

Political and Local Intelligence.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—The Iron Steam-Ship Great Britain reached New York on the 15th inst., bringing advices from Europe 8 days later.

The news is of no importance, except as regards commercial matters. The fears here entertained of a deficient harvest have been realized to a certain extent.

The Queen held a Privy Council, at one o'clock on Saturday, the 20th ult., at Osborne House.

Her Majesty and Consort left the Isle of Wight on the 25th Sept. and returned to Windsor Castle, where the Court will be held until February.

PACKET STATION.—The statement that Beerhaven, within the entrance of Bantry Bay Ireland, is to be hereafter the Packet Station for the North American Mail Steamers,

The English Government has concluded a contract with the Pacific Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of the mails along the West Coast of South America, from Valparaiso to Panama, and from that place across the Isthmus to Chagres, where they are to be transferred to the West India Royal Mail Company.

BANK OF ENGLAND.—The half-yearly meeting and ordinary quarterly court of the Bank proprietors took place on the 18th Sept. After the payment of the dividend (less the income tax, which amounted to £14,824 3s. 4d.) there would be a surplus of £15,353 11s. 8d., to be carried to the rest account, which would make the total amount of the rest £3,094,378 11s. 4d.

The Jesuits of Saint Acheul, being dispersed by order of their superiors, have sold the Maison de Blament, which they possessed, at the gates of Amiens.

The Empress of Russia, who is proceeding to Sicily for the winter, in the hope of regaining her health, will take up her residence in the beautiful environs of Palermo, and a small squadron of Russian steam vessels will be at her disposal, to enable her to take whatever trips she may choose on the Mediterranean.

SALE OF THE STEAMER "BRITISH QUEEN."—The British Queen was sold at Antwerp, by public auction, on the 16th, to Mr. Louis Reinwit, of Antwerp, for 238,000 francs, without the furniture.

THE MISSING PACKET-SHIP ENGLAND.—Great interest has been excited in England since the departure of the Cambria, in consequence of a bottle having been picked up, on the 16th of September, at sea four miles south-east of Douglas Head, by the fishing smack Kite, Capt. Morrison, containing a piece of paper, on which was written, in pencil, an intimation that the vessel was then in lat. 45, 10, long. 98, 7; that she had lost her quarter-boats; that there were 10 feet water in her hold, and no vessel in sight.

THE ENGLAND WAS WRECKED IN A GALE ABOUT A YEAR SINCE.—ED.

LETTERS FROM BATAVIA, received in Holland, state that a treaty of commerce has been concluded between England and Siam, by which the former country has secured great and exclusive privileges.

THE PARIS MONITEUR announces that the Government will soon publish precise accounts of the character and progress of the disease in potatoes, with the best means of preventing its development, and of using this year's crop without danger to the health of men and animals.

BOTH UPPER AND LOWER HUNGARY have been completely laid waste by dreadful inundations; at the beginning of the month of August, upwards of a million of the inhabitants are threatened with all the horrors of famine, in consequence of this dreadful misfortune.

THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH is now being laid down on the Grand Junction Railway, from Birmingham to Liverpool, Manchester, and Chester; and, under certain restrictions, the telegraph will be made available for commercial purposes.

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THE LEGACIES left by the late Miss Lawrence, amount to £145,000, all clear of duty, including £5000 to the Ripon Church Building Society, and £1000 each to the following institutions: Leeds Infirmary, Ripon Dispensary, and the hospitals of York, Harrogate, and Middlesex.

STILL LATER.—The English Mail of the 4th inst. reached town yesterday morning, bringing dates about a week later than those of the Great Britain. Nothing of consequence has occurred in the interval. The weather had been wet during the preceding week. The arrivals of flour from Canada and the United States, during the same period, had been very large, exceeding 9,000 barrels, and this had caused a slight fall in price, flour having receded from 6d. to 1s. per barrel.

THE DEATH OF EARL SPENCER is announced as having taken place on the 1st inst. As Lord Althorp, he took a prominent part in the politics of the day, and was Chancellor of the Exchequer during the administrations of Lords Grey and Melbourne.

