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QUEBEC, FRIDAY, 25th OCT. 1839.

New York papers, by yesterday's mail, are of Friday and Saturday evening last. We subjoin some extracts showing the state of the money market, and affording some startling details of the extent of conflagration within the Union during a space of less than three weeks. The Liverpool steam ship sailed on the 19th instant. In the list of passengers we observe the names of H. J. Caldwell, Quebec; Thomas Cringan, Montreal; Stafford Kirkpatrick, Canada; R. P. Ross, Quebec; Lieut. Colonel Chives, Grenadier Guards; Lieut. Beddes, British Army; and the Hon. Henry Stewart, England.

MONEY MARKET.

Friday, October 15, 6 P.M.

Wall street remains exceedingly quiet, and all idea of a suspension of our banks has vanished; at the Stock Exchange our specie fell; United States Bank opened at 7 1/2, and closed at 7 1/2, which is a decline of 10 per cent since the bond yesterday morning. DeLaware & Hudson declined 1 per cent—Kentucky 4 per cent—Hartford 1 per cent. In sterling exchange there is as much doing as the scarcity of money will permit. The bills falling by the banks at 9 1/2 per cent or \$1 86 the sterling are taken freely and fully meet the object in drawing, viz: to stop the export of specie. We know of an eminent firm who had previously insured \$14,000 to ship, but withdrew it and deposited the amount with the Bank of Commerce, taking bills in preference.

The effect of the Philadelphia suspension is progressing south; each mail brings accounts of banks that have suspended. The following is a list of the bank suspensions so far as heard from:

Bank of Philadelphia,	Baltimore,
Harrisburg,	Frederick, Maryland,
York,	Wilmington, Del.
Chahambersburg,	Washington,
Gettysburg,	Georgetown,
Norfolk,	Richmond,
Charlestown, S. C.,	Rhode Island,

The loss by the Mobile fire is estimated at \$500,000, and some go as high as \$1,000,000. Three of the buildings cost nearly four hundred thousand dollars, viz: The Merchants' and Planter's Bank \$200,000, Mansion House, owned and kept by Chas. Cullen, \$110,000, and the Government Street Hotel \$90,000. This building was finished, and \$60,000 more were to have been expended upon it. All the furniture, &c., in the Mansion House was destroyed. While this fire was burning, another attempt was made on Judson's building, situated on Water street, but without success. It was set on fire the night previous. An attempt was also made to fire the Chronicle office, opposite the Mobile Exchange, and a fellow was caught in the building in the act of setting fire to the upper story. Several others had been arrested on suspicion, and were thrown into prison. The City Hotel, marked on the map with a star, was burned in the fire of the 21 instant.

All the fires that have occurred in Mobile since the 1st instant were occasioned by incendiaries, and the aggregate loss of property is upwards of \$1,600,000.

FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE 1ST TO THE 25th OCTOBER.

Place	Buildings destroyed	Loss
New York,	7	\$1,200,000
Mobile,	6	1,000,000
Philadelphia,	2	1,000,000
Alton, Ill.	2	20,000
Newark, N. J.	2	25,000
N. Orleans,	1	20,000
Norfolk,	1	10,000
Aiken, S. C.	1	100,000
York, Pa.	1	5,000
Louisville, Ky.	1	10,000
West Boylston,	1	50,000
Aggregates, 24	600	\$4,040,000

FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS.—On the 6th inst. a fire broke out in a block of buildings on the corner of Commerce and St. Peter streets, which burned it down. The houses destroyed numbered six. Loss estimated to be \$20,000.

F. Perrett, V. Davis, Mr. Barry, and Am. Chamell were the suiters.

ANOTHER LARGE FIRE IN NEWARK, N. J.—Six buildings were destroyed in Newark, on Thursday morning last. It commenced in the store of Messrs. Halsey & Tucker, leather dealers, on Market street, and burnt them out. It then extended to the buildings occupied by Charles S. Simpson, Jacobs & Utter, Pierson & Berry, and Mr. Hollingsworth, leather dealers; and Mr. Mounhan, tobacconist.—Loss \$20,000. Fully insured.

