

driving be it of gig, sleigh, traineau, or marche

BONNET ROUGE. Quebec, 16th Decr. 1841.

Computations and Castings—as "Auditors of Accounts" use the terms among the technicalities of their vocation—seem, in one's ordinary acquaintance with them, as trivial indeed, compared with the specimen afforded us below by the politeness of a Correspondent.

If this numbering up of letters, words, &c. really and truly (query by ourselves, notwithstanding) took up the computer's time at the rate of twelve working hours per diem, for the space of three long years; the individual who performed the feat is certainly more to be admired for the patience displayed, than emulated in such a profitless and wanton waste of precious time.

In regard to the correctness of certain of his calculations, however, he has almost the positive advantage of a non-verification; as the "fearful job" of a similar tedious count, will almost amount to a certain preclusion from the detection of error, if such exists. On this point, one is reminded of the story of Harry the Eighth and the monk Abbot; who, when he gave the King, according to his command, the quantity of water in the sea even to the fraction of a pint, told His Majesty, if he doubted his correctness, to go and measure it himself!

A MATTER OF TEDIOUS CALCULATION.

Calculation of the number of Books, Chapters, Verses, Words, Letters, &c., in the Old and New Testament, and the Apocrypha:—

Table with columns: In the Old, New, Total. Rows: Books, Chapters, Verses, Words, Letters.

APOCRYPHA.

Table with columns: Chapters, Verses, Words. Rows: Chapters, Verses, Words.

The middle Chapter, and the least in the Bible, is the 117th Psalm; the middle Verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The middle line is the second Chronicle, 4th Chapter, 16th Verse. The word "and" occurs, in the Old Testament 35,543 times. The same in the New Testament 10,684 times. The word "Jehovah" occurs 6,855 times. The middle Book in the Old Testament is Proverbs. The middle Chapter is Job 29. The middle Verse is 2d Chronicle, 20th Chapter, between the 17th and 18th Verses. The least verse is the 1st Chronicle, 1st Chapter, 1st Verse. In the New Testament, the middle Book is the 2nd Thessalonians; the middle Chapter is between the 13th and 14th Romans; the middle Verse is the 17th of the 17th Chapter of Acts of the Apostles. The least Verse is the 11th Chapter of John, 35th Verse. The 21st Verse of the 7th Chapter of Ezra has all the letters in the Alphabet. The 19th Chapter of the 2nd of Kings and the 37th of Isaiah are alike.

"The above has taken three years in casting up, at the rate of 12 hours a day."

For the Quebec Argus.

TO THE EDITOR, Sir,—I have selected the foregoing from "The Hampshire Standard" of the 25th Oct. last; and possibly, you may deem it worthy of insertion in your columns; as the curiosity of such a minute and extended calculation may be of some interest to many of your readers.

I remain, &c.

CURIOSO. Quebec, Decr. 1841.

To Correspondents.

A SUBSCRIBER has been received. DISCIPLINE is in serious error at the outset of his statement of which act we have certain satisfactory evidence in our possession at the present moment, which we shall be happy to place before him if he wishes it.

A PEDESTRIAN IN OUR REEL. A TRADESMAN we are constrained to decline, for the very reason set forth in his own communication, as a question of policy relating to the matters touched upon by him. The accompanying enclosure has been handed over to our Printer as the person more immediately interested in the same; and whose province it is to grant the proper acquittance.

We fear that press of other communications on hand will prevent the lines by ARABELLA LETITIA FLAUNT from appearing at present; besides we deem her some what severe upon our highly respected and long established friends the Old Madie.

RETURN of Admissions, Discharges and Deaths in the Marine and Emigrant Hospital from the 1st May to the 30th November 1841.

Table with columns: Total number of admissions, Discharged, Died, Remaining, Of these were (Sailors, Emigrants, Towns People), Medical cases, Surgical cases, Of these were (Fever, Dysentery, Malaria, Infm. of Lungs, Other diseases), Medical cases, Surgical cases.

