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most beautiful maid of honour. She is a daughter of Lord Rivers, rather tall, and combining a most majestic *embonpoint* of figure, with a slightness of limb, and a slenderness and stateliness of neck, which are seen in such graceful proportions. To the £300 a year which the maids of honor receive for dress, the Queen, my partner informed, has added another hundred, thinking that sum insufficient. You know, probably, that on their marriage they receive a dowry of £1,000. Then there are the ladies in waiting, who are of the highest rank of nobility, and the bed-chamber women, who receive also £300 a year, and are generally ladies of good birth in reduced circumstances. These all take their turn of service for two months together.

My pretty and noble informant gave me those household statistics very good naturedly, between *pastorale* and *dos a dos*, and as she was closely connected with those who had the best opportunity of knowing, I asked her a question or two touching the personal qualities of Her Majesty. She thought *Victoria* fancied herself very beautiful, "which she was not," and a very good horsewoman "which she was not decidedly," and that she was very impatient of a difference of opinion when in private with her ladies. She admitted, however, that she was generous, forgiving, and "cleverer than most girls of her age." When alone with two or three of her maids, she said the Queen was "no more like a Queen than any body else," and was "very fond of a bit of fun or a bit of scandal, or anything that would not have done if other people were present." As far as it went, I should think this might be relied on as the impression Her Majesty makes upon those who daily associate with her.

Now there was no particular harm in the Honorable Miss Harriet Elizabeth Pitt's making the remarks she did, according to Mr. Willis, about the Queen; but we think it very probable that the Queen, if she chances ever to see Mr. Willis's letter, will not feel particularly obliged to Miss Pitt—who, by the way, is not a daughter but a sister of Lord Rivers,—for the opinions she is reported to have expressed so "good-naturedly." It is even possible that Miss Pitt may lose her situation, with its £400 a year, and its £1000 in expectancy. In that event, perhaps it would be no more than just for Mr. Willis to make compensation.

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QUEBEC, WEDNESDAY, 14th AUGUST.

There is no American nor Upper Canada mail due to-day. New York papers of Thursday, received yesterday, contain little that is interesting to Canadian readers.

The packet-ship *Independence*, which sailed on the 7th instant for Liverpool, took out sovereigns (British) to the amount of 30,000 dollars, exclusive of a number of American "sovereigns" paying 140 dollars each for the passage.

Flour at New York has advanced seventy-five cents within the three weeks preceding the 8th instant. At the latter date, Western was brisk at \$6½. The advance is owing to small supplies coming in. Nothing doing in gain or ashes.

On Monday morning, shortly before ten o'clock, the *Canada* steamer started, in conformity with previous advertisement, on a pleasure trip to St. Anne's, twenty-one miles below the city on the north shore, there to remain a sufficient time to admit of a visit to the romantic and picturesque falls in that neighbourhood, which from the distance from town, and the difficulty of access to them, are not generally familiar to the inhabitants of Quebec.

There were about eighty passengers, we believe, on board the steamer, and the day being fine much pleasure was anticipated from the trip; but, unfortunately, great disappointment ensued, resulting from an accident. On the way down, shortly before noon, when off St. Famille, on the Island of Orleans, about half a mile below Chateau Richer, the steamer struck with a tremendous crash on a rock, when going at the rate of ten knots an hour, and it soon became apparent that she was seriously injured, the water coming in very rapidly. The tide kept falling, and the vessel was left on the rock, when by great exertions some imperfect repairs were effected, and with the flood she was again got under weigh, but the prospect of her being able to reach Quebec was very faint, and Capt. Douglas decided upon running her to use op-

posite side as soon as the tide again rose; this was effected at about five o'clock. In the meantime some of the passengers had reached Quebec by land and by small boats, and, immediately on the intelligence being received, Mr. Scott, the steamboat agent, engaged the small steamer *Lady Aylmer* to go and bring up the *Canada's* passengers. Two boats, manned by thirteen of the River Police, under the command of T. A. Young, Esqr., left before the *Lady Aylmer*, and arrived at Chateau Richer, which is 16 or 17 miles from Quebec, in time to inform the passengers in the *Canada* that they would soon be released from what had begun to feel like a prison house. The *Lady Aylmer* got down at about half-past six, and reached town at a quarter after nine with the passengers, all of whom escaped without the slightest accident.

