

THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

the eve of marrying, bathed in tears, and visibly moved by the passing scene of woe. The tender interest the young lady took in the representation was attended with ill consequences to her. Her rich admirer wrote to her the next day, and surrendered every pretension to her hand.

From the New-York Mirror.

THE WAY THEY COURT DOWN EAST.

Sally the housemaid, pating apples in the corner opposite to Sally, without saying a word for fifteen minutes, but finally scratching his head, breaks silence with—

Obadiah. There's a considerable imperceptible alteration in the weather since last week.

Sally. 'Taint so injudicious and so indubitably cold as 'twas; the thermometer has lowered up to four hundred degrees higher than zenith.

Obadiah. I think's likely, for birds of that specie fly a great quantity higher in warmer days than cold ones.

Both parties assume a grave and improving look, and a long pause ensues. Finally Obadiah gives his pate another hawing scratch and again breaks silence with—

Obadiah. Well, Sally, we elms are going to take a sleigh ride, it's such a jolly good steddin to-morrow. I 'spose they'll have insatiate times on't. I should be supernatural happy if you would disgrace me with your company; I should take it as a derogatory honour; besides, we're calculatin' to treat the gals copious well with raisins and black strap.

Sally. I should be supernatural glad to disgrace you, but our folks suspect company; I can't go.

Obadiah sits awhile, and at length starts up as though a new idea had come upon him.

Obadiah. Well, now, I know what I'll do; I'll go home and thrash them ere beans what have been lying down in the barn such a darned long while. Exit Obadiah.

MISCELLANEOUS EXTRACTS.

At a sale of Mr. Pearson's effects in Nottingham, a lock of Napoleon Bonaparte's hair fetched the sum of seventeen shillings.

Family Physician.—In Durolle, a young woman is taken very ill, her parents agree with the physician that if he cures the patient he may have her for his trouble, but if she dies under his medicines, he is to value her value. It is stated that successful physicians have very large families of females, who have become their property in this manner.

From grave to gay.—A young man residing in Bury St. Edmunds was married on the morning of Friday week, acted as a bearer at a funeral in the afternoon, and played the violin for a quadrille party on the evening of the same day.

Balaam's ass.—Bishop Burnet, who stammered, directed his chaplain to examine a young man. The first question was, "why did Balaam's ass speak?" "Because his master had an impediment in his speech," replied the young candidate.

Public documents.—When George the First or Second got into a heat with his minister, and insisted on being shown the document relating to a certain subject the next morning, the minister obeyed, and when the king rose he saw three large wagons full of papers neatly tied with red tapes, parked beneath his window.

Speedy travelling.—An instance was mentioned as the other day strongly illustrative of the wonderful rapidity of communication produced by the establishment of steam navigation. A gentleman was in Calais, London, Liverpool, New-York, Washington, and Cincinnati in the course of the same month of February—a period of twenty-eight days!

Shakespeare's will.—From Charles Knight's new and beautiful edition of Shakespeare, we learn the will of the immortal bard is still preserved in Doctor's Commons. The fervent admirer of the bard must needs behold the last stroke of his inspired pen with a feeling of respect approaching to awe. His name is signed in three places: his hand trembled at the first, when he came to the second, the pause occasioned by lassitude or an quish would appear to be perceptible, from the tremulous breaks in the writing; when his name was to be signed for the last time, his energies appear to have been subdued—the name is almost indistinct, and the eye which guided the hand in its melancholy office seems to have been filmed. The orthography used by Shakespeare in this instance, of course, prescribes the mode in which his name

is to be spelt; yet many learned commentators have erroneously used the e final with regard to the first syllable of the word. The way in which his name was pronounced during his life may be learned from an inspection of this will. The notary (who had been called hastily to the performance of his duty) had no opportunity of correction, and he spelt the name of his immortal client from the recollection of accustomed orthography alone, Shakespeare.

New Opera by Mozart.—Quite a sensation has been produced in the musical world by the announcement of the discovery of a new opera by Mozart.

Language without oaths.—It is a singular fact that the North American Indians cannot swear in their vernacular tongue. Their language furnishes no oaths.

Mademoiselle Rachel.—This young lady, who has not yet attained her eighteenth year, is boldly pronounced by the Parisian critics the first tragic actress of the age. She attracts immense audiences every night she performs, and has been especially distinguished by the patronage of the royal family. Two years ago Mademoiselle Rachel was a poor, half-frozen child, who sang in the streets for the miserable pittance which the charity or kindness of passing strangers might throw to her. Now she is all the rage, and all the new patterns, show and fashions, for the coming season, are to be à la Rachel.

We have frequently observed that young men take more pains to cultivate the affection and elicit the good will of ill-treated damsels, than to reciprocate and cherish the kind feelings of those who are frank and amiable. We suppose that this must be accounted for on the same principle that people are willing to pay a higher price for vinegar than for sweet cider.