Out Door Patients, 205. JOS. PAINCHAUD, J. DOUGLAS. Quebec, 30th Novr. 1841.

COMMERCIAL.

Montreal, Decr. 17th.—The banks refuse to draw on London and we do not know of any private bills at any rate, 15 per cent will probably be the price by the 10th January.

Drafts on New York are scarce at 4 per cent. Mexican dollars have been sold at 3 1/2 per cent in large amounts. Upper Canada notes at 1 1/2 to 2 per cent discount.

New York Money Market, Dec. 11.

The demand for money continues unabated, and financial negotiations are accompanied with great difficulties. The amount of money wanted is not large else the past two or three weeks might be characterized as a time of unusual pressure.

The demand for money has affected exchanges, foreign and domestic. On London, bills have been sold at all rates from 8 1/2 to 9 1/2.

The stock market is dull and inactive, without material variation in prices.

Who could have anticipated the total overthrow of an institution so powerful in capital, so united in credit, as the United States Bank? Who believed that the securities of our states would sell at less than one third of their nominal value?—A price which the interest accruing in five years is sufficient to extinguish.

We have read the remarks of the message on the currency question with much interest, and when the report of the Secretary referred to is presented, shall take occasion to examine it fully. So far as the plan is developed we cannot but think it may be adapted to our necessities, and aid in a great measure in the restoration of a sound currency. We hope it may receive support, as we have nothing better to look for in the shape of a national institution.

New York Stock Exchange, Dec. 13.

Every description of stock which was sold this morning shows a further decline in prices. Exchange—Foreign—Bills on England are held at 9 1/2 per cent. Domestic—On Philadelphia 9 1/2 a 9 1/4; Charleston 9 1/2; New Orleans, 9 1/4 a 9 1/2.

NEW YORK MARKETS—DEC. 13.

Cotton—About 800 bales were taken on Saturday. Flour—Common brands Canal are dull to day at \$6,25.

[From the Liverpool European.] LIVERPOOL MARKETS, NOV. 19.

CORN TRADE.

Table with columns: Wheat, Do. red, Irish white, Do. red, prime, Canada, Do. white, United States, Danzig, Pomeranian, Russian soft, Do. hard, Foreign in bond, Oats, per 40lbs., Barley, per qr., Beans, per imp. qr., Flour, per 280 lbs., Oatmeal, per 240lbs., Do. new.

MAKIN & SON.

TIMBER PRICES CURRENT.

Table with columns: From British America, Quebec Red Pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Staves, Ash Oaks, Handspikes, Pine, Miramichi, Bay Chaleur, Richibucto, St. Andrew's, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, Spruce Pine, Hardwood viz. Birch, Mastis, Calliper in the middle, Poles, Planks, Boards, Bathwood, Staves, Birch and Ash Handspikes.

On the 17th instant, Mr. Bonaventure Paré, Merchant, St. John Street, Upper Town, aged 44 years & 10 months. At Montreal, on the 12th instant, Hypolite Horace, eldest son of Mr. Flavien Vallierand, aged 18 years.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

GEORGE SCOTT, BEGS respectfully to remind his friends and the public of Quebec, that as usual, he is prepared to supply them with Christmas Buns, Scotch Short Bread, Plum Cakes, Seed Cakes, Pound Cakes, Mince Pies, Tea Cakes, and all kinds of confectionary suitable at this season, &c., &c.

G. S. Avails himself of this opportunity respectfully to return thanks for the patronage he has invariably received.

N. B. For sale, Scotch Marmalade, Strawberry, Raspberry and Lemon Syrup, all of superior quality. Quebec, Decr. 18th, 1841.

TO LET FOR ONE OR MORE YEARS.