FIRE IN NORFOLK, VA.—Two brick warehouses on Campbell's wharf, occupied by Messrs. Anderson & Goodrich, were destroyed by fire on the morning the 16th instant. Loss \$12,000.

ANOTHER FIRE.—The mills of the West Boylston Manufacturing Co., in West Boylston, Mass., were destroyed by fire on the 15th instant. Loss \$50,000.

BURISH NOBILITY.—Lord Charles Wellesley, son of the Duke of Wellington; Lt. Col. White, Lt. Col. Greenwood, Capt. Fox, Lt. Grassot and Lt. James Colborne, son of the first Governor of Canada, all attached to the British Army in the Canadas, are now in Baltimore, on a tour through the country.

COMFORT FOR PHILADELPHIA.—Our good friends in Philadelphia have been looking towards New York for a suspension, all their eyes ached. Relief and behold—long looked for is come at last. Two banks have suspended here this week. Yesterday the immortal Chelsea Bank suspended finally, on a bill of \$4, for which specie was demanded by a bill of exchange. On the day before yesterday, the West-gower's Bank also suspended on a demand of \$50, and is now gone a wool gathering. Woe to these frightful suspensions gratify Philadelphia and astonish Providence!

INTEREST FROM TEXAS.—IMPORTANT REMOVED.—It is reported that Mexico has recognized the independence of Texas, which we very much doubt. The last accounts from Mexico made no mention of such an occurrence, and it was not even whispered in the city of Mexico. The Texan navy was rapidly augmenting, and now consists of one ship, one brig, three schooners, and one steamer, with Com. Moors at its head. Perhaps when it is fully organized, the Texans will compel the Mexicans to acknowledge their independence. The favorable news from France has already had a very sensible effect.

UPPER CANADA.

The mail from Upper Canada, yesterday, furnishes us with Toronto, Kingston, Niagara, and Cornwall papers of the 18th, 19th and 17th instant, which do not contain much news. We subjoin from the Niagara Chronicle an account of the closing of the assizes at that place.

We cannot find in any of the Toronto papers a corroboration of the report that we copied on Monday last from the *Christian Guardian*, to the effect that two persons had been killed at the meeting in Yonge Street. It is even doubtful, now, whether one person was killed, for we see it stated in one paper that the individual who had his neck run over by a wagon was only wounded.

NIAGARA, October 17th.

The Assizes terminated on Tuesday last. James Robinson, an American, for enticing a private of the 4th Regiment to desert. On this case the Jury deliberated from about noon on Saturday till the Court was opened on Monday, when they returned a verdict of guilty, recommending the prisoner to the merciful consideration of the Court. The Judge sentenced the prisoner to the most lenient punishment awarded by law, namely 6 months imprisonment, and informed the Jury that he would make a favourable report of the case to His Excellency the Lt. Governor.

During the sitting of the Court the Grand Jury presented a very satisfactory Report on the state of the Gaol, and on the kind treatment received by the prisoners from the Sheriff and the Gaoler. In this report it was stated that there is not now a single debtor in confinement—a fact as gratifying as it unparalleled.

The Grand Jury returned "no bill" in the case of Brown, accused of setting fire to the tannery of Mr. Adams, at St. Catharines. An attempt was made to indict the parties who destroyed the flag at St. Catharines for riot, but it was unsuccessful, the Grand Jury mak-

ing no presentation on the subject. We are consequently justified in inferring that the account given of that affair in a former number of the Chronicle was perfectly correct.

The recognizances of Thomas Le Clair and Martin Bitchey were extracted, in consequence of their not appearing to give evidence against John Madigan, charged with stabbing John See Smith, at the late "Darham Meeting" at Theopolis.

When the Lieut. Governor was lost of Kingston he had an interview with Hunt, the convict, who was brought from the Penitentiary to Commodore Sawdon's for that purpose. What resulted therefrom has not transpired.—*British Whig.*

LOWER PROVINCES.

