

sons of good moral character, and have houses so furnished as to afford all necessary accommodation to travellers.

The next refers to a class of institutions which we should be exceedingly glad to bring prominently before the public mind.

"The Grand Jury regret that in a large and populous city like Montreal, no House of Industry is to be found, where the poor may find a shelter against the severity of the winter, and whereby the practice of street begging might be entirely done away with.

"The imperative necessity for such an institution will be fully seen from the fact, that many of the prisoners now in the Jail, have committed petty thefts in order to obtain admission in the prison, so as to find a refuge from the severity of the winter."

It is a distressing state of things, when persons will commit offences on purpose to be committed to prison, in order that they may find that shelter during the severe season which they have not secured by industry, economy, and sobriety during the milder part of the year.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY OF THE QUEBEC QUARTER SESSIONS.—This document, like the one presented at Montreal, refers to the evils resulting from intemperance, and it expresses the hope of the Grand Jury to see the number of houses of entertainment gradually diminished to the utmost possible extent, and to find the law applying to the liquors strictly enforced.

Table with 3 columns: Category (Baptisms, Marriages, Burials), Gender (Males, Females), and Count. Includes sub-sections for Catholic and St. Peter's Church.

The following is taken from the Mercury: Number of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, recorded in the Register of the Roman Catholic Parish of Quebec, for the year 1846.

Table with 3 columns: Category (Baptisms, Marriages, Burials), Majority (Irish, Canadian), and Count.

TO CORRESPONDENTS:—Received H. M. too late for the BEREAN, owing to the bad roads last week: 5s. to his credit.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED:—Messrs. Wm. Hojn-house, No. 28 to 155; Thos. Luckham, No. 112 to 154.

Moral and Political Intelligence.

The English Mail, which was to have left Liverpool by the Steamship *Hibernia* on the 5th January, has not yet arrived, although it might have been expected all the week.

REPRESENTATION OF BATH.—A requisition from a large and influential body of the electors has been forwarded to Lord Ashley, requesting him to offer himself as a candidate for the representation in Parliament of this old and wealthy city.

MEXICO.—From this quarter, a variety of intelligence has been brought via the United States. The rumours which prevailed, to the effect that General Santa Anna was advancing with a strong force to cut off the detached parties of Americans under Generals Worth and Wool, before they could effect a junction, turn out to be without foundation.

gor with which the American army was menaced, which reports afterwards proved quite false: the same occurrence took place while Gen. Taylor was on the banks of the Rio Grande; and it had great effect in stimulating the war-spirit of the country, and bringing forward volunteers.

Official Mexican accounts had been received of events at Los Angeles, on the Pacific. In the action of 21st Sept., at that place, 27 Americans were made prisoners and three wounded; one Mexican was killed, but no Americans.

The conquerors then laid siege to the city of Angeles, and on the 30th September, the town capitulated to Flores.

BUFFALO AND ALBANY RAILROADS. Letter to the N. Y. Com. Adv., dated 7th instant.—Since my arrival at this place I have been looking at and making inquiry as to the operation of the winter business of these railroads, more particularly in regard to freight.

The agent here informed me that they had done more than double the amount of business this far, this winter, than they had ever done before in the same time: that they had not cars sufficient to carry half the freight that offered, and that there is freight sufficient between this city and Utica to occupy all the cars and engines now employed on the whole line to Buffalo.

It is the opinion of well informed persons here, that the winter business will be greatly increased, as soon as the railroads are put in proper condition, and the necessary facilities in cars and engines are provided for its accommodation.

There is a strong disposition in our people to be active in winter as well as in summer, which is abundantly manifested by the ardour for obtaining freights. Heretofore the river has been sealed up; but the railroad has opened a means of communication, which is not arrested by frost, and hence actively takes the place of the inaction that once ruled at this season.

Before the railroads were established, the produce of the surrounding country was held in store during the winter, and sent down after navigation opened in the spring. This is no longer necessary at this city and Troy.

TELEGRAPHIC PRINTING.—We were shown last evening a specimen of telegraphic printing by the new invention of impressing letters upon the paper instead of the characters formerly used.

A WEARY JOURNEY.—The Copper Harbour Mail leaves Green Bay once a month, and is carried the whole distance by a man, on foot. For some two hundred and fifty miles of the route there is not a habitation, except perhaps a few Indian wigwams, and the mail carrier, in addition to the mail, carries two weeks' food, besides an axe, two blankets, and cooking and eating utensils.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Limerick Chronicle states that Lieut. Colonel Sir Gaspar Le Marchant, 55th Lt. Infantry, has received the appointment of Lieut. Governor of this island.