The starry Heavens.—When we lift our eyes towards the midnight sky, we behold a thousand suns diffusing their splendours from regions of space immeasurably distant. When we apply a telescope to any portion of this vast concave, we perceive thousands more which the unassisted eye cannot discern.—When we increase the magnifying powers of the instrument, we discern numerous orbs of light, stretching still further into the unfathomable depths of space; so that there appear no limits to the scene of creating power.

Through the most powerful telescopes, it contemplates a boundless region teeming with other resplendent suns and systems, whose number and magnificence overwhelm the imagination; so that no limit can be set to the extensions of the intellect when it waxes its flight over the wide empire of Jehovah. Over all this vast assemblage of material splendor, over its movements, and over all the diversified ranks of intelligence it supports, God eternally and unchangeably presides. He is an infinite Being;—and in millions and a half of dollars annually for fifteen years past.

The expense of prosecuting criminals in the state of Massachusetts last year, is said to have been \$70,000.

They are playing "The Aroostook, or the Boundary Line," at the National Theatre, Boston.

In the House of Representatives of Maine a bill has been introduced to incorporate the County of Aroostook, with Houlton for the shire town—and embracing within its limits the disputed territory.

The New-York merchants have subscribed \$1200 to purchase a silver vase to be presented to Capt. Roberts, the commander of the first English steam-ship that crossed the Atlantic.

The Hudson is now completely open to navigation to Coxake, within twenty miles of Albany, and there is now regular steam-boat communication between New-York and Albany.

Congress have made an appropriation for building three steam-ships for the American Navy, which, with the *Fulton*, will give the United States four steam-ships of war. France has fifty steam-ships of war, and Great Britain upwards of forty.

A quantity of gunpowder is said to have arrived at the Restook, marked cokes and see iments for the *Blue Noses and Red Coats!* Brother Jonathan is well aware that the New Brunswickers have a "sweet tooth." We thank him for his consideration, and politely inform him, that in return, we have procured a large quantity of grapes, from which he will be at liberty to extract the juice; and have provided ourselves with a good supply of canister, admirably adapted for the preservation of his country.—*D. Astak Times.*

LOWER CANADA.

Montreal, March 16.—It is reported that the Honorable Mr. Justice Pyke is about to retire from the Bench. He will carry with him into retirement the best wishes of those, whose respect he has so especially commanded during the many years we have known him in public life.—*Fraser's.*

It is understood that Mr. Justice Bowen, from Quebec, will succeed to the Chief Justiceship of this District.—*Id.*

Sympathising outrages still continue on the frontier. A house and barn were set fire to in Odelltown, close to the American line, on Tuesday night, by a party from the other side. Full particulars have not yet reached town, but the fact may be relied upon.—*Gazette.*

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QUEBEC, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1839

There is no later intelligence of moment from the boundary; but the American papers talk in a less warlike key, and the opinion gains ground that there is no immediate prospect of war. The following we extract from the New-York Star of Wednesday last:—

By accounts from Bangor to the 9th, we learn from a gentleman who arrived there direct from Houlton, that there would be no bloodshed, and that the people on the British side are decidedly averse to war.

Fitzbergt, charged with abetting Her Majesty's subjects in arresting Mr. McIntyre, the Maine agent, has been examined at Bangor, and bound over \$500 to appear at the common pils in May.

Verbal intelligence from Bangor gives as a rumour that Sir John Harvey has sent two companies to fortify Mills Hill, two miles within the disputed territory, and to plant there the British standard.

The honor correspondance of the Boston Atlas got the information as positive, received by private express from Houlton, with despatch from General Hodson for Gov. Fairbank that Sir John Harvey has actually taken possession of Mills Hill, an is to support his post by eight companies of regulars. The correspondent says, Mills Hill is within thirty miles of Bangor, and west of the boundary. A letter from the secretary of Gen. Hoan confirms the above.

Gen. S was still at Augusta, to leave for Houlton Friday. He expects to have an interview with Sir John Harvey.

Several companies of Gen. Hodson's division had in up a position at the mouth of the Presque, a stream that flows into the Aroostook miles above the location Col. Jarvis has held. Nine companies were to follow to Presque Isle on Monday.

Mr. Bell passed through Bangor the 9th, from Washon, with despatches for Sir John Harvey, spoke unfavourably of the prospect of peace.

Toronto is the 13th inst. were received by post. They are principally occupied the proceedings of the Legislature.

The Hon Assembly has adopted an address to His Excellency calling for copies of the documents connected with the establishment of the territories, and a committee of

nine members has been appointed to consider the question of the Clergy Reserves. On the 12th inst. His Excellency transmitted to the House several important despatches on the affairs of the Province.

Col. Prince arrived in Toronto from the West on the 11th, and took his seat in the House. He was received on entering the House with hearty cheers.

The Montreal Gazette of Saturday says:—"The sentences of the Court Martial, on the last Beauharnais and St. Césaire cases, having been submitted to His Excellency the Commander of the Forces, have been sanctioned in general orders. Of the Beauharnais is prisoner, Louis Turcot, François-Xavier Prévost, André Papin-au, David Gagnon, Charles Rapin, Despire Bonbonnais, and Michel Longtin have been found guilty, and condemned to death. Of those however Bonbonnais and Longtin are recommended for a commutation of their sentence. James Perigo and Isidore Tremblay are found not guilty and acquitted.