The following further particulars of this untoward event are from the *Mercury* of yesterday:—

"Proceeding downwards, some circumstances induced Capt. Douglas to entertain doubts of the ability of the pilot, and he accordingly directed the engineer to ease off and slacken the rate of the boat; proceeding leisurely with the lead constantly going, about fifteen or twenty minutes after the first shock, the man at the lead showed evident marks of consternation, and did not respond as usual, but being called to by Captain Vaughan to state what water there was, he answered 'still dry as a par,' and inmediately the boat struck a heavy, flat one of the most stony, a chain three-fourths of an inch diameter, was ripped up from the deck and snapped in pieces, nearly carrying away the mast."

"The coolness and judgment displayed by Captain Douglas throughout the whole of this unfortunate accident were commensurate and to them, aided by Captain Vaughan, and the gentleman (Mr. Wm. Stevenson) above mentioned, with others whose names have not reached us, may the return of the passengers to town and the removal of the boat to her present comparatively safe situation, be attributed."

"The Pilot who was the sole cause of this disaster, when he found the mischief his ignorance, if not worse, had occasioned, took the first opportunity of leaving the ship in distress, and having succeeded in getting on shore, immediately fled."

"We learn that the Purser of the boat and the carpenter, who have come up from her this morning, report that it will not be possible to remove her from where she now lies until she undergoes some further repairs, and that two of the Company's barges are gone down to her assistance."

Her Majesty's troop ship *Buffalo* arrived here during the night, and was landed this morning by the Harbour Master. She brings detachments of the Coldstream and Grenadier Guards, but we have not time to ascertain the names of the officers or the number of the men, for this day's publication. The *Buffalo* sailed on the 14th of June; on the 1st instant she saw the *Atalofa*, off Trinity Bay. The *Amazon*, hence for Hull, was spoken by the *Buffalo*, 60 miles east of St. Pauls, then out eighteen days.

Mr. Munn's large steam-ship *United Kingdom* has left her moorings at the Queen's Wharf and is now anchored in the stream, ready for sea. From the town, she has a fine man-of-war appearance. A letter bag by her, for Liverpool, is open at the Exchange. She is commanded by Captain M'Coll, whose abilities are well known in Quebec.

THE WHEAT FLY.—A correspondent of the *Gazette de Quebec* states that the growing wheat and barley in the district are almost totally destroyed by the fly. The same individual states a fact which is of considerable importance to agriculture, and which we do not remember having previously met with. It is this—all the bearded wheat (*bled à barbe*) is destroyed, while the red wheat without beard is untouched by the vermin. On the 9th May 5 minots of the latter description were sown in the same piece of ground with 4 of the former;—the 8 minots will produce 80, while of the 4 not 1½ will be returned.

We have received the first number of a weekly paper in the French language, entitled *Le Patrole Canadien*, published at Burlington, Vermont, by Ludger Duvenay, formerly editor and proprietor of the *Montreal Miner*. It is, no doubt intended principally to disseminate treasonable doctrines in Lower Canada, as the editor says in his introductory article, "It has

been undertaken under the combined auspices of Canadian and American friends, in the hope that finding its way into the heart of our inferring country, it may aid the people in maturing their judgments, and render them more competent judges of the wisdom of future public measures against the disgraceful bondage which now involves the whole people in one common ignominious state of political degradation and military vassalage."

The *Mercury*, in copying our account of the fire which took place on Sunday, adds the following well merited compliment. It was through inadvertence that we omitted to mention the exertions of Mr. Wyatt and the men under him:—

"Amongst those who were active at the fire on Sunday, the name of Mr. Wyatt, Royal Engineer Department, should not be omitted. He directed the management of the engine belonging to that Department, and with a party of the Royal Engineer Rifles, (Captain Whinnery's Volunteers,) rendered very effective service in playing on the buildings at the rear of the houses on fire, in which arduous duty the hands, as they became exhausted by heat and labour, were occasionally relieved by a few spirited civilians who shared their toil."

"The good conduct of the Police, in their calling was also commendable."

LONG PASSAGES.—Since the 1st instant, 17 vessels have arrived at this port from different parts of the United Kingdom, after passages of unusual length, which will be seen from the following statement:—

Vessel	In 73 days.
1	73
1	77
1	79
1	80
1	81
1	82
1	83
1	84
1	85
1	86
1	87
1	88
1	89
1	90
1	91
1	92
1	93
1	94
1	95
1	96
1	97
1	98
1	99
1	100

Showing an average of sixty-two days, or two calendar months for a passage out.