CANADA WEST.—It has been already mentioned that the Royal Assent has been given to the bill for erecting a suspension-bridge over the Niagara river; and the Toronto Colonist states that books for subscriptions to the stock will soon be opened, and gives the following particulars:

The work will be on a stupendous scale—800 feet long, and 200 feet above the river—and will, no doubt, be the means of drawing an immense increase of visitors to this most attractive spot; combining, on the completion of the bridge, the noblest work of nature and art.

Major C. B. Stuart, one of the Commissioners for procuring subscriptions to the capital stock of the Niagara suspension bridge, informs us that measures will be immediately adopted to secure the requisite subscriptions, with a view to the commencement of the work next spring.

SINGULAR PHENOMENON IN LAKE ONTARIO.—A letter to the Editor of the Coburg Star, from a person whom he pronounces deserving of credit, describes the following singular occurrence as having taken place on the afternoon of the 8th inst. A similar event was observed about a year since in the same locality; and the repetition of so strange, a visitation is deserving of investigation.

violence until the Lake resumed its usual appearance.—You know the position of the wharf yourself, and you would hardly credit the fact, that at the end of the wharf, where there is generally 12 feet 6 inches of water, admitting the largest steam-boat, there was only 2 feet of water left; and on its return, the water stood a foot deep in the engine house, which is over two hundred yards from the beach.

A phenomenon equally remarkable is reported as having taken place in Rice Lake, 12 miles to the north of Cobourg. "Last Thursday, 14th inst., the Lake was seen to be in great commotion, the ice (18 inches thick,) undulating in every direction. Presently it burst, with a noise like thunder, and a large piece from the centre of the Lake was, in a few minutes, thrown up in a pile to the height of ten feet, in which position it now lies.

The ELECTRO-MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH was in operation on the 15th inst. between Toronto and Buffalo.

W. H. Boulton, Esq., has been re-elected Mayor of Toronto for the present year.

It is proposed to form a Joint stock forwarding-company in Toronto, with a capital of £200,000; to be called the Canada Steam Navigation Company, for the purpose of building a class of boats to navigate the upper lakes and bring produce direct to Quebec without stoppage or transshipment.

A melancholy and somewhat singular occurrence took place a few days ago, near Lake Couchiching, in the Township of March. Two men having observed some wolves engaged in eating a deer, one of them, named Black, went to dispute the prize with the ravenous animals, when he unfortunately fell a victim to their rashness, the wolves having devoured him, leaving, as has been reported, only a small portion of his bones.

MONTEREAL.—His Honor the Mayor of this city, John E. Mills, Esq., has, in a letter addressed to the President of the Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association, very handsomely offered a donation of £150 in aid of a permanent fund to be vested in the Corporation, for the purpose of relieving any of the Firemen who may be injured or disabled while in the performance of their duty, or for assisting the widows and children of any who may be killed.

OPENING OF THE CHATEAUGUAY BRIDGE.—A handsome and commodious new bridge having been constructed by the Board of Works, and just finished, over the River Chateauguay, at the Village of the same name, and opposite the Church; the principal inhabitants of the locality, and surrounding country, opened it with a becoming celebration.

The new bridge crosses the river in one span of about 180 feet, is covered and built on the suspension principle. The work is considered highly creditable to the contractors, Mr. Fraser and Mr. John Wilson of Beauharnois.

The Echo des Campagnes, published at Berthier, District of Montreal, of the 23rd instant, says that a fire broke out in the morning of the 19th at the house of M^{rs}. Perrault, blacksmith, at Lavalltrie, in which four lives were lost, 2 men and 2 children. The fire took about 3 A. M., by a little girl throwing away a match which she had lighted and which had set fire to her cap.

A little boy, eight years of age, named David Hannah, was run over in Gabriel-street, Griffintown, on Wednesday last, by a baker's sleigh, belonging to a person named O'Neill. He died the following day. An inquest was held on the body, and verdict returned of accidental death.

It will be seen by our advertising columns that the Directors of the Provident and Savings Bank have raised the rate of interest on deposits to five per cent on all sums not exceeding three hundred pounds currency. Previous to the establishment of this bank, a period of little more than five years, interest on deposits was not allowed, or at least to a very limited extent.