THE NEW RAILWAYS.—The extraordinary extension of railway speculation has brought to view a technical difficulty which for the present baffles conjecture as to how it is to be surmounted. Already the amount of capital proposed to be involved in the schemes is so great, that the deposits required to be made upon them with the Accountant-Genl. are moderately estimated at a total of £30,000,000.

INCREASED VALUE OF RAILWAYS.—The improvement in the incomes of existing railways still continues, and during the last two months amounts to upwards of £200,000 on comparison with the corresponding two months of 1844.

IRELAND.—THE IRISH COLLEGIATE BILL.—Two of the Roman Catholic archbishops and sixteen of the bishops have put forth a declaration, that they still adhere to the opinion that the recent legislative measure of academic education is dangerous to "faith and morals."

A TOBACCO TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—A tobacco temperance society has, it is announced by the Spanish journals, been formed at Soria, the object of which is to put an end to smoking.

A LETTER FROM SALONICA states, that a curious phenomenon has been observed at Bei-Aurethisar, a village at eight leagues from that town; a rather extensive lake has instantaneously transformed itself into a salt pond, and it now contains an abundance of salt of the first quality.

AGRAUNT OF £500 has been obtained from Government, by the National Society, to meet the expense of an inquiry into the statistics of education among the children of the poor throughout England and Wales.

NEW SHELLS AND GRENADES.—Captain Bilette, of the French navy, has recently invented new shells and grenades, which are said to have greater destructive powers than any hitherto known.

INDIA AND CHINA.—The Punjab continued comparatively tranquil—if the idea of tranquillity can, with propriety, be associated with a country which, when quiet, is a volcano asleep, and when in tumult is a volcano in active operation.

RAILWAY CONVEYANCE, both for passengers and goods, is also about to be introduced into India, under auspices which are most promising of advantage, both to the public and the proprietors.

THE NEWS FROM CHINA comes down to the 12th of June. An assessment, ordered by the Governor, upon the lands and houses of Hong Kong, for the maintenance of an efficient police at that settlement, had given rise to some disapprobation.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.—THE POTATO CROP.—It is with extreme regret, that we hear from day to day, of the deficiency which is likely to be experienced in this island, of our staple—the potato, which a few weeks since we had hoped would have been more abundant than ever known here.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE. Montreal, 17th October, 1845. His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointment viz: Roger Lelièvre, Esq., to be Registrar of the County of Portneuf, in the room, place and stead of Henry Paul Esq., resigned.

HIGHER LANDS, one-fourth or one-sixth, and in some plantations it is difficult to find it, although existing.

FLOUR FOR "HER MAJESTY."—A cabinet-made barrel and half barrel of flour, marked in gold letters, "Lynman A. Spalding, Lockport," intended for exhibition at the fair of the American Institute, has been bought and sent off as a present to Queen Victoria.—American Paper.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN HOSPITAL AT KINGSTON.—We are happy to perceive that an Hospital for the reception of Medical and Surgical cases has been within the last month opened in Kingston. The position of that city at the termination of the upper lakes, and the commencement of the St. Lawrence river, should present numerous advantages in respect to the number and variety of the cases presenting themselves for admission; and if supported in a proper spirit by the community, would prove of infinite value to the city itself, as well as to the adjacent country, where such an institution is much needed.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.—With much regret we learn that the state of Lord Metcalfe's health has assumed a character which calls for the publication of bulletins, by the physicians. The following is taken from the Times which arrived yesterday:

Montreal, October 21, 1845. MOSKLANDS. 20th October, 1845.

THE AFFLICTING MALADY under which His Excellency the Governor General has been labouring for a number of years, and which has slowly and almost imperceptibly been producing a morbid alteration in the cheek, has within the last ten days, assumed a phagedenic character, by which a portion of the soft parts of the cheek have been destroyed.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S health has not materially suffered, although it has been necessary for him to observe a very rigid abstinence.

JAMES CRAWFORD, M. D. ROBT. L. MACDONNELL, M. D.

