

NEWS.

IMMIGRATION RETURN FOR PORT OF MONTREAL.

FOR WEEK ENDING 1st AUGUST.

Number of immigrants arrived	4312
(Of whom 291 were by vessels direct to Montreal.)	
Number forwarded at government expense	2490
Deaths at the hospitals for the week	141
Burials, including those sent from the city, &c	125
Deaths yesterday	24
Burials do.	31

Government Emigration Office, Quebec, 31st July, 1847

Number of Emigrants arrived at the Ports of Quebec and Montreal, during the week ending this date:—

	Steerage.
From England.....	2827
Ireland.....	2268
Scotland.....	782
Germany.....	997

Previously reported.....	6874
Total.....	63721
To same period last year.....	26836

Increase in favour of 1847.....36885

A. C. BUCHANAN, Chief Agent.

The Steamship Washington arrived at New York, on Friday, at half-past one, P. M. She left Southampton on the 15th ult, and brings dates from Liverpool and London to the 11th, eleven days later than the news by the Britannia. There has been an advance in the price of Flour and Corn; while Indian Meal and Wheat remains firm at about the rates of the 4th. The following are the quotations as transmitted by the Magnetic Telegraph:—Flour, 37s. per barrel, being an advance of about 3s. on former quotations; Indian Corn, 41s. to 45s.; Meal, 20s. to 21s.; English White Wheat, 10s. 6d. to 10s. 8d.; U. S. Red do, 10s. 1d. to 10s. 1d.; White do, 10s. 6d. to 10s. 8d. Provisions were without much change. The harvest promises well and weather fine. There was very little potato rot seen. The fever in Liverpool was becoming alarming.

We have nothing but rumours and contradictory statements respecting the progress of the War in Mexico. The only two points which may be considered certain are, that the American expenditure continues to be very great, and that the Mexicans, either on account of the benefits derived from this great influx of money, or from other motives, are averse to any propositions for peace that have been, or are likely to be made.

The signatures to the Petition for Cheap and Uniform Postage, which we published in our last, already amount to about 1200 in this city. As some individuals could not sign last week, from being out of town, it will be for a few days longer at the store of Messrs R. and C. Chalmers. We trust other cities and towns will urge similar views upon the Executive and Legislature.

The Electric Telegraph is nearly complete at this station, and before our next issue telegraphic dispatches will doubtless be obtained, which will put an end to the expresses on the arrival of steamers.

We have been informed that eighty-four Americans who had arrived in this city, this week, on a visit, and had intended to have remained some time, as is usual during the summer months—became so alarmed from reading the heightened accounts of the sickness in the newspapers of the city, that they left immediately, en masse. We are also informed that two hundred gentlemen and ladies left Troy, the other day, for Canada, and of late but nine arrived at Montreal—the rest, frightened by the same fearful accounts, having returned to their homes.—Now, the fact is, that excepting among those persons who unavoidably, charitably, or carelessly have held communication with the sick immigrants—the city is far from being in an unhealthy state; and our hotel and store-keepers are suffering very materially from a lack of their usual summer business, in consequence of the paucity of strangers in the city. We assure those strangers and travellers, who may be desirous of visiting Montreal, that their fears of a prevailing epidemic is entirely without foundation.—*Transcript.*

All Irish steamers or passenger vessels arriving in the City, are now inspected by a medical man, with the view of guarding against the importation of persons affected with fever.

A vessel which has arrived in London, from the Mauritius, has brought several barrels of pork, an article which had never before been imported from that island.

Mr. Cobden anticipates in the event of abundant harvests this year, a glut of grain and produce, the result of the stimulus to production caused by the present scarcity. He also fears that the enormous freights will cause too many investments to be made in ship-building, and thus produce a reaction in that branch.

Messrs. M'Nair, Greenhow and Irving, in their last circular, on the condition of trade at Manchester, remark, that the British act restricting labour to 10 hours in factories, goes into immediate operation, and will have its merits hereafter tested. At present, owing to the depressed state of manufactures it will be wholly useless. The position of spinners and manufacturers we regret to report, so far from being improved, is now much worse than it was awhile ago, owing to the advance in cotton, amounting to about 1d. [two cents] per pound. A corresponding price upon their products they are unable to realize.

STARTLING INTELLIGENCE FROM THE PLAINS.—The St. Louis New Era of the 10th inst. has news from the Plains, brought to Fort Leavenworth, on the 5th inst. by an express sent in by Lieut. Love, with the urgent request that a reinforcement should be sent to his aid. Lieut. Love was in command of an escort, which took out \$300,000 in specie for the troops at Santa Fe. The express left him on the Arkansas, at which time he was beset by Comanche Indians, with whom he had several encounters for four or five days

in succession. He had already lost *five* men killed, and *four* wounded—among the latter Sergeant Bishop, 2d in command. The Indians lost 12 or 13 killed. The Indians were in large numbers, and were pressing Lieut. Love very resolutely; being aware, perhaps, of the value of the prize they were after. Lieut. Love's express brings information that other government trains had been attacked by the Comanches. Mr. Smith, who had established a fort on the Arkansas, was driven therefrom with his men, and compelled to fly, taking the route to Santa Fe. Four companies of the Missouri Volunteers were lost at Council Grove. Captain Shepard's company was in advance of that point. There can be no doubt that no company, unless very numerous and well armed, can now cross the Plains safe from attack—in short, none, perhaps, except a strong military force.