By the regular mail from the eastward we have our exchange papers from the Lower Provinces, Halifax dated the 15th only, and St. John, N. B., to the 17th. The following are the only items of news that we find in the papers.

St. John, N. B. 17th Oct.—We learn that Leonard and McLaughlin, two of the unfortunate men who were lately tried at Kingston, and condemned for the murder of Bernard Coyle, in July last, were executed pursuant to their sentence, at that place, yesterday at 2 o'clock. We understand that they evinced deep penitence. Haley another of the prisoners charged with the same crime, has been reprieved until Her Majesty's pleasure be known.—*City Gazette.*

A diabolical attempt was made on Saturday evening to set fire to the Commercial Bank, by stuffing a bundle of ignited linen rags under the shingles on the south east corner of the roof. The fire was fortunately discovered by a person passing the building about 10 o'clock, before it had made much progress, otherwise the consequences might have been exceedingly calamitous.

Montreal Papers of Wednesday contain nothing new.

DEPARTURE OF SIR JOHN COLBORNE.

On Wednesday at 11 A.M. His Excellency Sir John Colborne left Payne's Hotel, on foot with a numerous suite, and proceeded to the Queen's wharf for the purpose of embarking on board Her Majesty's frigate *Pique*, on his voyage to England, where that he may safely arrive is the earnest wish of every good subject in these colonies. A Guard of Honour of the 11th Regiment was drawn up on the wharfs where also a very large number of the citizens had assembled, although the hour of embarkation was not generally known. On arriving on the wharf His Excellency was received with the usual military honours, and numbers of the most influential of the citizens eagerly pressed forward to bid adieu to the gallant general. On stepping into the boat which was to convey him to the *Pique*, His Excellency was greeted with deafening cheers which were frequently reiterated, and extended along the Cal-de-Sac to the old, Queen's wharf. A salute was at this moment fired from the citadel and returned by Her Majesty's vessels *Argue* and *Kingdore* as soon as Sir John embarked on board the former, the yards of both being manned.

We were in error in our last in stating that the *Pique* would sail at two o'clock, for, immediately on His Excellency getting on board, preparations were made for departure. These being soon completed, the steamer St. George proceeded to tow the frigate a short way down the river. The proprietors of the steamer had, in the most generous and handsome manner given such notice as time afforded of their willingness to allow such of the friends of Sir John Colborne as felt so disposed, to take a passage in the steamer. Owing to this kind invitation not having publicity, but few were enabled to accept it; those, however, who went in the steamer were highly gratified with the trip. The *Pique* was towed down nearly as far as Patrick's Hole, and on the tow rope being cast off, three hearty cheers were again given to the late Governor General, a compliment which was acknowledged

by His Excellency himself coming forward to the hammock nettings of the frigate, and bowing in return. The men of the vessel then mounted the shrouds and gave three cheers which were again responded to as a steamboat bore up on her return to town.

That the river air sharpens the appetite Capt. Armstrong appears to be well aware of—in coming up the passengers received an invitation to lunch with him, and we suppose it is needless to say that the invitation was accepted.

The *Canadian* says that there were only about a hundred (*one centare*) loaves on the Queen's wharf to bid adieu to Sir John Colborne. This is certainly, as one of the *Canadian's* countrymen once said to a friend of questionable veracity, "walking round the truth," with a vengeance.

On Wednesday, shortly before midnight, this city and its environs were visited with one of the most terrific thunder storms which in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The lightning was vivid beyond any we had previously seen, and the instantaneous crash of thunder that accompanied it caused fears of hearing in the morning that some disaster had ensued in the city. Such, however, did not prove to be the case, and, towards ten o'clock the sun was shining with the splendor of a morning in spring.

Since the above was in type we have received the *Mercury*, which gives the following particulars of a few disasters caused by the lightning in the country parts:—

At Beauport the steeple of the church was struck, and the front of the building much injured, the windows broken, and a pew at the lower end of the church completely demolished.