BEARING IN MIND the success with which His Excellency has guided the affairs of this important section of the British Colonial possessions, and the disregard of his private interests and personal convenience with which he has devoted himself to public business, we feel called upon to be devout in prayer and earnest in wishes for the speedy alleviation of his sufferings, and the continuance of his valuable services to our Sovereign and this part of her dominions.

DUTY ON POTATOES REMOVED.—We have much pleasure in publishing the following communication from the Provincial Secretary to the Chairman of the Quebec Board of Trade:

SECRETARY'S OFFICE. Montreal, 15th Oct. 1845.

SIR,—I have received the command of the Governor General to inform you, in reply to your communication of the 1st instant, that His Excellency, in Council, has been pleased, under the circumstances therein stated, to direct that importations of Potatoes from the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, may be made free of duty until the 1st day of September, 1846, and that the necessary instructions will be communicated to the Collectors at the Ports of Quebec and Montreal.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, D. DALY, Secretary.

Hon. W. Walker, &c. &c. &c. It is well to add that some cargoes of potatoes are daily expected from Prince Edward's Island, where the crop, though partially injured, is not destroyed.

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.—The following sums have been received by the Treasurer, since the last statement:—

Table with columns for names and amounts: Mr. James Sutherland of Hamilton, £1 5 0; Messrs. John Egan & Co., 50 0 0; Capt. Wulff, R. E. Bahamas, by N. Freer, Esq., 5 0 0; Messrs. Dunn, Calvin & Co., 50 0 0; Inhabitants of Peterboro and the Colborne District, in addition to £100 received on the 9th August, 19 0 0; Rev. W. McMurray, St. John's Church, Ancaster, C. W., 5 5 0; Additional contribution from Isle aux Coudres, 4 1 9; Jos. Cormier, Esq., Magdalen Islands, 5 0 0.

CASUALTIES.—A fire occurred in a workshop at Point Levi on Saturday, when the building and its contents were totally destroyed. It belonged to two brothers named Cauchon.

A quarrel took place on Friday between two men engaged in loading a ship in Silvery Cove, which ended in the death of one of them named Welsh. He received a blow with a crowbar from the other which fractured his skull.

ON SATURDAY, a woman of bad character was found dead on the Plains of Abraham.

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PORT OF QUEBEC.

ARRIVED. N. B.—It will be observed that the shipping report below only gives the names of vessels arriving below only cargo.

Oct. 18th. Brig Milton, Ellis, Liverpool, order, general. — Young Queen, Williams, do. G. B. Symes, do.

19th. Bark Mary Sharp, Wolff, Glasgow, A. Burns, do. 20th. Schr. Miscou, Coulson, Bathurst, Noad & Co. Bark Athol, Long, Liverpool, Ross, Shuter & Co. general. — Laurina, Burr, do. order, do. 21st.

Schr. Three Brothers, Ganser, St. George's Bay, (Newfld.) Noad & Co. herrings. — True Love, Doyle, do. Parke & Co. do. Ship Sir Richard Jackson, Webster, Liverpool, Symes, general.

MARITIME EXTRACTS. Two vessels are reported ashore below. One of them on White Island Reef, and the other (a black bark) a little above. The ship Victoria, Armor, timber laden, from Quebec, bound to Bristol, put in at Miramichi on the 7th instant, in distress, having been run down in the River St. Lawrence, and received considerable damage.

The steamer Alliance returned to port on Monday, from trick, with the ship Aberdeen in tow, which vessel had lost her foremast in a gale, on Sunday, the 12th instant. Captain Rose reports 5 or 10 vessels bound up, among them the Lockwoods, and a deeply laden ship, which he took for the Sir Richard Jackson.

The steamers Queen and New Liverpool, came in collision, last Saturday night, between Three Rivers and Port St. Francis. The Queen received considerable damage.

Packet ship Governor, Davis, at Boston, from Liverpool 15th ult., fell in on the 22nd in lat. 49, 33, long. 16, 30, W. with the ship Glenview, from Quebec to Liverpool, waterlogged, and took off Capt. Salter, his officers and crew, twenty-one in all, and one passenger. Mr. James Robinson, of Bytown, all of whom were taken to Boston. The Glenview commenced leaking Sept. 3, off St. Paul's, in a south-east gale, and the leak increased every spell of bad weather until she became water-logged.