A HUMBURG EXPLODED!—The grand project of raising Capt. Kidd's vessel at Caldwell's landing on the Hudson, and obtaining vast treasures—a project in which a large amount of money was embarked by credulous men, has proved to be what many suspected, an egregious humbug, originating in fraud. It is now known that a gun which had been taken from the wreck, pieces of gold, coins, &c. were deposited there a few days previous, that this discovery might cheer the hearts of the stock-holders, and induce others to purchase shares!

Our farmers are in the midst of their grain cutting. The prospect, so far as we can learn, is of the most promising kind. Many fields yield as abundantly as they ever have done; in some others there is a deficiency. Upon the whole, it is pronounced a good crop.—*Missillon Gazette.*

The wheat crop was larger than was generally expected. In this country, it is nearly average.—The wheat is of a good quality, plump and heavy. In the counties of Wood and Hancock, the crop is large, and the wheat of a very superior quality.—*Talado (Ohio) Blade.*

SEIZURES THROUGH RUM.—Two men killed themselves in Fairfield co., Conn. last week, under the influence of rum. Rufus Sarles, of Poundridge, hung himself in the chamber on Wednesday of last week. He was raving in the morning and his wife and children fled from his house in alarm. Not long after he was found suspended, a corpse. He was 40 years of age. On Friday morning last, George Weed, who has been lately troubled with delirium tremens, drank a quantity of rum, and has soon after ripped open his bowels and died immediately.

BUFFALO.—The most striking characteristic of Buffalo is its vast commerce. It is literally choked up with shipping—with rail-vessels, canal and steamboats. One would suppose, to behold these, that there were enough to carry off, at one load, the produce of the fields of a whole State—when, in fact, there are not enough to do the business required of them. In the last two months, there have arrived at Buffalo, as tables show, over one million of barrels of flour, two millions of bushels of wheat, and corn in amount almost beyond calculation. Riding along on the Railroad, I saw an almost endless line of canal-boats, taking this immense amount of produce on to tide water. May all the starving millions soon feel the relief it ought to give.—*Boston Atlas.*

GOLD AND SILVER MINES OF AMERICA.—All the gold ever discovered in the New World, says the Mining Journal, would not fill half of a Paris shopkeeper's drawing-room. The annual value of the gold mines of the United States is \$1,200,000; of the gold and silver mines of Mexico, \$10,000,000; do. Peru, \$11,000,000; (chiefly in silver); of New-Granada, \$3,500,000; of Brazil, (gold only,) \$1,700,000.

AMERICAN AUTHORS.—Mr. Richard Bentley, the great London publisher, in the London Times of the 20th of June, says that between £14,000 and £15,000 have been paid by him to three American authors alone.

ANOTHER VICTIM.—Thomas Fowley, alias "Big Thunder," of Ulster county, a man of intemperate habits, and who had been intoxicated daily for two or three weeks, committed suicide on Monday of last week, in the following singular manner, while laboring under delirium tremens: He stated his determination to destroy himself, and taking off his hat, took a stand near a pond, expecting to become sun-struck, (the heat being intense,) but the sun proving too slow in its operation, he adopted a different method, and waded into the pond deep enough to accomplish his object, drowning himself while standing erect, in which position he remained until discovered and taken out of the water.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, July 31, 1847.

ASHES—Provincial duty 1 per cent. Pots, per cwt 27 3 3 27 6 Paris, do 27 0 27 3	PROVISIONS—Provincial duty 2s per cwt. Beef, Mess, hbl 200 lbs 00 0 00 0 Prime Mess, do 70 0 00 0 Prime, do 67 6 60 0 Cargo, do 00 0 00 0 Prime Mess, per tierce of 204 lbs 105 0 00 0 Pork, Mess, hbl 200 lbs 95 0 100 0 Prime Mess, do 80 0 00 0 Prime, do 70 0 00 0 Cargo, do 60 0 00 0
FLOUR—Provincial duty 6d, Imp. 2s. Canada Superfine 27 0 27 6 Do Fine 26 0 27 0 Do Middlings 00 0 09 0 Do Flourds 00 0 00 0	MEAL—Provincial duty 2s per 196 lbs., Imperial 2s per hbl. Indian Meal 09 0 00 0 Oatmeal 26 3 27 6
GRAIN—Provincial duty 3s per quarter on all except Oats 2s. Wheat, U.C. best 60 lbs 5 6 6 0 Do do mid. do 3 3 5 6 Do Red nominal Barley per minot Do Oats do Do Pease do nominal Indian Corn, 5S lbs nominal	BACON, &c.—Provincial duty 2s. Imperial, 3s per cwt. Bacon, none Hams, .. 00 7 00 7 1/2 BUTTER—Provincial duty, 2s. Imperial, 3s per cwt. Prime .. 0 6 0 0 Greece .. none

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