CHAMPLAIN AND ST. LAWRENCE RAILROAD. MONTREAL, January 18, 1847. At a half yearly meeting of the Stockholders of the Company, held this day at the Office of the Company, pursuant to notice, John Frothingham, Esquire, was called to the Chair, and Mr. W. D. Lindsay, acted as Secretary.

Financial statement table for the Montreal Railway Company, listing items like Gross Receipts, Expenses, Net gain, and Contingent Funds.

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General Statement of the Business of 1847. Gross Receipts of the Business, £20,740 0 0. Off Current Expenses, £10,496 12 10. Net gain on the Business of 1847, £10,203 7 2.

Out of which a Dividend of £4 per Share is declared, £4,000 0 0. Leaving as a Contingent Fund for future operations, £1,736 6 5.

Number of Passengers, 52,177. Number of tons, goods and lumber, 17,969. SHERRBOURKE, Jan. 14th.—SCHOOL TAX.—The School Commissioners of this Municipality, on Saturday last, passed a resolution authorizing the Collector, Mr. G. Blodget, to commence suits for the recovery of the School assessment due for the year 1846, from all persons who refuse or neglect to pay the same after demand.

At Hamilton, on the 14th instant, Emma Anne, infant daughter of Hugh C. Baker, Esq., aged two months and five days.

priority of extending the line of magnetic telegraph to the city of Montreal: His Worship the Mayor presiding. A series of resolutions was passed, to the effect that a Magnetic Telegraph should be immediately constructed between the cities of Montreal and Quebec; that the British North American Electric Telegraph Association should undertake the work, and that for that purpose they should be requested to increase their stock; reserving half the amount of new stock required to be subscribed for by the citizens of Montreal.

MONTEREAL, Jan. 23rd.—ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMPANY.—At the meeting of the subscribers to this undertaking, held yesterday, according to notice, the association was duly organized—the report of the provisional committee adopted, and resolutions passed for the government of the company—after which the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen to be the directors thereof for the ensuing year, viz:—Andrew Shaw, John Young, George Elder, John Glass, and Henry Chapman, Esquires.

A letter from Port au Persil, published in the Journal de Quebec, states that on the night of the 12th instant, the house of M. Elie Hudon at the Gravelles Bergeronnes, on the north shore, below the mouth of the Saguenay, was burned, and a child of six years of age perished in the flames, and two other older children were much injured, as well as M. Hudon himself; and one of the children had his feet badly frozen before he reached a neighbour's. M. Hudon's mill was destroyed by fire about eight months before, and no insurance.

THE WEATHER during the past fortnight has been cold, the mercury ranging from zero to 15 or 20 degrees below. About town the roads have been pretty good, but in the country the travelling has been much impeded by the drifts of snow consequent on the repeated heavy storms of late.

The regularity and security of transit in winter would be much improved, if an ice-bridge could be secured every year; and the inhabitants of the neighbouring parishes would then be likely to bring their supplies more freely to the market, on account of the saving of expense and time.

The FIRE COMMITTEE of the City Council, in reporting on the best method of supplying the city with water, recommend as the most economical plan, and the one most likely to meet with the support of the military authorities, that the water should be raised from the St. Lawrence by means of steam-power, the Engine to be placed near the Custom House, in the Cul-de-Sac, and the water to be forced up into two reservoirs, one to be situated, if the consent of the military authorities can be obtained, in the Citadel, for the supply of the garrison and the more elevated parts of the city; the other in Champlain street, at the land-slip, at a sufficient elevation to supply Champlain ward, St. Peter's ward, and St. Roch.

MARINERS' CASES.—Statement of the number of cases instituted under the Imperial Statute 7th and 8th Victoria, chapter 112, during the year 1846, before the Inspector and Superintendent of Police:—Number of cases for wages, 381. " " for penalties under 18th section, 29.

CASES FOR WAGES. Number in which wages were awarded, 51. " " dismissed, 167. " " withdrawn, 180. Total, 381.

CASES FOR PENALTIES. Number in which penalties were inflicted, 15. " " dismissed, 11. " " withdrawn, 3. Total, 29.

MARITIME EXTRACTS. The hull and materials of the bark Aurelian, of Portsmouth, J. Forbes, late master, wrecked 12 miles below Cape Chat, were sold in the Exchange for account of the underwriters, and adjudged to Messrs. Atkinson, Osborne & Co., for £130.

BIRTH. Yesterday morning, the lady of the Hon. W. Walker, of a daughter. On Saturday night, the lady of Charles N. Montgambert, Esquire, of a daughter.

