

The weather in England and Ireland has been favorable, and the crops wear a promising appearance.

On the 12th April, Lord John Russell was to move for a committee to consider the amount and character of certain public salaries. The Protectionist party, headed by D'Israeli, were expected to oppose the Government proposal as a test of the strength of parties.

The Ministry were defeated, first, on an amendment on the Bill for Navy Estimates, to raise Assistant Surgeons of the Navy to a higher station on board, which they opposed. The vote stood 48 to 30. Secondly, on the repeal of the Window Tax; and thirdly, on a bill relating to the County Courts. It was proposed to raise the jurisdiction of those courts from £20 to £50. The opposition was on the part of the Government, which was left in a minority of 80 in a full house—the vote being 147 to 67.

It is reported that the question between the Spanish and English Governments is settled.

The Postage on all letters from the United Kingdom, as well as those passing through England from the United States, and elsewhere, is to be assimilated to that existing between the United States and England.

IRELAND.

The agitation against the abolition of the Lord Lieutenancy, and the miserably abortive attempts of John O'Connell to revive the wretched phantom of Repeal, are the only public movements worthy of note in Ireland. Twelve vessels were taking in passengers at Limerick, bound for the United States.

FRANCE.

Order prevailed throughout France. Apprehensions were entertained that the elections approaching would change matters and endanger the public peace. The Assembly have been engaged in the discussion of the Electoral Law, for the suppression of Clubs. In the event of extreme and violent measures being resorted to by the Red Republicans, it is expected that General Changarnier, with the army, consisting of 40,000 men, will be able to maintain the peace and protect society. A grand review of the troops took place in Paris, when the President distributed several decorations of the Legion of Honor.

GREECE.

The Greek question has not been adjusted. In the event of France failing in her friendly offices, serious difficulty will, it is apprehended, occur between England and Russia.

ITALY.

A letter from Rome states that final arrangements have been made for the return of the Pope. A Senate of Turin is debating a law for the abolition of ecclesiastical privileges. A large French fleet and an American squadron are at Naples. A letter from Florence gives news from Rome to the 2nd, stating that the Triumphal Arch, erected at Betenya, in honor of the return of the Pope, had been burned during the night. His Holiness is somewhat like bad times in Bytown, too well known in Rome to have his return wished for.

AUSTRIA.

The Croatian insurrection is at an end. The Hungarian refugees had not reached their destination at Asia Minor; but Count Bethany is very ill.

The Protestant movement is progressing in Bohemia and Hungary.

THE "CANADA"

Arrived at Halifax, on the 3rd of May. The probability of a speedy change of Ministry is much increased this week by a signal defeat on that of the Chancellor's budget proposition. Reduction of the duty on Stamps

from one-half per cent to half-a-crown. The people of England may well cry with all earnestness, from such a Ministry "Good Lord deliver us." The new measure for regulating the mercantile marine of England is meeting with much opposition. The Bishop of Exeter has brought the Gorham case before the Courts of Law. The expedition under Sir Colin Campbell, sent from Leshawar against the hill tribes, were defeated, with a loss of 100 men.

The Hindoos and Mussulmen, of Nagpoor, had risen against each other, under the influence of religious fanaticism, and their city had been totally destroyed by fire.

DREADFUL CATASTROPHE.

LOSS OF THE STEAMER COMMERCE—ONE OFFICER, 24 BRITISH SOLDIERS, AND 13 WOMEN AND CHILDREN LOST!

BUFFALO, May 7, 7 P. M.

The Steamers *Despatch* and *Commerce* came into collision last night near Port Maitland, on the Canada side of Lake Erie, in consequence of which the *Commerce* was sunk. She had on board 150 British soldiers, belonging to the 23d Regt. One officer, 24 soldiers were drowned, and 13 women and children, making 38 in all. She sank in 8 fathoms water.

The *Commerce* was owned by Messrs. Macpherson & Crane, Kingston. It appears that the *Commerce* had but one light, and that at her mast head, and was at first mistaken for a schooner. According to present accounts the blame was altogether with the "*Commerce*", as she persevered in crossing the course of the *Despatch* while making the light-house; the latter stopped her engine, but unhappily too late to prevent the collision.

The "*Commerce*" received the shock on the starboard bow, and nothing could equal the instant confusion, and the terrible cries of men, and shrieks of women and children. The *Despatch* is now in this harbour, having received no injury.