The steamer Sunnrock, Mackie, from Liverpool for St. John's, (N. B.), on the 6th Sept. was abandoned on the 16th, in a sinking condition, in lat. 55, 51, N. long. 10, 30, W. The Captain and crew were picked up by the brig Jane, of Sunderland, from Newfoundland, for Swansea.

South Shields, Sept. 24.—The Symmetry, Findal, of Hartlepool, from Quebec, when proceeding into this harbour, last tide, struck very heavy on the bar, and made a deal of water, she is now laid sunk on the shore, at the high part of South Shields.

Fowey, Sept. 21.—Put in here 19th.—The brig St. Lawrence, Workington, from Quebec, with loss of main-top-mast, and top-sail, top-gallant-sails, bulwarks, and part of deck cargo, having in her hold at the time five feet of water, and both pumps choked.

Lytham, Sept. 18.—The Dykes, Cockton, from Quebec, grounded about one mile below this place on the ebb, and on the flood upset; and is now on this beach, with spars gone and sails much split; hull not hurt, expected to be got upright next tide, all hands saved.

The steamers Lord Sydenham, got in late on Tuesday morning in consequence of having broken her cylinder.

The schr. Three Brothers, reported ashore on Green Island, some time ago, got off and came into port on Tuesday. Her upper works are damaged, but her bottom is not injured.

LANCUES.—On Thursday last, a ship of 800 tons, called the Ceylon, by Mr. John Jeffery, Messrs. E. & J. E. Oliver, launched at bark from their ship-yard on Friday, called the Jane Morrison, and Mr. Thos. Oliver one of about 700 tons, called the Admiral.

PASSENGERS. Among the passengers by the Steam-Ship Libertia, from Liverpool, were Thomas Froste, Esq. of Liverpool, formerly of Quebec, who arrived in town yesterday.

In the Steam-Ship Cambria for Liverpool: Mr. and Mrs. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton and family, Sir H. J. Caldwell, Miss Price, — Price Jr. Mrs. U. home, two children and servant, Messrs. J. Jeffery Jr., E. Hurstall, W. Henry and J. Porter of Quebec; Messrs. Kenneth, Moffatt and C. Penner, of Montreal.

BIRTH. At Hadlow Vicarage, Kent, on the 18th ult. the lady of the Rev. H. D. Sewell, of a son.

MARRIED. At Toronto, on the 13th inst. in the Cathedral Church of St. James, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Toronto, Arthur Wells, Esq. son of the Hon. Col. Wells, of Daventry, to Georgina, daughter of George Ridout, Esq. of Toronto. At the Mohawk Church, Grand River, on the 14th inst. by the Rev. A. Nelles, Edward Stayer Freer, Esq. to Mary Raymond, daughter of the Rev. Brooke Bridges Stevens, M. A. Chaplain to H. M. Forces.

DIED. On the 14th instant, at the Citadel, Rose, the wife of Samuel Gaddard, Esquire, 14th Regiment, in her 42nd year. At Lennoxville, on Sunday 12th instant, of brain-fever, MR. CHARLES MIDDLETON, Divinity Student, aged 22; he had recently arrived in this country to commence his course in the Theological Seminary, and was thus early called to rest in Jesus.

ENGLISH MAIL. LETTERS for the above Mail will be received at the Quebec Post Office, till TUESDAY, 28th inst. PAID Letters to THREE o'clock, and UNPAID to FOUR, P. M.

FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBER, BASTRY FLOUR in Half-Barrels, Sperm and Olive Oil, Sperm, Imperial, Adamantine, Composite and Wax-Wick Candles, Preserved Ginger, WITH A SUPPLY OF Genuine FRESH TEAS. M. G. MOUNTAIN, No. 13, Fabrique-st. Quebec, 15th Oct. 1845.

THE Girls' department of the British and Canadian School will re-open on MONDAY, the 6th instant, in a room in the Military Asylum. JEFFERY HALE. Quebec, 2nd Oct. 1845.

SIGHT RESTORED.