MARRIED. On Thursday, the 21st instant, at All Saints' Chapel, by the Revd. G. Mackie, W. B. Poston, second son of Mr. C. Poston, to Eliza Gordon, eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Davidson, of Forres, Murrayshire, Scotland.

DECEASED. At Hamilton, on the 14th instant, Emma Anne, infant daughter of Hugh C. Baker, Esq., aged two months and five days.

QUEBEC MARKETS. Table with 4 columns: Commodity (Beef, Mutton, Ditto, Lamb, etc.), Unit (per lb, per quarter, etc.), and Price (a, d, c).

FOR SALE. THAT pleasantly situated House in St. Anne Street, at present occupied by Mr. BURNETT—with a spacious Yard, Stabling and Out-houses. Apply to ARCHD. CAMPBELL, N. P., St. Peter Street. Quebec, 27th January, 1847.

TO LET. THE House No. — Buade Street, Uepp Town Market Place, at present occupied by Mr. Wadman. Possession will be given on the first of May.—ALSO—The following apartments in FREEMASONS' HALL, comprising the first and second flats, with the vaults underneath, and part of the yard and premises in the rear, lately occupied by Mr. Fuvroye. Possession given on the first of May, or immediately, if required. Apply to GEORGE ALFORD, or the proprietor, GEORGE POZER. Quebec, 7th January, 1847.

PIANOS. IN addition to their Stock of PIANOS on hand, the undersigned have just received a new assortment, which they will sell at low prices. J. H. WYSE & Co. No. 26, Mountain Street, 11, Palace Street. N. B. PIANOS to let. Quebec, 26th November, 1846.

FOR SALE. 150 QUANTALS Merchantable large Table Cod-fish. 127 Barrels Green do. 35 do. Salmon. 53 do. Mackarel. 39 do. Herrings. 6 Kegs Cod Sounds and Tongues, 23 Barrels Cod Oil.

FOR SALE. 5 Hogsheads Bright Muscovado Sugar, 6 do. do. Bastard do. 20 Boxes Twankay Tea, 15 do. Superior Macaroni and Vermicelli, 70 Boxes, half do. and quarters Bunch Mustard Raisins. 50 Tinnetts River Quells Butter. 30 Boxes Scheidam Gin. 45 do. English Starch. 10 do. Fig Blue. 12 do. Composite Candles. 15 do. English Wax Wick do. 85 Dozens Corn Brooms.

His usual assortment of Liquors and Groceries consisting of—Champagne, Sherry, Madeira, and Port Wines, Martell's Pale and Cognac Brandy, Spanish White do. Hollands and English Gin. Scotch Whiskey, Jamaica, Demerara, and St. Croix Rum, French Liqueurs, Teas, Coffee, English and American Cheese, Pickles and Sauces, Spanish Nuts, Walnuts, Almonds, Sperm, Olive and Seal Oils, &c. &c. By A. LEINFESTEY, 17 St. Peter St. Quebec 24 Decr. 1846.

FOR SALE. SIXTY HHDS. MUSCOVADO SUGAR, 25 Barrels do. 150 do Guynborough Herrings, 60 do No. 3, Mackarel, 20 do Roasted Coffee, 1000 Lbs. Bees' Wax, 100 Bundles Palm Leaf, 10 Tons Fustic, 1 do Cocos Wood, 20 At Yara Cigars, 30 M Cuba do. 30 Boxes Twankay, Boka, Congou and Gunpowder Teas, 6 Tons Logwood, 50 Lancewood Spars. J. W. LEAYCRAFT. Quebec, 17th December, 1846.

HARDWARE! No. 20, HARDWARE! FABRIQUE STREET. MCKINILL & BRIGHT, BEG respectfully to inform their friends and the public, that they have now received their Fall supplies, comprising a very general and well selected assortment, which they will dispose of on the lowest terms for CASH or approved credit. Quebec, 26th November, 1846.

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING. HENRY KNIGHT begs to thank the Military and Gentry of Quebec, and the public generally, for the very flattering patronage with which he has been favoured since he commenced business, and pledges himself to spare no effort to ensure a continuance of their support. He also invites an inspection of his stock of Cloths, Cassimeres, Tweeds, Vestings, &c., &c., having just received per "Safeguard" and "Pearl" from London, a general assortment of those articles, all of the very best quality and latest fashion, which he will make up in his usual style, at moderate prices. No. 12, Palace Street. Quebec, 10th Nov. 1846.