

THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

which the former asked whether he was satisfied, and being answered in the affirmative, Saint Foix added: "You have wounded me slightly, sir, and I shall get over it after a few days' confinement to my room, but if you had killed me, it would not have been less true that 'jolly makes but a poor dinner'."

A COURTEOUS REFUSAL.—A gentleman having prevailed upon a young lady to whom he was engaged to give him a miniature, promising his in return, as soon as he could find a good artist. The lovers meantime had quarrelled. The gentleman desirous of making his peace, said, "I have just seen a fine miniature by the celebrated E.— mine shall be executed next week if you say so." "It is a matter of equal indifference to me," she replied "which is executed, or your miniature for I have resolved to accept neither."

A TALKER.—"Your hand annoys me exceedingly," said the Prince of Lorraine. Surry to a talkative person who was sitting near him at a dinner, and who was constantly suiting the action to the word. "Indeed my lord?" replied the gabbler, "we are so snowed at table that I do not know where to put my hand." "Put it on your mouth," said the Prince.

WOMAN.—It has been shrewdly observed by some one, that there are four orders of women: the peacocks, with whom dress is all; the turtles, with whom love is all; and the paradise birds, above them all.

FORCE OF HABIT.—A merchant's young clerk, whose good conduct had fallen into disuse, through his patronage of spirits, was lately sent to take a check to a bank. Being asked by the teller "how he would have it?" he replied instantly, "Cold, if you please, and without sugar."

A MISUNDERSTANDING.—A clergyman, after having endeavoured to explain a difficult text, said, "I know commentators do not agree with me." In a few days, a farmer in his village brought him a basket of potatoes, saying that as common "taters" do not agree with him, he had brought him a basket of his best kidneys, which he hoped would be more wholesome.

ADVISING ON FAMILY AFFAIRS.—A legal gentleman who lately paid his addresses to the daughter of a tradesman near Holborn, was forbidden the house, on which he sent in a bill of £91 13s. 4d. for 375 attendances advising on family affairs.

THE KING'S ARMS.—A country fellow left his village one summer, and went to Windsor for the loyal purpose of beholding his late majesty. On his return home, he was asked by his neighbour if the sight had answered his expectations. "Loch!" said the clod-hopper, "I was never so disappointed in all my life: why do you know now, that his arms were for all the world like the arms of any of our common men; and I had always been told that the King's arms were a lion and a unicorn."

What a shocking bad name!—The London Times thus disposes of Mr. N. P. Willis:—"Nemuchadzezer Peter Willis, a pert and vulgar vender of two-penny ginger-pop, which some stupid people mistake for sparkling champagne."

There are 240 bones, 400 muscles and tendons, 100 nerves, 100 cartilages and ligaments, and 9 kinds of articulations of joinings, in the mechanical structure of the human body.

ENGLISH EXTRACTS.

Half a dozen steam-vessels were laid down at Liverpool, during one week in November.

A Board of Field Officers has been sitting in Dublin garrison, in order to suggest to the Commander of the Forces the necessity of economizing the expenses of Regimental Mess Establishments.

The young Prince of Portugal got twenty-two names at his baptism!

A girl ten years of age, at Donham, Norwich, has confessed to the murder of her two younger sisters, one aged five months and the other three years!

Preparations are now making for commencing the Sunday delivery of post letters in London.

There are one hundred pawnbrokers at Liverpool, and they have agreed to close for the winter nights at seven.

The Duchess of Buccleugh has lost an amazingly large sum at p. y.

All the shillings issued in payment of the present dividends are impressed with Her Majesty's likeness.

The Hon. and Rev. George Spencer, (brother of Earl Spencer), has returned from France to his flock at West Bromwich, where this former

minister of the Church of England now celebrates Mass every day.

A trial is now pending in the Archdeacon's Court, at the suit of the Rev. Mr. Brecks, against the widow of Joseph Woolfrey, for raising a stone over her husband's grave in Carisbrook churchyard, Isle of Wight, with the inscription "Pray for the soul of Joseph Woolfrey." The whole case turned on the theological question of praying for the dead, Dr. Adams contending that prayers for the dead were agreeable to the rules and practice of the Church of England, and did not contemnate the doctrine of Purgatory.

