is the passion for betting in the town of Mobile (Alabama), that it is calculated the amount bet at the late races was not less than \$100,000! So much lost to industry.

UPPER CANADA.

In Upper Canada the whole of the lake and river boats, including the Great Britain, Cobourg, William IV., St. George, Commodore Barrie, Brockville, Kingston and Dolphin, (if she can be brought up the rapid), are under the control of the Hon. James Hamilton, and will run in connection. The Dolphin is at the Coteau du Lac, having gone down the Long Sault last fall with the state prisoners, at Government risk, and must be brought back or paid for. A contract has been made to get her up the rapids. If that is done, the Brockville and the Dolphin will run between Kingston and the head of the Long Sault. The Kingston will be laid up, or take the Dolphin's place if she cannot be brought back.

Two steam-boats passed up the river, opposite Sandwich, on the 23rd ultimo, on their way to Detroit. The ice from the upper lakes was passing down in large quantities.

No later European intelligence is received. The arrival of the *Great Western*, which may now be considered one, is looked for with much anxiety, as it is expected that she will bring intelligence of the determination of Her Majesty's Government with regard to the disputed territory.

Frederickton papers of the 6th instant, were received by this morning's mail. We subjoin a few extracts from the *Sentinel*:

Frederickton, April 6.—By a Militia General order dated on Saturday last, the Militia and Volunteer Force, cease to receive pay and rations on the 10th inst. with the exception of 1 captain, 1 subaltern, 2 sergeants and 30 rank and file to remain at Woodstock, 1 subaltern, 2 sergeants 30 rank and file at Tobique and at the mouth of the Restook; and 1 subaltern, 2 sergeants and 22 rank and file at St. Andrews for the protection of the Queen's stores.

The head-quarters and other companies of the 36th Regt. have returned to Frederickton, and have been replaced by the 69th, the head-quarters of which regiment is stationed at Woodstock. We trust no time will be lost in erecting barracks where they are required in the upper part of the country, as the troops and militia which were recently called out, had to endure the greatest privations, very few of them enjoying the luxury of a bed during the inclement season in which they have been on service.

We learn from an individual who left the Aroostook on Sunday, that the American militia were to commence their march homeward on Tuesday last, leaving the Land Agent with a party of about 200 men behind them. Two booms have been thrown across the river, for the purpose of preventing the passage of timber in the spring; but with what effects remains to be proved.

The Montreal Gazette of Thursday, says,—The Special Council, which has been in Session since the 10th Feb., we understand, will be adjourned by the Governor General, on Saturday, but will be called together again in a few weeks. The Registry Ordinance, and some others of an important nature, which could not be fully considered this Session, will, probably, be postponed to the next meeting of the Council, in May. When the Council adjourns, on Saturday, nearly seventy Ordinances will have been sanctioned this Session.

THE ENGLISH STEAMERS.—We learn from good authority, that the Liverpool and Great Western are the only steamers which are expected to ply between Great Britain and the United States. The British Queen, heretofore expected to leave in April, would not be ready until autumn, some mistake having occurred in her construction, which would make it necessary to raise her decks before she could receive her boilers. The President, of course, will not be ready before the British Queen. The Royal William has been withdrawn from the route, and now plies between Dublin and Bourdeaux.—*Boston Daily Advertiser.*

[There appears to be good reason to doubt the correctness of the above paragraph, as it is stated in several of the New-York papers that the British Queen was expected to leave Port Glasgow for London on the 15th April, having all her engines, machinery, and furniture on board, and was to be despatched thence for New-York on the 15th May.]

The New-York Herald says that it is generally believed in Washington among the best informed circles, that Mr. Fox will be recalled on the arrival of the Great Western, and that more difficulty will be created between England and the United States than people dream of. Colonel Worth, and others who have returned from Washington, think the same way.

The seat of Mr. Alway, Member for the County of Oxford, U. C. has been declared vacant by the Assembly, and a new writ ordered to issue, in consequence of a representation being made that he has been residing in the United States for some time past.

H. M. ship *Modeste* has arrived at New-York from Vera-Cruz. The treaty between the French Admiral and the Representatives of the Mexican Government has been signed, and the French squadron was expected to sail in a day or two. The British squadron which had been stationed at Vera-Cruz, had already sailed.

It is understood that orders were received a few days since, from His Excellency the Governor General, directing that a reduction of sixty men should immediately take place in the police of this city. This diminishes the entire force to about eighty men; and these were on Thursday divested of the arms which they formerly wore, consisting of pistols and cutlasses.