THE extensive premises recently occupied by Doctor Douglas, on Mountain Street, and extending to Notre Dame Street, well adapted for a Hotel or first class Boarding House, the Rooms are large and numerous, with Kitchens, Cellars, &c., &c. On the top, a Gallery, 70 feet by 30, traverses the whole extent of the building, commanding a fine view of the Harbour and surrounding country. These premises are advantageously situated on the confines of the Lower Town, in the immediate vicinity of the Steamboat wharves, and business part of the city. Possession now if required, apply at the office of

HUGH MURRAY, Notre Dame Street. Quebec, 11th Dec. 1841.

The Quebec Argus.

WILL be published at No. 20, St. Peter Street, Lower Town, at the Printing Office where "THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN" has been hitherto published, and where Mr. A. Jacques, the Proprietor and Printer, will receive subscriptions and orders for Advertising.—Terms the same as for the B. N. American, namely: Fifteen shillings per year, six months payable in advance. JOB PRINTING DONE IN THE BEST STYLE, AND ON REASONABLE TERMS.

THE Subscriber has just received from his Mills, and offers for sale, 500 Quintals of very superior Oatmeal, and 100 Quintals of Pot Barley.

GEO. BISSET. Quebec, 15th Decr. 1841.

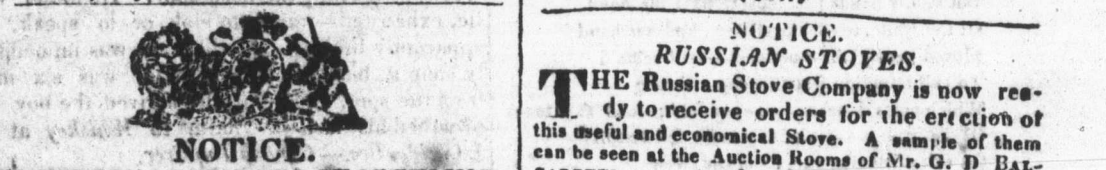
HAVANA.

MRS. WEST'S BOARDING HOUSE. No. 68, Calle Inquisidor.

PASSENGERS arriving at Havans, and desirous of going to this House by despatching a message to the Proprietor will be immediately furnished with the customary permit to disembark, with their luggage, &c. A regular passport is also at course indispensable. New York, Nov. 13, 1841.

300 BOLTS of the best Patent Canvas, and 100 Coils of do. Cordage, various sizes.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN & CO. Gibb's Wharf. Quebec, May 24, 1841.



NOTICE.

TO PERSONS DESIROUS OF SETTLING ON THE LAMBTON AND KENNEBEC ROAD.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Government at once to take the necessary steps for settling the Kennebec Road, in conformity to the provincial Statute 5, Sec. Cap 31.

Lots of 50 Acres of Land each will be laid out on each side of the road. Settlers 21 years of age and upwards who have never obtained a grant of Land from Government, may obtain a Lot of 50 Acres on the following conditions:— 1st.—They are to make application to the Emigrant Agent, at Quebec, or to the resident Agent, whenever they shall be ready to become resident, on the tract to be granted.

2nd.—Upon giving a satisfactory account of their means of providing for themselves until a Crop can be raised from the ground, they will receive a Ticket from the Emigrant Agent entitling them to locate the land. 3rdly.—Upon application to the resident Agent in the first place, he will forward a statement to the Emigrant Agent, of the applicant's age, family, and means of settlement, upon which, if approved, authority for location will issue.

4thly.—The Ticket issued will be useless to any but the applicant, and unless presented to the resident Agent within one month from the date, they will not be received by him. Any person who shall receive a Ticket, and who shall not proceed to the Settlement within one month, or who, having been placed upon land there, shall abandon it, it will be considered as having lost all claim to receive land. 5thly.—Settlers will be required to clear and place once under Crop, one third of the land located, and to reside on the land until this settlement duty is performed, and after one third of the grant shall have been cleared and under crop, the Settler shall be entitled to his Patent, free of expense.

