

mand of the army and negotiations with Mexico. To make him in New Spain nearly what Oliver Cromwell was in England. The experiment appears to us a dangerous one.

The Whigs, both of the Clay and Webster stamp, have generally decided upon opposing the war in toto.

There is a report of the massacre of 150 Americans in California, but it is little credited.

There is little to notice in Canada.

The Montreal Board of Trade have reported in favor of a telegraphic line from Montreal to Toronto.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

RAISING DEAD BODIES.—We regret to say that the sanctuaries of the dead have been disturbed in this neighbourhood. The body of a woman interred a few days ago, was suspected, from the appearance of the grave, to have been abstracted, and on examination it was found to have been carried off, in the scientific manner of regular body snatchers. The Trustees of the ground having examined into the circumstances, there seems every reason to believe that the men in charge of the ground have been unfaithful, and that it will be necessary to discharge them. We are glad to observe that it is intended to build a Watch-House, to protect the church-yard. In all medical schools of eminence, and Toronto is fast becoming one, subjects will be had, and the interests of the living require that they should be had. All our better feelings are enlisted in protecting the remains of our friends—science and humanity seem somewhat at variance in this matter. Perhaps the regulation introduced in the Mother country, to give the bodies of those who die without relatives or friends to be dissected, and afterwards decently interred, is the best remedy that has been devised.—*Toronto Banner.*

THE MURDER AT MARKHAM.—That notorious character, Turney, who is in the Jail of this city, for the murder of William McPhillips, at Markham, made a voluntary confession, a few days ago, of his being a participator in that murder, and gave the name of the individual who he affirms committed the horrible deed. Two of our active Police force were immediately despatched to arrest the person, and he was brought to Toronto on Wednesday last. He has been twice before some of our city magistrates, but declines to having had anything to do with the murder, or any knowledge of the party by whom it was committed. His Worship the Mayor has issued summonses for a number of witnesses from Markham, and a public examination of both parties will take place this day. The person who was lately arrested is a young man of respectable appearance, a waggon maker by trade, and so far circumstances appear to be in his favor.—*Patriot.*

FATAL OCCURRENCE.—We learn that a young man by the name of Brady about 18 years of age, residing in Wickham, had an unhappy affray with a man by the name of McDonald, of the same place, during the past week, in which the former was severely beaten. Brady left soon after to go to Drummondville for a warrant against M.D. About dusk of the same day he was found in the road in Drummondville woods, sitting in his sleigh, with his head hanging over its side, quite dead. Several bruises were found on his body, supposed to have been inflicted during the affray and to have caused his death. A warrant was found in his pocket.

PARADES IN ENGLAND.—Amongst the passengers brought by the Thames, which arrived at Southampton on Wednesday, is the ex President of Mexico, General Paredes. He embarked at Vera Cruz, and was brought thither under a strong escort from Mexico. The general appears in excellent spirits, and seems to bear his sentence of banishment from his ill-starred country with great composure. He is rather diminutive, and about fifty years of age.

NEW TEMPERANCE FUND.—At a meeting held in Glasgow lately, it was resolved by the Temperance League to raise £20,000, payable in five years, to sustain the temperance agitation.

THE SABBATH QUESTION.—Out of the sixty Scotch newspapers, nine are enumerated as having condemned "the wicked attempt to prevent the performance of works of necessity and mercy on the Christian Sabbath." Such is the combination of opinion and authority which is to force upon the people of Scotland a general system of wholesale Sabbath desecration.

SUICIDE OF MR. ALSAGER.—Mr. Thomas Massa Alsager, the Official Assignee, longer and better known as the "City Correspondent of the Times," died on Sunday week from the effect of wounds inflicted by his own hand. On the morning of the 6th instant, Mr. Alsager was found in his bed-room with a deep gash in his throat, and a long incision in the left arm. The wounds were not immediately fatal; but, on the contrary, for some days hopes were entertained of his recovery. On Wednesday last, he executed his will. On Friday, inflammation of the wound in the throat came on; and after forty-eight hours of great suffering, the patient died. His death has caused quite a sensation in the commercial and monetary circles. The deceased was a clever and intelligent man in the department in that leviathan journal over which he presided for so long a period. The fatal act was committed in a moment of excitement caused by the deceased's resignation having been accepted by the acting proprietors, through motives of a private nature.

TAMPICO.—A letter dated Tampico, Nov. 26th, says the steamer Neptune, recently lost on the bar at that place, had on board the despatches of Col. Gates to General Taylor, apprising him of the state of things at Tampico, with other information of importance to the General in his operations. The whole mail was lost. Speaking of the evacuation of the town, the letter says "that a report had reached the Mexicans that General Taylor was advancing with 10,000 men on the other side of the river. The appearance of the boats of the fleet confirmed these impressions, and the soldiers fled after destroying the ornaments and forts and throwing into the river some 6000 muskets, leaving the inhabitants, about 3000 in number, to take care of themselves."

