

The annual loss to the country by shipwrecks is 610 ships, £2,000,000 of property, and 1,500 lives.

A new and revised edition of the Bible in Chinese, has been proposed, and is already in progress of execution. This work will require a large outlay of time and careful labour.

A most important Post-office arrangement is said to be in progress, by which it is anticipated, that by steamers, letters will be sent to China in 50 days.

**THE WINE TRADE.**—We have advices from Lisbon to the 20th inst. The wine exportation of Oporto and Madeira was depressed beyond all previous experience within living memory. So frightful was this depression that good wine was unsaleable at £5 per pipe.

The new system of banking is to go into operation in England this year, and will doubtless shortly be extended to Scotland and Ireland. By it Government becomes in reality the maker of paper money through the medium of a nominal bank, in nearly the same manner as it makes metallic money by the Mint. The paper money, which is to be, in the first place, fourteen millions sterling, based upon public securities, *i. e.* for which the Government is responsible, is afterwards to be increased indefinitely upon deposits of the precious metals and in no other way. Thus with the exception of the fourteen millions above specified, all the paper money in the country must have a strictly uncollated basis. When the system is carried out, there will be only one bank of issue, the notes of which will be circulated by all other banks, and consequently all danger or loss to the public will be effectually guarded against.

**THE MISSIONARY SHIP.**—A ship has recently been built in England, by the contributions of children, named "John Williams," after the noble martyr missionary of that name, who fell at Erromanga, and on the 3d of June it was sent out to the South Sea Islands with a missionary reinforcement. It will there be employed as a missionary vessel, carrying the gospel from island to island, and being otherwise employed as occasion requires for the advancement of the mission.

**PUNISHMENT FOR FIGHTING A DUEL.**—We see it stated in a late English paper, that in a recent duel between a Professor of a military school of the Netherlands and a Lieutenant the former was killed. The survivor has been tried before a court martial, and sentenced to *five year's imprisonment*. The two scondes were condemned to three years of the same punishment.

A few examples of this kind would soon banish the absurd and abominable practice of duelling.

**STEAM POWER.**—A pint of water may be evaporated by two ounces of coal. In its evaporation it swells into 216 gallons of steam, with a mechanical force sufficient to raise a weight of 37 tons to a foot high.

**A PROFITABLE PRISON.**—There are now 263 prisoners in the Connecticut State Prison. The expenses of the institution last year were about 11,000 dollars, and its income in round numbers 18,000 dollars. The net profits were about 6800 dollars last year, and about 10,000 dollars in cash were paid into the State Treasury.

**A CONNECTICUT WIFE.—WORTHY OF IMITATION.**—The farmers' wives in the interior of New England are proverbial for their "diligence of business." The wife of Hervey Ford, of Winchester, Connecticut, has made during sixteen years past, 108,807 lbs., of butter and cheese, exclusive of what was used in the family, and some small sales not reckoned in the account. The amount of money for which these articles were sold was 8450 dollars. Twenty cows were usually kept, and almost the entire labour of the dairy was performed by Mrs. F. The annual average is 6800 lbs. at 521 dollars; no small fruit of one woman's labour.—*Arcadian Register.*

Madder has been grown with great success on Vermillion river, Erie County, in the State of Ohio.

Official advices from Sierra Leone announce the capture of five slavers, four of them Brazilians, by the British cruisers. In one of them were embarked 516 negroes, of whom 123 died on the passage.

A female has been arrested and held to bail in Philadelphia, for incendiary language in the street. Mobs are always bloody and cruel when women take a part in them. Those of the French revolution thus composed were demoralical.

The accounts from all parts of Canada, respecting the approaching harvest are highly satisfactory, and it is probable that the surplus of produce for exportation, will be twice as great as on any former year.

The Montreal Court House has been burned, supposed to be the work of incendiaries.

MONTREAL PRICES CURRENT.—August 1.

ASHES—Pot . 24s 3d to 24s 6d	BLEF—P. Mess tierce \$9 or \$10
Pearl . . . 25s to 25s 3d	Do bbls . \$6 a \$7
FLOUR—Fine . . 24s 6d to 26s	Prime . . . . . \$5
WHEAT . . . . . 5s 3d to 5s 6d	TALLOW— . . . . . 5d
PEASE . . . . . 2s 10d per <i>minot</i> .	BUTTER—Salt . . . . . 5d a 6d
OAT-MEAL . . . . . 8s 0d per <i>cut</i> .	CHEESE— . . . . . 3d a 5d
PORK—Mess . . . . . \$13	EXCHANGE—London 2 prem.
P. Mess . . . . . \$11	N. York . . . . . 2 1/2
Prime . . . . . \$ 9	Canada W. 1/4 to 1/2
LARD— . . . . . 4d a 5d p. lb	

The news from Britain shows a continued depression in Wheat and Flour.

The prospect for Beef, Pork, Butter, and Cheese, is fully better. It is satisfactory to be able to state that there has been a very great improvement in the mode of packing and quality of Butter from almost every part of Canada this year, as compared with former years.

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THE Subscriber has constantly on hand a good assortment of Dry Groceries, for the supply of families ;

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- Indian Meal, Table Codfish, Cheese,
- Pork, Herrings, Hams, &c. &c.

Superfine Pastry Flour in Barrels and Half Barrels.

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THE Subscriber begs to tender his sincere thanks to his customers for the support they have given him, and also to inform them, and the public in general, that he has removed to No. 228 South end of St. Paul Street, where he has excellent accommodations for several Boarders and Travellers, and where he hopes, as his house will be conducted on strict tee-total principles, to share the patronage of friends to the cause.

Montreal, May 1, 1844.

H. MEYER.

DOUGALL, REDPATH, & CO., having at present a buyer in Britain, expect a very fine stock of Dry Goods for the Fall Trade. They also intend to have a large supply of Teas and Sugars on the best terms. Dry Groceries, Fish, Salt, &c., constantly on hand.

Montreal, August 1, 1844.

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Montreal, April 1, 1844.