The church of Ancient Lorette was equally unfortunate, the fluid struck the vane on the spire, the glazing of which was discovered yesterday morning to have been turned completely black by the action of the fluid, which in its way down the steeple, tore off several sheets of tin from the covering, and passing along the eaves of the roof and down in sport, it glanced off and struck the corner of the church displacing about eight feet of masonry. Some of the stones were thrown to a great distance, one was told estimated to weigh eight quintals, was found close to the school-house, at least an arpent distant from the church.

The villages of Lorette and Beauport are about nine miles asunder, and we are told that some mischief was done to the fences on the farm of Mr. Louis Panet on the Little River, which lies nearly in the course between the two churches.

THEATRICAL.—On Wednesday, the *Amateur Typographer* of Quebec had a performance at the Theatre Royal, at which we had much pleasure in being present. The house was crowded in every part, (except the gallery which had been closed) and the majority of the audience being of the gentler sex gave the entire building an appearance which it had not presented for a long previous period. The house was well warmed and lighted, and very comfortable.

The first piece performed was *La Mort de Cesar* in which the "typos" acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, the principal parts, Casar, Brutus and Marc-Antony were performed in a more superior manner than we had anticipated. To this piece succeeded a recitation by Mr. Prud'homme, an actor of great merit, who is now on a professional visit to this city and who has leased the Theatre, we understand, for a short period. After this followed a five act Comedy, entitled *Le Tambour Nocturne* ou *Le Mari Devin*, in which an amateur whose abilities in comic acting are far from being of a mean order, kept the house in a roar of laughter by his personification of an old pedantic steward—*Monsieur Ponce* by name; the making love to *Madame Catus* was irresistible. The comedy concluded, Mr. Aubin, of this city, performed the part of *Le Soldat Francais*, in the course of which he sang a large number of songs. The entertainments of the evening concluded with a little divertissement written by Mr. Aubin, in which the whole strength of the company appeared to

substantials in ignominious dancing in a yard by the audience's command, in the course of the evening, that called to us. We have said enough of the quality of the performance that the quantity, the most insupportable, was the fact that the curtain seven in the evening the following morning Silversbury clock!

On Tuesday the excellent Excellency La Couronne, with his Order of St. George, took place at the General Sir James M. Sir John the ceremony of the Staff and present. In the afternoon entertained Sir numerous party at dinner.

A report was given the suspended judgment, it had been passed by their five arrival of the new Governor immediately to be returned to office, it is to be correct, is by no means.

A Rochester paper of faints an account to a Mr. McKenzie whilst in the land story of the It was probable the were fixed at the window, of the proceeding and Poor patriot McKenzie excite any interest, and to keep his name before



SHIP INTELLIGENCE ARRIVED

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 Brig Tiger, Perkins, 20th cargo, for Montreal
 Brig Triton, Walker, 10 cargo, Price & Co.
 Schr. Gaspe Packet, Brn auger, Noad and others
 Schr. True Friend, Goddard, Montreal.
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 Schr. Queen Victoria, H. 4th, Noad & others

CLEARANCE OCT.

Bark Cecropia, Fialysson
 Bark Tokos, Patterson, L.
 Bark Everthorpe, Storey,
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 Brig Margaret, Pae, Wat
 Brig Fairchild, Bead, Le
 Brig Aberdethrie, Wate
 Ship Janyer, Sloan, Liver
 Bark Jupiter, Appleby, G
 Bark Ocean Queen, McM
 Brothers
 Bark Ann, Skinner, Hall
 Brig Maria, Brown, Pen
 Brig Grede, Humphrey, A
 Bark Sir F. B. Head, Rea
 Brig Breakwater, Cumm
 land & Co.
 Bark Glasgow, Somerville
 Schr. Argus, Poirer, Hall
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 Bark Orion, Brown, Seal
 Brig Wetherill, Conacher
 Bark Belinda, Press, Live
 Bark Baltic Merchant, W
 Brig Francis, Hunt, Lond
 Brig Nelson, Waite, Garl
 Schr. Olive Branch, Bouc
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Ms. Baltic, 200, Belfast, F
 Helen, 305, Stranford, G
 Howard, 243, Aberdeen, M

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