There is a prevalent idea that, at the Victoria full dress parties, hoops and trains will be revived.

The new number of the Edinburgh Cabinet Library will be a historical description of British Africa, in 3 volumes.

The price set upon the celebrated horse *Harloway*, by his owner is 6000 guineas!

The proprietors of the *Great Western*, it is estimated, will gain not less than £100,000 in the first year of the existence of that ship.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, issued, during the past year, 95,649 bibles, 87,496 testaments, 191,723 prayer books, and 2,222,652 tracts.

In the course of an enquiry at the Hatton Garden police office, London, it was stated that at Mill-lane, Deptford, there is a regular depot whence vagrants may borrow infants at the rate of sixpence per day each, for the purpose of exciting the compassion of the humane.

From an official statement just published, it appears that the number of monuments erected at the public expence in Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, in honor of deceased warriors and statesmen, from 1750 to the present time, is 33,—and the aggregate expence £182,175.

The report of the Metropolitan Commissioners of Police has been just printed, from which it appears that the force consists of 3,908 constables, 342 sergeants, 70 inspectors, 17 superintendents, 2 commissioners, and a receiver. The pay of an ordinary constable is 19s. a week, a sergeant £1 2s 6, an inspector £100 a year, and a superintendent £200. The diameter of the police district is from 12 to 14 miles, and their patrol, or traversing pace, is two miles and a half an hour. Robberies in dwelling houses have diminished one third.

The number of persons employed at the general post-office, in London, in assorting and despatching newspapers, amount to 300, many of them sin-curs situations. There are seven deliveries of the general post daily.

According to a recent return, it appears that between the years 1803 and 1836, upwards of 33,000 British soldiers have perished in the West Indies, out of an average force of from 8,000 to 9,000 men, and that independent of war casualties.

The Royal Libraries and the other public repositories in Paris, according to latest reports contain 1,833,500 volumes, 180,000 manuscripts, 100,000 coins and medals, and 1,600,000 engravings and prints.

A large mass of letters and other documents, written by Napoleon when between the age of fifteen and twenty-one have been discovered in Corsica, containing much curious matter, and are preparing for publication.

UNITED STATES

The United States mints have commenced the re-issue of the golden eagle, which is valued at £2 3s. sterling. There has been none of this piece coined for 35 years before.

At Alexandria, seven miles from Washington, one house alone, that of Franklin, Armfield & Co. during one year, purchased and shipped off 1300 slaves for the south.

One of the United States periodicals gravely informs its readers that Tolous is a large town—containing about sixty thousand inhabitants built entirely of brick.

The ladies of N. Orleans are making preparations for a grand ball on the 4th of March. Each lady subscribes to have the privilege of inviting two gentlemen, and as a matter of more strict propriety, the married ladies are to invite the tachelors and the single girls the married men.

There are forty six newspapers published in Boston.

Two hundred years ago, this month, printing was introduced into the United States.

The entire tract of land upon which Cincinnati stands, was purchased in 1788 for \$49 1/2.

Mr. William Norris, of Philadelphia, has received an order for ten of his locomotive en-

gines, from the Birmingham and Gloucester Rail-road Company, in England.

About 8000 slaves are said to be imported monthly into the Brazils.

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QUEBEC, WEDNESDAY, 30th JAN 1839.

Table with columns: LATEST DATES, From London, From Liverpool, From Paris, From New York, From Halifax, From Toronto.

The Packet Ship *England*, which sailed from Liverpool on the evening of the 20th December, has arrived at New York, and brought London dates of the 19th, and Liverpool of the 20th ultimo.

The news is not of much general importance.

The Steamer *Liverpool* had not arrived home on the 20th.

The Westminster Radical Association had voted an Address to Lord Durham, in which they recapitulated their political principles—Household Suffrage, Triennial Parliaments, and Vote by Ballot—but his Lordship at first declined receiving the Address, not, he said, on account of anything it contained, but on account of the proceedings at the meeting where it was proposed. Afterwards, however, on an explanation by the Chairman, the Address was received.