We are informed that the Grenadier Guards are to be stationed at Quebec during the ensuing summer. They will leave Montreal immediately after the opening of the navigation, and the 11th Regiment will precede them. It is understood that the Grenadier Guards will occupy the Cape, and the Coldstream Guards the Jesuits' Barracks.

A General Meeting of the Stockholders of the Canada Marine Insurance Company was held at their office on the 1st inst., when the Report of the Directors for the last year was received and approved. It states that the business of the past season shows a clear profit of £4000, which cannot in any material degree be lessened by reason of the risks now outstanding. On a ballot for President and Directors, the following gentlemen were elected:—J. B. Forsyth, President, and J. Deane, J. Leaycraft, D. Burnet, and W. Price, Esqrs. Directors for the ensuing year.

The officers of the Grenadier Guards gave a magnificent ball to the citizens of Montreal, on Monday last, at which upwards of 250 persons were present.

The Governor General and Special Council on Monday last, sanctioned the following Ordinances:—

Cap. XLVIII.—An Ordinance to prevent real property under seizure from being injured or wasted to the damage of the party seizing.

Cap. XLIX.—An Ordinance to regulate the practice of the Courts of Judicature in this Province, respecting certain proceedings.

Cap. L.—An Ordinance to incorporate the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Montreal, to confirm their title to the Fief and Seigneurie of the Lake of the Two Mountains, and the Fief and Seigneurie of St. Sulpice, in this Province; to provide for the gradual extinction of Seigneurie Rights and Dues, within the Seigneurial limits of the said Fiefs and Seigneuries and for other purposes.

Cap. LI.—An Ordinance to repeal a certain ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to declare that the second chapter of the Statute of the Parliament of England, passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, is not now ever been in force in this Province, and for other purposes.

Cap. LII.—An Ordinance to revive and continue certain Acts of the Legislature of the Province therein mentioned.

Cap. LIII.—An Ordinance to provide for the completion of certain Public Works for the improvement of the internal communications, and for the encouragement of agriculture, and for other purposes.

Cap. LIV.—An Ordinance to continue, for a limited time, the Act to create a fund for defraying the expense of medical assistance for sick emigrants, and of enabling indigent persons of that description to proceed to their place of destination.

Cap. LV.—An Ordinance to extend the provisions of the Ordinance for establishing an efficient system of Police in the cities of Quebec and Montreal.

The Ordinance providing for the support of charitable institutions in this Province, makes the following appropriations:—

	£.	s.	d.
Foundling Asylum, in the District of Quebec, for 1838, - - - - -	1020	13	-
Do. do. 1839, - - - - -	1901	8	5
Repairs of building, - - - - -	100	0	0
Foundling Asylum, in the District of Montreal, for 1838, - - - - -	1312	9	0
Do. do. 1839, - - - - -	1273	0	0
Foundling Asylum, in the District of Three-Rivers, for 1838, - - - - -	354	5	0
Do. do. 1839, - - - - -	500	0	0
Montreal General Hospital, 1839, - - - - -	1000	0	0
Quebec Orphan Asylum, - - - - -	100	0	0
Montreal Protestant do. do. - - - - -	100	0	0
Do. Widows and do. do. - - - - -	100	0	0
Orphan Asylum, Quebec, - - - - -	100	0	0
Do. do. Catholic Montreal, - - - - -	100	0	0

An Ordinance recently passed provides that in cases of seizure for debt, the insolvent shall be entitled to retain possession of bedding and clothing sufficient for himself and family, a stove, a cord of wood, a cow, three sheep, and a pig, or any other articles equal in value, at the choice of the debtor.

The political prisoners detained in the jail of this city, with the exception of Mr. Hunter and Baron Finatelin, were yesterday liberated. We understand that the two individuals mentioned did not join in the petition to the Governor-General, adopted by the others, pray-

ing for liberation; and to this cause alone their detention is ascribed.

We understand that the publication of *Le Fantastique* will be resumed in the course of a few days, under the same editorial management as before.

The Gazette of Wednesday states that a class is about being formed at the Marine Hospital, for the study of surgery, anatomy, medicine and obstetrics. The proposed class is expected to open in the course of next month; and whilst the advantages for acquiring proficiency will be much greater than those possessed in the colleges of the United States, the terms it is said will be considerably below them.

At a Meeting held on Thursday at the Exchange for the purpose of considering the operation of the Ordinance recently passed for regulating the Packing and Inspection of Flour; Benjamin Tremain, Esq., in the Chair, it was Resolved:—That the ordinance of 2 Victoria, Chap. 10, is in many respects objectionable, likely to be attended with serious injury to the commerce of Lower Canada, and in some points to be inoperative, from the impossibility of complying with its provisions.

