

The weather during the past week has been still very unsettled. During the early part of a good deal of rain has fallen; but a variation of the wind has brought about a complete change of the atmosphere, and a bracing cold has succeeded the previous damp weather. The harvest is now completely got in; and during the next fortnight the preparations for autumn sowing will be general. In Scotland the potato crop is still reported good, whilst that of Ireland is immensely short; the oat crop is, however, good, and the markets generally partake of the same want of spirit, prevalent in England. In fact, speculation is at an end; and the large supplies which are flowing in from the Baltic and other ports tend effectually to keep down prices. Whatever slight change there may be in the duties leviable, must be but temporary; and in the event, which is not anticipated, of a permanent rise of prices, the grain in hand would be held over till the duty ceases altogether. This state of things, together with the absence of speculation, induces importers to sell off their cargoes as they arrive; and consequently, the continuous arrivals effectually keep down prices.

It with the length of what our mantop-sail yard would show in the water, there was at the very least sixty feet of the animal's head, and no portion of which was to our perception used in propelling it through the water, either by vertical or horizontal undulation. It passed rapidly, but so close under our lee quarter, that had it been a man of my acquaintance I should have easily recognised his features with the naked eye; and it did not, either in approaching the ship or after it had passed, our wake, deviate in the slightest degree from its course to the S. W., which it held on at the pace of from twelve to fifteen miles an hour, apparently on some determined purpose. The diameter of the serpent was about fifteen or sixteen inches behind the head, which was without any doubt that of a snake, and never, during the twenty minutes that it continued in sight of our glasses, once below the surface of the water. Its colour a dark brown, with yellowish white about the throat. It had no fins, but something like the mane of a horse, or rather a bunch of seaweed washed about its back. It was seen by the quartermaster, the boatswain's mate and the man at the wheel, in addition to myself and officers above mentioned. I am having a drawing of this serpent made from a sketch taken immediately after it was seen, which I hope to have ready for transmission to my Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty by to-morrow's post. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble servant, P. McQueen, Captain.

other hand, there cannot be less than 120,000 regular troops encircling Vienna at this moment as reinforcements appeared to be pouring in from all quarters. The Emperor has retired not to Innsbruck, but to Olmutz, in Moravia. He carries with him an effective force, and from that point he will be able to rouse the countless thousands of Slavonians who are ready to carry on an intestine war against their German fellow subjects. Letters from Prague, of the 6th inst., in the Allgemeine Oesterreichische Zeitung, state that the Hungarians garrisoned in Bohemia show their sympathies for the Magyar cause. A squadron of them left Schlan in the night from the 4th to the 5th inst. en route for Hungary. The Kolnische Zeitung has a letter from Prague of the 9th inst. which describes the excitement produced in the Czech capital by the late events at Vienna. The feeling was very strong against the insurgents. ITALY.—The Corriere Mercantile, of Genoa, of the 11th inst., says:—"The news from Vienna has acted like a thunder-bolt upon Radetzky and his army. The troops are aware of their awkward position in not knowing to what power they now belong. The same paper adds, from Turin, that the last important news from Vienna has given an immense advantage of strength to the war party, and that the resumption of hostilities may be hourly expected. The rumor is reported in Paris, that Charles Albert does not intend to renew the armistice, but will recommence hostilities on the 22nd. Letters from Milan, of the 15th, mention a conflict which has taken place between the Hungarians and Croats in that city. 400 Hungarians had deserted from Milan, and were proceeding towards Switzerland. General Oudinot had left Milan. The journals of Genoa announce that letters had been received from Venice to the 10th, with intelligence that the blockade of that city had been raised. The Florence papers quote letters from the same city, which say that an insurrection had taken place, and that a republic had been proclaimed at Trieste. A report that a republic had been proclaimed at Trieste was prevalent at the Paris Bourse, but it was stated to have come through Florence; it was not generally credited. The Bologna Gazette states that passengers had arrived at Venice from Trieste wearing tri-colour scarfs. SWITZERLAND.