The *London Standard* of the 19th December, contains a report of the case of *Gonid v. Oliver*, tried before Mr. Baron Garrow, sitting in nisi prius and a special jury. The question decided was that deck-loads are illegal. The judge put it to the jury whether deck-loads were bad improper—that is, whether they had a tendency to increase the perils of navigation. The jury found in the affirmative, by giving a verdict for the plaintiff. The case excited great interest in the commercial world.

One of the *London Sunday papers*, known, or at least believed to be the unofficial organ of Lord Palmerston, says it is "enabled to declare that the Emperor of Russia has recently given to our Government the most frank assurance of his pacific feeling towards this country, and the most positive denial of his having had any recourse to any measure, either open or secret, tending to the injury of British interests in any quarter whatsoever."

The *Times* grows fiercely at this taking away of its *L'Avant* home, and pretends to consider the Emperor's assurances only as specious attempts on British credulity.

The Queen had gone to Brighton.

Advices from New York to the 27th of November had been received, by the *Roscius*.

The *Greenwich Advertiser* states that the surveys have for some time been in progress, preparatory to fortifying the entrances of the Thames and Medway, at an expence of £1,500,000.

The steam ship *Liverpool* had not arrived out on the 20th ult.

Mr. John Van Buren, son of the President of the United States, is on a visit to Lord Gosford at Market Hill.

The *Cambridge* arrived at Liverpool on the 19th, and the new ship *Roscius* on the 15th Dec.

The *London Observer* says that the accounts recently published respecting the decision of the London Conference on the Hollando-Belgie question, are altogether without foundation. That the Conference has not come to any conclusion whatever.

The *London papers* are even more severe on Mr. Cooper's "Home as Found," than those of his own country.

The *Britannia*, flag-ship, in this station, has 590 supernumeraries on board for general service, who are daily exercised. They are principally intended for the Canadian lakes.—*Ham.shire Telegraph*.

Liverpool papers of the 16th December contain accounts of the arrival of the *Capt. Ross*, which left Quebec on the 22nd November, on board of which were a number of Canadian convicts, the principal part of them being persons who had been concerned in the first Canadian rebellion. They were landed, and conveyed to jail under an escort of the six individuals who accompanied them, aided by a reinforcement of the police. Sixteen of them, heavily ironed, and accoutred in the white-seal and red cap of the convict, were first landed. The remaining 18, clad in ordinary habiliments, and coupled by manacles, followed them. Wretched and care-worn as their

appearance was, their demeanor was careless and gay. A Liverpool paper of the 19th says, "During the passage to this country the rebels made an attempt to recover their liberty. What their plans were is not exactly known, as the attempt was discovered and frustrated almost in its infancy. It appears that one of the convicts had snatched the lock of his handcuffs, and having obtained a couple of knives, he snatched them, and with them commenced the task of freeing his comrades from their chains."

Capt. Morris, however, received information of what was going on, coupled with the intelligence that the prisoners had no doubt an intention of seizing upon the ship. He immediately called all his men to arms, had the prisoners brought upon deck in couples, and searched them. The two small saws were discovered, and it was also found that some of their irons had been cut and some broken. The leader in this affair was a very old offender when he was brought up, he at once acknowledged his guilt, and in consequence of his frank confession he saved himself a severe flogging, which it had been intended to bestow upon him. The prisoners were effectually secured, and no further attempt was afterwards made.

Some of the rebels, we are informed, express much sorrow at having been concerned in the rebellion; but the majority look upon themselves as sufferers in a righteous and honorable cause, and unhesitatingly say that in similar circumstances they would again act in the manner that they have done. They seem to have a strong feeling that they will receive assistance from Lord Brougham in their endeavor to get their sentences further mitigated, and that Lord Dalhousie will also stand their friend.—Considering, however, that both these noble lords have little favor at court, we have some doubt upon the matter.

The *Kingsport Standard* states that Parker was the ringleader of the mutiny. It seems that they contrived to convert their knives into saws,—that the letters of Parker and General Waite had been discovered, and that the letters were filled up with blackened soap. Jacob Beamer was the person who disclosed the plot to the captain of the *Ross*.