The St. Césaire prisoners, Louis Bourdon, François Guertin, and — Bousquet are found guilty and sentenced to death.

The speculations lately so rife in the American papers, respecting the person to be appointed Special Envoy to England, appear for the present to be put at rest, in consequence of its being now understood that no appointment will be made, until intelligence has been received from the American Minister in England respecting present doings.

It is stated in a Burlington paper that Mr. Holmes, accused of the murder of Mr. Taché, is to be detained in confinement until the 28th instant, when the Governor of Vermont will decide whether he shall be given up to the authorities in Canada. Mrs. Taché is at present in Quebec, and is said to be in a dangerous state of health.

Sunday last being the anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint, an eloquent and impressive discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. McMahon, to a very crowded congregation. At the conclusion of the services a collection was made in aid of the funds of the church, which produced about £40.

In consequence of St. Patrick's day falling on Sunday, the usual procession of the several Societies did not take place, and the customary festivities were deferred until the following day, when about ninety gentlemen partook of a sumptuous dinner at the Alton Hotel, the arrangements for which were made on a scale of splendour and with much taste.

Another dinner took place at the same time at Mr. Maguire's Shamrock Inn, at which a company of seventy forty and fifty sat down, and spent the evening delightfully.

The Criminal Term of the Court of King's Bench for this District will commence on Friday next. We believe that the number of prisoners for trial is not so great as usual; and comparatively few of them for crimes of a very heinous nature. The trial likely to excite the most interest is that of the boys Touchette, Derouin and Languedoc for the murder of Baptiste Comeau, on Cote d'Abraham about the end of January last.

J. P. Boucher Belleville, editor, and F. Cinq-Mars, printer, of a small paper published at Montreal entitled *L'Aurore des Canadas*, were arrested on Friday last, and committed to jail on a charge of treason. The press and types were at the same time seized, and removed to the police office.

Seven new Ordinances received the sanction of His Excellency the Governor-General on Thursday last,—making the total number 21 passed by the Special Council during the present session—

1. To regulate the curing, packing, and inspection of beef and pork for exportation.
2. For the more effectual punishment of persons who seduce soldiers to desert.
3. To extend certain privileges to Methodists of the New Connexion
4. To establish regulations respecting aliens coming into or residing in the Province.
5. To suspend in part certain Ordinances, and to establish a Trinity House at Montreal.
6. For the better information of the Government and of the public concerning prosecutions brought before Justices of the Peace.
7. To invest the principal officers of the Ordnance with the property in Lower Canada occupied for the Ordnance service.

Mr. Anwin, late Ed last night commenced experiments on chemis St. Ann Street.

On Monday some ro under the direction of Royal Artillery, in pre Sir James Macdonne Kirby, R. A., many O and a great number of shoes was made at a store and the ice roads sleds had been in store since some uncertainty as to They appear, however little injury from the been made up, and the cially were thoroughly the terrific destruction order and properly emp buildings or block hous irresistible, and we loat piled the last reinforce from this Garrison to I Fairfield's warriors, who their operation, may fu their log pen a berth to Mercury.

We felt much satisfi Sundays, in witnessing very splendid body of Highlanders, to St. An city, to attend divine se vided with his Bible. ever it has served, has as a military character services. They march i n.c.—*Toronto Colonist*

The Emperor of Rus export the surplus corn in order to assist forei great want of that ess 20th December there w glish, French, Italian a ing in cargoes of wheat other harbours of the B cambered with vessels I The King of the Tw mitted the exportation gles.

PRICES OF MEAT, FOWL IN THE QUEBEC.

Beef, # lb.	—
Mutton, do.	—
Veal, do.	—
Pork, do.	—
Lamb, # quarter	—
Yankees, # lb.	—
Corned Beef, do.	—
Tongues, scored, each	—
Hams, # lb.	—
Bacon, # lb.	—
Fowls, # couple	—
Ducks, do.	—
Geese, do.	—
Turkeys, do.	—
Fish, Cod, fresh, # lb.	—
Butter, fresh, # lb.	—
Do. salt, in tinnets, 2	—
Eggs, # dozen, —	—
Potatoes, # bushel,	—
Turnips, do.	—
Oats, do.	—
Hay, # hundred bundles	—
Firewood, per cord	—

MARI At Montreal, on the Morrison, Esquire, Adv daughter of Joshua Water At Lacchu, on the 11th Branton, Mr. Thomas H of Beauharnais, to Miss eldest daughter of the I of Lacchu.

DIE At Montreal, on Friday set child of Logan Fuller, At Caledonia, U. C., o Nancy, wife of Mr. Tyle dancy of extreme suffering.

ST. GEORGE THE MEMBERS.

notice that the fir the Society, for the ve at the ALBION HOT NEXT, the 25th instat Several Members prop General Meeting will Members will observe th observe the necessity of Mr. GEORGE.

Quebec, 30th March, 11