NERVOUS HEADACHE AND DEAFNESS CURED. BY THE USE OF



For its efficacy in removing Disorders incident to the EYES AND HEAD.

THE FORCEPS, April Dec. 1844. This Scientific Medical Reviewer made the following critique on GRIMSTONE'S EYE SUFF, demonstrating its powerful influence on those delicate organs, the Eye and Ear.

GRIMSTONE'S EYE SUFF.—Perhaps there is no one thing that has effected so much good, and that in so pleasant a manner, as Grimstone's Eye Snuff; and we are really surprised that it has not commanded more attention from the medical profession, for although we are aware that some eminent professors of the medical art have taken advantage of its usefulness, there are many who, however they might be convinced of its utility, prescribe it not, because it is a simple remedy that might, on a future occasion, be resorted to without their aid. Independently of its usefulness in removing pains in the head and inflammations of the eye, it is a pleasant stimulus to the nose, so that those who use it combine pleasure with profit, and we can scarcely understand how snuff-takers can forego its advantages for compounds that in many cases possess only the recommendation of being foreign. We would recommend every one requiring its aid to try Mr. Grimstone's Snuff, and we feel convinced that they will be grateful to Mr. Grimstone for the talent he has displayed in forming his excellent compound, and to ourselves for calling their attention to it.

Other Testimonials can be seen. The Wholesale and Retail Agent for Canada has just received a fresh supply per Zealous. THOMAS BICKELL, Grocer and Importer of China, Glass and Earthenware. St. John Street, Quebec.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

TEMPORARY arrangements have been made for the opening of this Institution in a private dwelling-house in Lennoxville, where it is now in operation, under

The Rev. J. H. NICOLLS, M. A., and HENRY MILES, Esq., M. A.

A Prospectus stating particulars will be forwarded, on application to the Rev. J. H. NICOLLS, LENNOXVILLE. October, 1845.

RECEIVING ex "Choice," for Sale, TOBACCO PIPES, Black Lead, Shot, Paints, Spades and Shovels, Ear Iron, Anvils, Vices, Patent Cordage, Patent Proved Chain Cables and Anchors. —ALSO— 400 BOXES TIN PLATES. C. & W. WURTELE, 1st Oct. 1845. St. Paul-street.

RECEIVED FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS.

3 CASES OF WORSTED and WOOLEN GOODS, consisting of Children's Dresses, Ladies' Fanchons and Muffs, &c. and Gentlemen's Coats, &c. &c. C. & W. WURTELE, St. Paul Street. Quebec, 19th Sept. 1845.

NOTICE. THE undersigned has been appointed Agent for the AETNA INSURANCE COMPANY, of Hartford, Ct., and is now prepared to take risks against Fire.—This office has now an Agency in Montreal, which has been in operation for the last 20 years, has been always prompt and liberal in settlement of losses. Such being its character, the undersigned looks for a portion of the public confidence and patronage. DANIEL MCGIE, Hunt's Wharf. Quebec, 7th July, 1845.

RECEIVED FOR SALE EX "BRITANNIA." 500 B BOXES CANADA PLATES. C. & W. WURTELE, St. Paul Street. Quebec, 15th Sept. 1845.

Mutual Life Assurance.

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, HEAD OFFICE, 141, BUCHANAN-STREET, GLASGOW.

THE Constitution and Regulations of this Society insure to its Members the full benefits which can be derived from such sums as they are willing to devote to the important duty of LIFE INSURANCE. The whole profits are secured to the Policy holders by the Mutual System on which the Society is established, and their allocation to the Members is made on fair, simple, and popular principles.

It is provided by the Rules, that the whole Directors, Ordinary and Extraordinary, shall be Members of the Society, by holding Policies of Insurance for Life with it, of more than three years' standing. This rule secures to the Public that those Noblemen and Gentlemen who appear as Directors of the Society, have practically approved of its principles. For further particulars, with tables of Premiums, apply to R. M. HARRISON, Agent for Canada. Quebec, August, 1845.

COALS.

NEWCASTLE, Wallsend, Grate & Smith's Coals, for Sale by H. H. Porter & Co. Porter & Co's Wharf. Late Livina's. Quebec, 29th May, 1845.