Some of the Liverpool papers speak with admiration of "the singular uniform and manly bearing of the Montreal militia!" and Morris, the turkey who had the prisoners in charge, is called "Captain Morris, the gallant Commander of the Montreal Volunteers!"

The Montreal Correspondent of the *Quebec Gazette* says:—"The Court Martial was occupied to-day with the examination of witnesses against Nicolas and others from Naperville. At this early stage of the trial, sufficient evidence was elicited from the few witnesses examined to convict nine of the eleven prisoners. Nicolas' case is about the worst."

QUICK TRAVELLING.—Three gentlemen came from Montreal on Saturday morning, by Mr. Hough's Stage Line, in the extraordinary short space of twenty-five hours, including stoppages.—*Gazette*.

The communication of "AN UNPAID VOLUNTEER" is received. His remarks appear to us to be premature and altogether unwaranted; for he acknowledges that he has no better authority than that of "report in circulation" for asserting that "un-generous dealing" will be practised, and predicting that "honour is about to be wanting where we might be most prepared to expect it." Many of our correspondent's remarks, however, are plausible and to the point; but, for the reason given, we must for the present decline their insertion.

"I think that thou art just, and think thou art not: I'll have some proof."

STATEMENT OF IMPORTS INTO THE PORT OF MONTREAL, ON THE YEAR ENDED THE 5TH JANUARY, 1839.

Table with columns: 6,478 gallons Madeira Wine, 103,333 do. other Wines, 225,093 do. Brandy and Geneva, 119,096 do. Rum, 26,281 do. Molasses, 1,151,372 lbs. Refined Sugar, 2,311,190 do. Raw do., 17,211 do. Coffee, 693 do. Manufactured Tobacco, 1,440 packs playing Cards, 10,911 lbs. Hyson Tea, 2,046 gallons Whiskey, 21,950 do. Bohea Tea.

N.B.—Three per cent has been deducted from the above quantities except the Playing Cards. Value of Merchandise paying 25 per cent duty—£738,022 4 2 1/2. Value of free Goods sterling, 40,907 1 7 1/2. Amount of Duties collected, Crown and Provincial, in the year ended the 5th January, 1839, £74,804 7 8 1/2.

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SHIPPING IN The Prince Regent Quebec, on the 13th Inst.

The Ward Class, 6 rienceed violent gales, b 27th Nov., the crew too they were taken on the overboard and was drow Friend, from Quebec, Packer.

Capt. Otway's Compu rived t Montreal on Th tion, Kingston. The detachment of t in Montreal's garrison, o join the head quarters of Augmented Drafts for Regiment, were to emb stand of the West India previously ordered.

From the West I MILITARY EXECUTIVE force of a Court Martial Kennedy, of the 30th R shoot Captain Nugent, of ment. The unfortunate tuesday morning last, but eight o'clock, with the upon such solemn occa clock, detestments of West India Regiments, v square on the ground ad Grave's End), the buric Preparation, shortly afte the prisoners from the brought out with him, he the procession then movi ing order: The Milit (with a Brac The Dre Staff e The Band of the 30th March T. H. E. C. Borne by four Mi Corporal to Mi CATHOLIC PRIEST with b prayer, servec Guard of Eight Men at Bays

The procession march from the cell, forward to hill, to the ground occupi ments, and then moved the same solemn and movi ing in the centre of the guide Major proceeded to the Court martial, the 2 of them by the Lieutenan Troops, which having be sion moved round the fac sioner, on coming to his dressed them. The purp not hear, out a single ci near, but we were told b that it was to this effect, warning by the scene wh to witness in his execution for too, he was about t that too, the many who country. Having conclu procession moved toward coffin had been previous knelt on his coffin, and t the Priest and the Provo concluded, the Priest left bound, and the Provost ca to the firing party, whic men, which within twel the fatal preparations h ven fired, striking the pri the abdomen, and he fell i cal 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and d dly came up, and have can out of the grave, the of his pistols in his ear, 1 men) also fired at him.

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