MURDER IN PLATTSBURG.—A most revolting murder was committed in Plattsburgh, N. Y., on Monday evening last, by one John Levere, a Canadian, upon his own wife! He had taken her into his waggon for the purpose of visiting a friend some miles from the village, and when about three miles out he deliberately murdered her by smashing her head with an axe!

The Jury rendered a verdict of wilful murder against him, and he is now in jail to await his trial in January.

THE LAND OF THE FREE.—An extraordinary proposition has lately been made by the Governor of Virginia in his message at the opening of the Legislature of that State. He recommends the expulsion from the State of the free negroes, it is said amounting to about fifty thousand, after six or twelve months notice, and "that such population shall not thereafter be permitted to reside therein."

A "duel" took place, on the 15th of this month at Richmond in Virginia, between a newspaper Editor and the son of the Mayor of the City, arising out of a newspaper discussion; the parties fired thirteen shots at each other with revolvers, without any damage more than a ball through the fleshy part of the Editor's thigh. The parties only stood a few feet apart.

The remains of the Texas Navy were sold at public auction on Monday; and, like the independent sovereignty of the country, went for about nothing; leaving Texas with a heavy debt for the acquisition, and yielding but little to the coffers of the Union by the transfer of ownership.—*Galveston Civilian, 2nd inst.*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is rumored that a bill authorising ten additional regiments to the regular army will be introduced to-morrow.

Monies Received on Account of Magazine.

Drummond, J. C. 10s.—Belleville, G. McA. 5s.—Chambly [per Mr. Gemmel], Mr. W. 2s 6d; T. M. 5s; Rev. J. B. 5s.—Cobourg, A. M. 17s 6d.—Clarenceville, B. S. 7s 6d.—Drummondville, C. W., W. P. 5s; J. P. 5s.—Eaton, E. A. 5s; J. O. 5s.—Garanoque, Rev. Mr. H. 2s 6d.—Hawkesbury, T. T., 3s 9d.; S. S., 3s 9d.—Hock's Corners, W. A. 5s.—Inverness, G. P. 5s.—Leeds, C. E., W. H. 10s.—Lachute, S. S. 5s.—Monticelloville, S. L. 5s.—Mariposa, J. D. 5s; R. F. W. 5s.—Manningville, R. M. 2s 6d.—North Lancaster, J. C. 5s.—Perth, J. C. 5s.—Port Sarina, A. Y. 2s 6d.—Quebec [per A. Gemmel] W. C. 5s; P. and W. 5s; J. J. 5s; C. W. 5s; W. D. D. 5s; W. G. R. 5s; C. R. O'C. 5s; A. S. 5s; T. B. 5s; D. K. 5s; F. D. 5s; J. B. G. 5s; T. M. 5s; J. M. M. 5s; Sgt. F., 93d, 7s 6d; J. L. L. 5s; R. J. 1s 3d; Sgt. M., 93d, 5s; D. R. 93d, 5s; Sgt. G., 93d, 5s, Corporal McP., 93d, 5s; Sergeant's Mess, 93d, 2s 6d.—Sorrel [per A. Gemmel], Rev. Mr. B. 2s 6d.—Stouffville, Rev. L. K. 5s.—St. Thomas, J. C. 10s.—Three Rivers [per A. Gemmel], J. B. 2s 6d; W. A. 2s 6d; C. L. 2s 6d; M. H. 2s 6d; Mr. S. 5s; Mr. W. 5s; H. F. H. 2s 6d.—Vankleek Hill, J. G. 5s.—Chippewa, J. W. F. 5s; Mr. P., 5s; G. M. M., 5s.

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	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	22	3	a	22	9	BEEF, Primo Mess,			
Pearls,	22	3	a	22	9	per brl. 200lbs.	47	6	a
FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per brl.						Prime,	42	6	a
196 lbs.			Nominal			Prime Mess, per tierce, 304l'	00	0	a
Do. Fine,			Do.			PORK, Mess, per brl. 200lbs.	72	6	a
Do. Sour,			none			Prime Mess,	55	0	a
Do. Middlings, ..			none			Primo,	50	0	a
Indian Meal, 168lb.	15	0	a	00	0	Cargo,	40	0	a
Oatmeal, brl. 224lb.	25	0	a	00	0	BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.						CHEESE, full milk, 100 lbs.	40	0	a
Best, 60lbs. ...	5	0	a	5	3	LARD, per lb.	0	5	a
Do. L.C. per min.	0	0	a	0	0	TALLOW, per lb. ...	0	6	a
BARLEY, Minot, ...	3	0	a	3	3				
OATS, " " " "			none						
PEASE,	4	6	a	0	0				

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