—The Gazette de Tessin, of the 12th, states, that in consequence of a conference that had taken place on the frontiers of Ponte Chiasso, between the federal commissioners and the general commanding the division on the frontier of Lombardy, reports were current that the re-establishment of the ancient relations between that canton and Lombardy would soon be effected. Rome.—Bossi, the new Minister, has issued a decree taxing all church revenues one per cent, on the estimated income. The high church or ultra party, of course, loud in their condemnation. He has also formed the determination of laying down two lines of telegraphs, one from Rome to the extreme north frontier at Ferrara, the other in Civita Vecchia. This activity is something new in Rome. IONIAN ISLANDS.—INSPECTOR AT CHERSONESE.—A letter dated Cephalonia, the 21 of October, on which every reliance may be placed, states that on the 26th ult., an insurrection of the country people against the government broke out. The insurgents had collected in large numbers, armed, and their first attack was made on Livadi, a town situated opposite Argostoli, the capital of the island. A small number of English troops were sent against the insurgents, when fighting took place, resulting in one soldier and three insurgents being killed, and the retreat of the latter to the mountains. The insurgents had also threatened Argostoli, but up to the 2d instant they had made no further attack on the town. The object of the insurrection does not appear to have been accurately known. There can be no doubt that, whatever it may have been, the Lord High Commissioner has ample force at his disposal to speedily put it down. CHIMERA IN NEW YORK.—It is reported that a Chimera passenger-vessel had arrived at New York, on board of which there were three or four cases of cholera. [This report we are happy to say, has been contradicted.] JAMAICA.—Sir Charles Grey, the Governor of this island, had lately a fall from his horse, which was thought to have caused an injury to his spine admitting of no recovery. We are happy to learn, by a recent arrival, that His Excellency was rapidly recovering. There had been some disorder in St. Mary's parish, but it had been promptly put down. It is said that General Herrera, a refugee from Hayti, had made a very successful attempt at the cultivation of rice in the island. This might indicate a new, and very important branch of agriculture to be pursued in this part of the British possessions. Business very dull; the finances of the island sadly embarrassed. THE ADMIRAL.—His Excellency the Earl of Dundonald proceeded this day in H. M. Steamer Scout, to Cape Breton, Pictou, and the Eastern shores.—His Lordship is never idle. During his last winter's sojourn at Bermuda, he was entirely engaged in deepening the channels through the coral reefs. His present expedition is we believe made in reference to the coal and other resources of the Province—important to Naval operations. His Lordship has enlisted Dr. Gesner, our able Provincial geologist, in his service, and who, we understand, accompanies him in his researches.—Hullfax Courier Oct. 21. ST. ANDREWS AND QUEBEC RAILROAD.—The following advertisement is found in the London Times, which furnishes ground to hope that the supporters of the above important work are earnest about carrying the project into effect. "St. Andrews and Quebec Rail-Road Company.—Tenders for 300 tons of Brigs or Hat Rails, new or second-hand, in good order, weight not exceeding 40lb to the yard, will be received at this office, on or before Wednesday, the 1st of November. The tenders must state the shipping point of delivery. By order, W. BADGERS, Secretary. 37, Walbrook, Oct. 11, 1848." ST. LAWRENCE AND ATLANTIC RAIL ROAD.—It is expected that the road from Longueuil to St. Hyacinthe will be opened before the end of this month. WATER CONVEYANCE TO BRANTFORD.—The Canal in the course of construction, adjoining this town, is now, we are happy to state, completed, and in a few days will be regularly opened for business. The fond wishes and expectations of the inhabitants of Brantford for the last 10 or 12 years; have now been realized, and the completion of this long-looked-for job is brought to a close at last. On Thursday last (11th) was made by the Directors of the Grand River Navigation Company, who assembled in Brantford for the purpose of giving the canal a trial, and testing the strength of the embankments, by the admission of a sufficient quantity of water into the canal, and it is gratifying to announce that the attempt was successful; no damage or accident