ROBBERY.—A coloured man was apprehended on Monday by the Lower Town Police, on a charge of robbing a sum of money from Mr. Quin, in the *Cul-de-Sac*. He had been loitering in and about the tavern kept by Mr. Q. for a considerable time, and suddenly became exceedingly generous, and "stood treat" for every one present. Suspicion being excited in consequence of his having money, a search was made in the house, which resulted in the discovery that a box belonging to Mr. Quin in the upper part of the house, had been broken open, and from ten to twelve pounds in money abstracted from it. Eight dollars were subsequently found on "Ducky," who on being questioned as to the balance, said "they might whistle for it." He was then given in charge of the police, and became so uproarious that he was accommodated with lodging in the black-hole.

The *Cobourg Star* of the 7th August states that a private of the 93rd Regiment was apprehended on Wednesday, on board the *Hamilton*, en route to Rochester. He was discovered actually nailed up in a box, which it appears had been put on board at Toronto, addressed to Cobourg, but the direction had been torn off during the passage down.

JUVENILE FRATRICIDE.—We copy from the *Cornwall* (U. C.) *Observer*, the following distressing account of the fatal consequences of a child's anger:—

"Last Saturday morning, the 3rd instant, a young girl about 16 years of age, the daughter of a widowed resident in this town, was killed by her brother, a boy about 14 years old, who struck her, in a fit of passion, with a hoe which he happened to have in his hand. She died on the spot. A Coroner's inquest was held, and the Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the circumstances we have mentioned. The boy is in custody."

Occasionally in looking over our Exchange papers, we meet with a bit of news respecting occurrences in this our own goodly city, which causes us to regret our own and contemporaries' lethargic indifference to passing events. Thus, the *Montreal Courier* announces that "it has been rumoured that the 'Compact' men at Quebec, have tried to get up a meeting against the Union." We can understand this much of the *Courier's* article, but the remainder of it is not sufficiently compact to enable us to say positively what our contemporary is driving at.

UPPER CANADA.—The *Cross*.—We have had a more than usual supply of rain this summer, and serious fears are entertained lest the wheat should be injured by the rust. The hay crop has been light; most other crops promise well. Harvest has commenced in this neighbourhood.—*Cobourg Star*.

Brockville, Aug. 8.—Much injury to the wheat crop has been sustained in this section of the province, from rust, and accounts from the westward speak of an equally unfavourable state of this grain. We believe, however, that the spring wheat is not affected, at least so far as we have been able to ascertain in this neighbourhood.—*Recorder*.

Kingston, Aug. 8.—In some of the upper districts of the province the wheat crop has been injured by rust, but in this and the neighbouring districts, only a few places have been effected by rust.—*Herald*.

From the Montreal Herald of Monday.

Contrary to our expectation, both the theatre and concert were well attended on Friday evening, and the public was highly gratified at both places. This evening Miss Darroport's performances will be under the patronage of the gallant Colonel Wetherall, and we have no doubt there will be a numerous audience.

Two thousand five hundred names have been obtained at Rochester to memorials for the release of that miscreant, M'Kenzie, and the Judge who passed sentence on him is described as a rabid federal Whig.

LETT, the murderer has not been apprehended yet.

Green turtle soup is more expensive here than mock turtle is, but such is not the case in New York where the markets are so overloaded with green turtle, large and fat, that they can scarcely be sold at any price. The *Journal of Commerce* notices that several large ones were sold by auction, at two cents per pound.

INDIAN WAR.—The New York paper of the 8th instant, contains accounts of battles between the Sioux and Chippeway Indians, and the Texans, under a General Rusk, and a large body of the Cherokee and other Indian.

The Chippeway Indians killed a Sioux Chief, the Sioux pursued and overtook two parties, killing, of one, 133 men, women and children, (for all fall in these Indian battles,) and of the other, 36. The Texans beat the Cherokee. So they say. So the United States troops beat the Seminoles: every now and then, however, they acknowledge some serious disaster. The battles in Texas are not sanguinary, and hardly deserve the name of battles. In America, however, every fight is a battle. The Yankees would invent a new word for such a battle as Waterloo.—*Montreal Courier*.

The Collector of the Customs at Orsop has seized the schooner *Guerney*, for having carried Hart and his associates to Cobourg.

Commercial.

At an auction sale on Monday, by Thomas Hamilton, 8000 minots Barley were offered, and one lot only sold at 4s. 4d. per 50 lbs. the remainder being withdrawn. 2000 minots Rye were also offered, and after one lot had been sold at 4s. 7d. per 50 lbs. the remainder was withdrawn. 2000 minots Oats sold at 3s. 8d. to 3s. 8½d. per minot.

