

special days of thanksgiving for the results of the war in the Peninsula and Canada.

On the 9th of October, the Church of England cathedral was formally opened.

On the following day a sad, imposing sight might have been witnessed—nine soldiers were marched out on to the common, which is now Griffintown, to be shot for desertion; but at the last moment the punishment of seven was commuted, two only suffering the death penalty.

In December a fire insurance company seems to have been started, and on the 17th we find published the list of subscribers.

In 1816, with the return of peace, the militia regiments were disbanded, and vast quantities of military stores were auctioned off in this city. Sir George Prevost was ordered home in April for an enquiry into his conduct, and was succeeded by General Drummond.

The agitation to have the city streets lighted in some way, appears to have occupied the civic mind this year to the exclusion of every other topic.

The state of literature during these four years was not very dazzling. Three papers were published in Montreal: in 1813, a fourth, *Le Spectateur*, made its appearance, and lasted for eight years. In the spring of the same year a monthly magazine was projected by Samuel Foster, to be called *The Times, or Miscellaneous Magazine*, but I have been unable to find that any copies appeared.

I have no knowledge of any books or pamphlets published in the Upper Province during this period; Dr. Stracham's "Letter of Thomas Jefferson" 1815, though bearing no place of publication on title page, was probably printed by Wm. Gray, Montreal, as the same writer's thanksgiving sermon preached in York in June of the preceding year bears the name of that publisher. Those in Lower Canada seem to have been confined to the yearly Almanacs—con-