having occurred while the trial was being made. The steamers Brantford and Messmore, crowded with the inhabitants of the Town, and a large heavily laden with goods, direct from Buffalo, for some of our merchants in Brantford, were admitted into the Canal, and plied their way up to the Town, the Steamer Brantford, commanded by Captain South, leading the van, amid the heavy discharge of fire-arms and the acclamations and rejoicings of hundreds of the inhabitants who had assembled on the banks to greet them, and to witness this imposing and long-wished-for sight. We understand that Tuesday, the 7th inst., is the day set apart for the celebration of the opening of the canal.—Hullfax Courier. ORNAMENTS TO THE STREETS, MONTREAL.—We are glad to see that a great number of young trees are being planted in the Suburbs and some of the principal streets of this fall. A considerable portion of both sides of St. Antoine Street, near Mr. Torrance's dwelling, has been laid out in this way, and a very considerable expense has been incurred in protecting the young trees by boxing them in with deal planking, bored to admit the light. The parties by whose orders this has been done, deserve great praise, and will be remembered as public benefactors hereafter, when their children and children's children walk under the shade of the graceful maple and thick leaved elm.—Transcript. SEIGNIORIAL TENURE.—The agitation against the Seigniorial tenure still continues. At St. Jerome and Vecheux the people, at public meetings, have joined their voice to previous expressions of the public will against the continuance of the present system. From the first of these places the Secretary writes:—"Committees, composed of chosen men from the different parishes, will shortly begin their investigations, after which, they will assemble at Montreal, and having compared the result will prepare petitions for the Legislature. To cry out against confiscation, and to anathematize those who only ask a reform, acknowledged to be indispensable, is to misinterpret the intentions of those who only seek to obtain the good by constitutional and legal means." At Vecheux, Mr. Malhot, who, we believe, is himself a seigneur, proposed the following plan of commutation. He desires to oblige the Seigneurs to pay in lieu of all other dues whatever, a certain rate per arpent, to be established by experts, according to the quality of the land, and payable at fixed periods in sums of not less than £2 10s. or £1, with interest, per arpent, £15, for which the land would be discharged from all dues whatever. He thought the seigneurs restricted to the ancient dues of one bushel of wheat, and one son, or of four sows, without the wheat, per acre.—Montreal Herald. EARLY SHOP CLOSURE.—The Retail Stores at Montreal, generally, close at seven o'clock in the evening, since the commencement of this month. MCGILL COLLEGE.—This institution, which has too long had its efficiency almost confined to the Medical Department, has now a respectable Law Class, which is likely to prove conducive to the advancement of acquirements among those devoting themselves to the legal profession. EXPERIMENT BY THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—An experiment was made at Manchester, by Mr. Cox, superintendent of the Electric Telegraph Company, and assistants, as to the practicability of passing electric currents along covered wires under water. The wire was that ordinarily used, of copper wrapped with cotton, and then passed through sheath and coated outside with India rubber (cold naphtha being used to cement the latter). One end of the wire was in communication with the Telegraph Company's instruments at the office near the Exchange, and the other end with an instrument at Mr. Win. Gaskell's mill, on the Salford side of the river, at about 500 yards distance. A portion of the wire, including a coil of about half a mile in length, was submerged in the river Irwell. Communications were passed along the wire with the ordinary facility, and the experiment appears, so far, to have answered. The above is from an English paper by the mail before last. To show, however, that our Canadian operators are in no wise behind their brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, we may mention that an experiment of a similar character has been tried here, with perfect success. Much interruption was occasioned in the communication between here and Montreal, by the wires which passed along the bridges at St. Ann's and Hesse, being frequently broken. To obviate this, Mr. Tenney, the operator in charge of the Quebec office, started for these places in the early part of the last month, and having removed the line from the latches on the bridges, with a wire insulated by four or five coatings of gutta serena, he has succeeded admirably in carrying the electric current under water. The operation was completed on the 13th October, and there has been no interruption since.—M. Chronicle. STEAM BETWEEN ENGLAND AND CANADA.—The first attempt at steam navigation between this port and Liverpool will be made next spring. The vessel will be a propeller of 530 tons burthen and 300 horse power. She is an excellent sailer, and it is expected will make the passage from Quebec in 15 days. I hope the experiment may succeed.