The following is Messrs. Cuvillier and Son Weekly Circular, dated Montreal, August 10th, 1839.

The Public Sales of the week have been inconsiderable; but the dullness usually attendant on the harvest season has been relieved by a speculative demand for several articles of import, particularly for Teas and Sugars. Of the former article, Twankay has been the principal quality sought after; but the other kinds have, in consequence, experienced a proportionate rise, and we may quote an advance on all green Teas of from 3d. to 4d. per lb.

Refined Sugars, the stock of which had very materially diminished, have been very generally bought up by the grocers at 7½d. and are now held for higher prices. Muscovado Sugars have also advanced in value, and the result of a public sale on Thursday last will exhibit an advance on previous prices of 2½d. per cwt. Unless heavy supplies reach us from the Lower Ports, it will still rise higher.

The fate of Standing Crops is very uncertain. The late heavy rains have no doubt been injurious to those in an advanced state; but we are inclined to the belief, that the injury is but partial, and that the returns will still be over an average.

ABSTRACT OF OUR FEEL

Wednesday, August 7.
14d per lb; 19 bags soft
5d 6d; 5 dozen dutch
brooms, 13s 6d 7 18s;
5 boxes lemon syrup, 11
7s 3d; 5 boxes caps,
5s 1d; 58 mats cassia, 9
remicelli, 6½d per lb 10
5½d; 3 boxes ginger,
10s; pepper, 7½d 8d;
3 7 6d; 3 barrels
boxes ground coffee,
salad oil, 22s 3d per doz
20s; 13 tierces and 3 ba
3½ 7 3½ 7d per cwt;
7½d per lb; 13 barrels N
boxes Digby herrings, 4
raisins, 11s 7 11s 3d; 1
boxes prunes, 2d 7 3d
starch, 7½d 8d; 5 ha
tea, 2s 7½d; 6 quart
New York rum, 2s 6d
3 7 5 and 1 7 3, 5s 7d
common brandy, 1 7
Cavendish tobacco, 10
tobacco, 10d 7 10s; 6
glass, 7½ x 8½, 13s 5d.

Thursday, August 8.
brooms, 10s 9d 7 13s 3d
herrings, 4s; 30 boxes
barrels roasted coffee, 10
7d; 5 boxes macaroni,
real soap, 3d; 20 boxes
boxes chocolate, 7d; 2
salt, 1s 10d; 50 sacks
30 puncheons New York
of Jamaica, 3 7 7, 4s 11
Upper Canada whiskey,
barrels pot barley, 17s
barrels unsalted herring
No. 1 Arichat herrings,
Muscovado sugar, fair
hogheads muscovado 3s
42s; 2 hogheads refine
pale Seal oil, 3s.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.
August
Ship Dumfrieshire, Gow
G. H. Parke, salt, w
Brig Scotia, Macdon
tral, general cargo
Brig Planter, Patterson,
6 ballast
Brig Queen Victoria, Hate
port, LeClésourier, 1
Brig Spray, Perley, 12th
bertons, ballast
Brig Maria, Wilson, 1st J
son & Co. coal, 12
Brig Hotspur, Scott, 12th
ballast
Schr. Rene, Poiree, 25 h
Master.

DEPARTURES.
This Mo
Ship Plymouth, troops
Ship Brunswick, Porter,
Levey & Co. gen
Bark Prompt, Payne, 7th
tral, general cargo
Bark Minerva, Danton,
Maitland, coal
Brig Bolton, Brodie, 14th
Price & Co. ballast
Brig Margaret, Mitchel
land, Maitland & C
Schr. Mary Ann, Allard,
to the Master, ball
Schr. St. Laurent, Bernie
J. Noad, fish and oi

CLEAN.
August
Ship England, Gardner, 1
13th
Bark Mary, Plaxton, Lo
Froste & Co.
Bark Marquis of Huntley,
Caldwell.
Schr. Blazer, Picot, Rich

PASSE.
In the Dumfrieshire, I
Henry Wolsey, Dr. Ken
vant, Miss Thompson, au
In the packet ship *Im*
from New York for Liv
73rd Regiment, Capt. Hal
In H. M. S. Madagasc
the 1st inst. for England;
weston, two Miss Hewets
son, Mr. Lobian, and Ro
In H. M. S. Pique, sail
the same place for Spith
the 9th Regiment.