That Messrs. Tremain, Bristow, Noad, Holt, Dean and Young, be a Committee for the purpose of preparing and forwarding a petition to His Excellency Sir John Colborne on this subject.—*Gazette.*

We understand that after the 15th inst. the large gates of this city will only be closed at midnight, and that the wickets will remain open all night.—*Gazette.*

COMMERCIAL.

NEW-YORK, April 6.
ASHES.—There has been an increased demand for pot ashes since our last review, and all the stock except 150 barrels has been purchased for shipment to Europe at 45, embracing about a thousand barrels.

FLOUR.—There continues to be a fair demand, and of prices some descriptions have advanced about 1/2 cent per barrel. New Orleans has been sold at 47 1/2, and is held for a further advance. Several small parcels of Richmond Country, have been taken for shipment, 600 bbls. for Liverpool, and 500 for the West Indies, at 47 1/2 @ 47 1/2, which shows an improvement of 1/2 cent per barrel.

FRUIT.—The market for Malaga fruit remains without any material variation; the sales being yet limited to parcels to the trade, at the previous prices. By auction 450 boxes bunch raisins, at 45 @ 47 1/2; 80 do. bloom, 41 1/2, and 40 cases Bordeaux prunes, in ten boxes, at 91 cents, cash.

GRAIN.—Our supplies of wheat have been confined to one small cargo of 1400 bushels from Virginia, which was taken by a Troy miller, at a price which has not transpired, but believed to be 81 1/2. The New York millers evince no disposition to purchase at that price.

PROVISIONS.—We notice sales of mutton at 22 1/2 @ 22; prime pork, 117 1/2 @ 118; m. s. beef, 81 1/2 @ 81 1/2; prime beef, 11 1/2 @ 11 1/2; smoked, 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2 cents.

EXCHANGE.—The rates have declined 9 per cent, premium on England being paid for the first rate bills.

BIRTHS.

At Montreal, on the 29th ult. Mrs. (Rev.) J. P. Kenny, of a son.
At Stanstead, on the 1st inst. Mrs. (Rev.) R. V. Hall, of a son.

MARRIED.

At Stanstead, at the house of Major Ritchie, on the 29th ult. by the Rev. R. Hall, Mr. Frederick Dawson to Miss Ann Maria Cook.
At South Georgetown, on the 18th ult. Mr. Adam Paxton, to Janet Gilchrist, widow of Mr. Alexander Cowan, all of South Georgetown.

DIED.

On Friday night, the 5th instant, Helen, infant daughter of J. W. Leaycraft, Esq.
At Montreal, on the 5th instant, Mr. Archibald Lyon, aged 47, for many years connected with the Post-Office Department of that city.
At Black River, on the 17th inst., in the 82d year of her age, Alpha Douglass, widow of the late Mr. Arthur Reed. She was an old and respectable inhabitant, and came to that province from New-York, in 1783. She has left a family of fifteen children, the youngest of whom is 32 years of age.

GARDEN SEEDS.

THE Subscribers beg to inform their customers and the public, that they have received their usual extensive assortment of English and American GARDEN, FIELD & FLOWER SEEDS, which they can WARRANT of the growth of 1838; & detailed Catalogues of which can be obtained at their store.

MUSBON & SAVAGE,
Chemists & Druggists,
Quebec, 13th April, 1839.

CANADIAN INSURANCE

NOTICE
THERE will be a GE

of the Stockholders Insurance Company, on MAY next, at ONE o'clock for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee of Audit. President and Directors, of the Act of Incorporation, at the Meeting on that day.

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C. M. I. Co's Office,
Quebec, 13th April, 1839.

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SAUBIN & Co. is dissolved.—The business in future of the patronage he has and hopes to give satis may honor him with the Quebec, 9th April, 1839.

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HOUSE, in Louis Road, lately occupied GEORGE PEMBERTON.—A commodious Out-House Garden.—Enquire of Quebec, 13th April, 1839

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the large House belonging late R. GRAY, Esq., on about three miles from it Apply on the premises MRS. TATE 13th April, 1839.

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ALSO:
The well finished Dwelling adjoining the above.

THE House at the Bottom adjoining the Forge of Smith.—Apply to Quebec, 16th March, 1

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The Wharf and Store

side of the above. The premises are both Mr. Alex. Hamilton. For terms apply to S. M. Quebec, 26th Feb. 1839.