—Montreal Cor. Mercury. COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—There were ten persons convicted for larceny, one of whom (Antoine Delaquis) was sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary, the others to various periods in the House of Correction. Two persons were fined for a common nuisance, and one for refusing to act as juror on a Coroner's inquest. SHIPPING.—Vessels arrived in this harbour since our last: Brig. Virginia, Blais, Magdalen Islands, fish, for Montreal. Victoria, Couillard, Halifax, H. J. Noad & Co. sugar. Schr. Superb, Audette, Caraque, order, fish and oysters. Sylph, Lebeuf, Percé, order, fish. Brig Louis, Margarella, Bennett, London, order, ballast. MARRIED.—At Montreal, on the 2nd instant, Dr. Douglas GRANTHAM, Royal Welch Fusiliers, to AMELIA LOUISA, second daughter of Captain BLENNKANE, Ordnance Department, late of H. M. 14th Regiment. DIED.—On Sunday evening, the 5th inst., after a long and lingering illness, LORENZ GOLDSMITH PARMON, aged 33 years and 5 months. On the 2nd inst., EDWARD O. DESHARATS, Esq., Barrister, late Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Province of Lower Canada; aged 44 years.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE. TIME next Mail for ENGLAND, (per Express to Halifax), will be closed at the Quebec Post-Office, on THURSDAY, 16th NOVEMBER. PAID AND UNPAID letters will be received to SEVEN o'clock, P. M. NEWSPAPERS received to SIX o'clock, P. M. JUST PUBLISHED, AND FOR SALE AT THE BOOKSTORES, A COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL SACRED MUSIC, BY F. H. ANDREWS. Quebec, October 1848. 3s. NEW BOOKS. THE subscriber has just received by the ship "Favourite," a considerable addition to his stock of Books, by which he is now enabled to offer for sale upwards of ONE THOUSAND VOLUMES, CAREFULLY SELECTED WORKS, the whole of which will be disposed of at the lowest possible prices. Also, by the "Douglas," from London, A SUPPLY OF THE PSALMS AND HYMNS, USED IN TRINITY CHAPEL. GILBERT STANLEY, No. 1, St. Anne Street, Quebec, Nov. 2, 1848. NURSERY GOVERNESS. A LADY who is well qualified to instruct young persons in the ordinary branches of an English education, is desirous of obtaining employment as a NURSERY GOVERNESS. Salary not so much an object as the advantage of a home in a quiet and pious family. Refer to the Rev. Official MACKIE, D. D., 13, St. Ursule Street. BERLIN WOOL AND PATTERNS. NEW FANCY STONE, No. 6, Palace Street. JUST received per St. Andrew and John Bull, a choice assortment of Berlin Shaded and Fleecy Wool, Berlin Patterns in great variety, Knitting and Boar Head Cotton. Needles of every description; with a splendid assortment of Fancy Articles. Next door to B. Cole's Auction Rooms. Quebec, Oct. 26, 1848. Just Received BY THE SUBSCRIBER, A QUANTITY of beautiful COAL AND WOOD STOVES, of various patterns, and a few of the latest improved AIR TIGHT AMERICAN COOKING STOVES, which combine the advantages of great economy of Fuel, large Ovens, convenient arrangement, and much heavier plate than is usual with American Stoves. ALSO, RODDIE'S well known COOKING AND BOX STOVES. H. S. SCOTT, Quebec, 16th October, 1848. CLASSICAL AND COMMERCIAL SCHOOL. MR. PAXMAN (from England) respectfully announces to the inhabitants of Quebec and its vicinity, his intention to receive young Gentlemen as Daily Pupils, who will be carefully instructed in the Greek and Roman Classics, and in every department of useful knowledge. Mr. P. will be happy to give private Lessons, if required. He can produce the highest testimonials as to character and qualifications. TERMS MODERATE.—D'Aiguillon Street, St. John's Suburbs, Quebec, 5th Oct., 1848. ENGLISH CHEESE, PLU OCEAN QUEEN. CHEDDAR, BERKELEY, QUEEN'S ARMS, TRUCKLES and PINES. C. & W. WURTELE, St. Paul Street. ON SALE. WINDOW GLASS, in Half-Boxes, assorted sizes, 6 1/2 x 7 1/2, to 30 x 40. Best English Fire Bricks. C. & W. WURTELE, St. Paul Street, Quebec, May 24th, 1848. RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS: TIN PLATES, Canada Plates, Sheet Iron Bar, Bolt, and Hoop Iron, Boiler Plates, Block and Bar Tin, Sheet Copper, Iron Wire, Sad Irons, Scythes and Sickles, Spades and Shovels, Rose and Clout Nails, Horse Nails. AND—Diamond Deck Spikes. C. & W. WURTELE, St. Paul Street, Quebec, 24th May, 1848. NOTICE. THE BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY having reduced their rate of Premiums, the subscriber is prepared to receive proposals according to the new scale. R. PENISTON, Agent. India Wharf, October, 1848. REED & MEAKINS, Cabinet Makers, ST. DENIS STREET, MONTREAL. FOR SALE. AT THE BOOK-STORE OF G. STANLEY, No. 4, St. Ann Street, Quebec, AND R. & A. MILLER, St. Francois Xavier Street Montreal. THE Y. H. Y. S., Intended, principally, as a supplement to the Psalms in common use in the Church of England, as contained in the Prayer-Book. Selected and Arranged by THE REV. CHARLES BARNARD, M. A. (Now Rector of St. John's, C. E.) Price in cloth 1s. 6d. plain leather 1s. 9d. best 2s. A liberal reduction will be made, if a quantity be ordered.