Birth.

In this town, on the 3rd instant, the wife of Brother Thomas Wilson, of a daughter.

DEATH.

Suddenly, in the Township of Nepean, on Saturday, the 27th ult., Elizabeth, wife of Brother Richard Kidd, (late Master of L. O. L. No. 381, Springmount-Hill, Beckwith,) aged 17 years, leaving a large circle of friends and acquaintances to lament her untimely death.

At Aylmer, on the 8th inst., Mr. THOMAS BREADNER, late of Keedy, County of Armagh, Ireland, aged 52 years.



THE STEAMER PIONEER,

Commanded by Capt. A. HALCRO,

WILL run as a PASSENGER and FREIGHT BOAT during the Season, between BYTOWN and MONTREAL.

The Subscribers, in returning thanks for the patronage they have formerly received, would inform their friends, and the travelling and commercial community, that the "*PIONEER*" has been thoroughly repaired, and is now in the best order for carrying Passengers and Freight. Prices moderate.

VOLIGNY, FERLAND & CO.
Bytown, May, 1850.

FARM FOR SALE.

IN the Township of Goulburn, 100 Acres, of the West half Lot No. 31, in the 11th Concession, possessing advantages equal to any farm in point of Schools, Churches, Mills, Roads, and good Springs of Water.

For further particulars, Protestants, apply to the Proprietor on the premises.

JAMES BELL.
Orange Hill, 8th May, 1850.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by a certain TRUST DEED executed on the SECOND day of MARCH, 1850, by ALFRED EDWIN HAYTER, late of the Township of Huntley, in the County of Carleton, Shopkeeper, the said ALFRED EDWIN HAYTER did assign all his personal Estate to DAWSON KERR, of Bytown, Printer, of the aforesaid County, for the benefit of such of his Creditors as should execute the said Deed within three calendar months after the said Second day of March, exclusive of the day aforesaid; and that the said Deed now lies at the Office of ALEXANDER GIBB, of Bytown, Attorney at Law, for signature. All persons indebted to the said ALFRED EDWIN HAYTER, by Book Account or otherwise, are hereby notified that unless the respective claims due by them are immediately set led with the said Assignee, legal proceedings will be taken against them for the recovery of the respective debts due by them.

DAWSON KERR,
Assignee.

Bytown, 9th May, 1850.

£15 REWARD.

STOLEN OR STRAYED.

FROM the premises of the Subscriber, on Saturday the 4th instant, about six o'clock in the evening, a red Ox, with a white face, about 10 or 11 years old, purchased from Mr Grant of Osgood. If stolen, the above reward will be paid to any person who will give such evidence or information as will lead to the recovery of the property and the conviction of the thief; and if not stolen, any person returning him to the subscriber or letting him know where he may be found, will be handsomely rewarded.

AGAR YIELDING.

Bytown, May 13th, 1850.

CARRIAGE & SLEIGH FACTORY.

THE SUBSCRIBERS in returning their sincere thanks to the inhabitants of Bytown, and the public generally, for the liberal support they have received since they entered into Partnership in the above business, take this opportunity of informing their friends and all those requiring articles in their line of business, that they have now on hand a well-selected stock of FIRST RATE Materials. Having received the

LATEST FASHIONS

from Upper Canada and the United States, together with their long experience, and having in their employment some of the First Workmen, they flatter themselves that they will be able to give

GENERAL SATISFACTION

to those who may favor them with their patronage. They have now on hand, Buggies, Dog-carts, Spring-carts, Single and Double Lumber Wagons, &c. and they would invite all requiring GOOD and CHEAP CARRIAGES to give them a call.

Blacksmithing, Horse-shoeing, and Jobbing,

DONE FOR THE LOWEST CASH PRICE!

HUMPHRIES & McDUGALL.

Bytown, May 1st, 1850.

N. B.—All work made to order at this Factory, Warranted.

ALEX. BRYSON, BOOKSELLER, STATIONER & BOOK-BINDER,

HAS constantly on hand a well assorted Stock of BOOKS and STATIONERY. BLANK BOOKS made to order, and every description of BOOKBINDING done in the neatest manner and moderate charges, at the OLD EMPORIUM, Rideau Street, Lower Bytown. May 1st, 1850.

BLANK DEEDS, MEMORIALS, AND DIVISION COURT BLANKS. (FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.)