6thly.—The Settlement duty is required to be done within four years from the date of the Ticket. 7thly.—Settlers who are under the necessity of being temporarily absent from their Locations, will apply to the resident Agent, stating the length of their intended absence, and the reason for it, which will be entered on the Agent's Book if the reason for absence seems sufficient, and any person who shall absent himself without being permitted to do so by the Agent, or who shall remain away from the Settlement, for a longer time than such permission shall authorize, will be considered as having forfeited his location. 8thly.—An assignment or attempt to assign any Ticket or Location, will also be considered as a forfeiture of all right in the Location or Assignee; or if it shall appear that the Location has previously obtained a Grant of Land from Government, his new Location shall be forfeited. 9thly.—In all cases of abandonment of Location, the located land will immediately be considered open for new location or sale. 10thly.—As it is not the intention of the Government to offer the Settlers any assistance further than the free grant of land, applicants are especially desired to consider for themselves whether or not, they have the means of maintaining themselves and their families until Crops can be raised from the ground.

Mr. C. TASCHEREAU, the Agent for the Settlement of the Kennebec Road, or Mr. BUCHANAN, Agent for Emigrants at Quebec, will furnish any further information which may be required.

THOS. C. MURDOCH, Chief Secretary.

RUSSIAN STOVES.

THE Russian Stove Company is now ready to receive orders for the erection of this useful and economical Stove. A sample of them can be seen at the Auction Rooms of Mr. G. D. BALZARRETT, every day from 8 to 5 o'clock, where orders will be received, or at the Manufactory Establishment, No. 99, St. Vallier street.—30th Sept 1841.

JUST RECEIVED, AND FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS.

25,000 Regalia Cigars, 20,000 Cruz Brand, No. 1, Principe, 15,000 Cruz "No. 2, 2,000 Matthew Congress, 2,000 Riondo Congress, 10,000 Noriego, 2,000 Guiso, 1,000 Manila Cheroots, 24,000 Mendosa & Garcia, 5,000 Trabacos, 25,000 Regatta, No. 1, Canada Manufacture, 20,000 Matthew half Regalia, Maracabie Knaster Tobacco, Fine mild old Petit Knaster, Vuelta de Abajo, Finr Leighter Porto Rico, Cut Tobacco, Strassburg Snuff, French Rappee, Fine Moccoboy, American Gentleman, Natchitoches, Mixure, Ciger, Cases of different sizes, & Patent Matches.

—ALSO— A very large stock of sole and upper Leather English French, Irish and Canada manufacture, &c. CHAS. F. PRATT & BROTHER. Foot of Mountain Street, Quebec. 2nd June 1841.

ARNOLD'S VICTORIA HOUSE, No. 15, Notre Dame Street, Lower Town, near the market Place.

Ordinary from 2 till 4 o'clock, P. M.—Soups and Chops at all hours. Large Storage for the convenience of Boarders. Quebec, 4th May, 1841.

MANUFACTURE OF RUSSIAN STOVE By a Company under the direction of MR. SMOLINSKI.

Who has introduced from Poland a number of workmen whose trade is the manufacturing of these Stoves. 99, St. Vallier Street, Quebec. SUCH Gentlemen of the Clergy, or others, as may have experienced any difficulty about the Chimneys, will, by writing, (post paid) to the above establishment, have the necessary directions forwarded to them. As it may be impossible to meet all the demands, it is deemed proper to notify that the first applications will be first attended to. Quebec, 14th June 1841.

RAGS, ROPES, CANVASS, & OAKUM.

THE highest price paid for Old Ropes, Rags and Canvass.—A constant supply of Writing, Printing and Wrapping Papers, always on hand, at the Warehouse of MILLER, McDONALD & CO. Hunt's Wharf.

N. B.—A supply of superior machine-made Oakum for sale. Quebec, 2nd April, 1841! QUEBEC.—Printed and published by A. JACQUES No. 20, SAULT-AD-MATTELOT STREET.