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING. THE Subscriber begs to thank the Military and Gentry of Quebec and the public generally, for their very liberal support with which he has been favoured since he commenced business, and he confidently hopes by a constant attention to his business, to meet with a continuance of their patronage. The Subscriber also invites an inspection of his stock of Double Milled West of England KERSEY CLOTHS, BEAVERS, DOES, KINS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c., &c., having just received per "Dover," from London, a general assortment of those articles, all of the very best quality and latest fashion, which he will make up in his usual style, at moderate charge. H. KNIGHT, 12, Palace Street, Quebec, July 1848. FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS: IRON CHAIN, PATENT CORDAGE, Chain Cables and Anchors. C. & W. WURTELE, St. Paul Street, Quebec, 24th May, 1848. WHITING FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS, in Packages of 2 Cwt. C. & W. WURTELE, Quebec, 6th September, 1848. RECEIVING FOR SALE PATENT SHOT, assorted, Sheet Lead, Dry Red and White Leads, Paints, assorted colours, Red Ochre, Rose Pink, Putty, in bladders, Best Black Lead, Nos. 1 & 2. C. & W. WURTELE, St. Paul Street, Quebec, 24th May, 1848. THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. Established 21st August, 1847. CAPITAL, £50,000. HUGH C. BAKER, PRESIDENT. JOHN YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT. BURTON & SADEIR, SOLICITORS. PHYSICIANS: G. O'REILLY & W. G. DICKINSON. THIS COMPANY is prepared to effect ASSURANCE UPON LIVES and transact any business dependent upon the value or duration of Human Life; to grant or purchase Annuities or Reversions of all kinds, as also Survivorships and Endowments. In addition to the various advantages offered by other Companies, the Directors of this Company are enabled, from the investment of the Premiums in the Province at a rate of compound interest much beyond that which can be obtained in Britain, to promise a most material reduction of costs; guaranteeing Assurances, Survivorships or Endowments for a smaller present payment, or yearly premium, and granting increased ANNUITIES whether immediate or deferred, for any sum of money invested with them. They can also point to the local position of the Company as of peculiar importance to intending Assurers, as it enables such Assurers to exercise control over the Company, and facilitates the acceptance of healthy risks, as well as the prompt settlement of claims. Assurances can be effected either with or without participation in the profits of the Company; the premiums may be paid in half yearly or quarterly instalments; and the HALF CENTURY SYSTEM having been adopted by the Board, credit will be given for one half of the first seven premiums, secured upon the Policy alone. Annual Premium to Assure £100, Whole Term of Life. Age. With Profits. Without Profits. Half Credit. 15 1 13 1 1 6 5 20 1 17 4 1 9 11 25 2 2 9 1 14 7 30 2 9 3 2 0 2 2 2 8 35 2 16 7 2 6 4 2 9 2 40 3 0 2 2 14 8 2 17 6 45 3 17 1 3 4 0 3 7 4 50 4 13 1 3 17 11 4 1 4 55 5 10 8 4 19 11 5 3 4 60 7 17 8 6 11 6 13 2 The above rates, for Life without Participation and Half Credit, will, upon comparison be found to be lower than the similar table, of any other office at present offering to assure in Canada, while the assured with participation will share in three fourths of the whole profit of that Branch of the Company's business. Tables of Rates, Prospectuses, Forms of Application, and any further information respecting the system of the Company or the practice of Life Assurance, can be obtained of the Secretary, or from any of the local agents. Agents and Medical Officers already appointed: Brantford..... William Muirhead..... Cobourg..... James Cameron..... Colborne..... Robert M. Boucher..... Dundas..... Dr. James Hamilton..... London..... George Scott, Dr. Alex. Anderson, Frederick A. Wilson, Dr. S. C. Sewell, Paris..... David Buchan, Port Sarnia..... Malcolm Cameron, Quebec..... Welch and Davies, St. Catharines..... Lachlan Bell..... Toronto..... Edmund Bradburn, Dr. Geo. Herrick, Woodstock..... William Lapointe, Dr. Samuel J. Stratford. By order of the Board, THOMAS M. SIMONS, Secretary, Hamilton. Forms of Application, together with any additional information, can be obtained by application at the Office of WELCH & DAVIES, AGENTS FOR QUEBEC, No. 3, St. James Street. MEDICAL REFERENCE. J. MORRIN, Esq., M. D. A BUILDING LOT FOR SALE. In St. JOSEPH'S STREET, ST. JOHN'S SUBURBS. Inquire at No. 15, St. Augustin Street.