

News.

On the evening of Saturday, the 23rd ultimo, a most horrible and mysterious murder was committed in Montreal, two men having been shot by another, seemingly without any cause. One man has been committed on suspicion, and the Coroner's inquest resulted in a verdict of guilty against a man of the name of Carroll. The names of the murdered men are Luther Roberts and Patrick McShane.

The Earl and Countess of Elgin have been making a tour in the Upper Province, and seem to have been well received every where.

The *Quebec Gazette* says that the potato rot is making ravages every where.

Ground was to be broken for the Great Western Railroad at Hamilton, on Saturday the 23d ultimo.

The *Europe*, another of the Liverpool and Boston line of Steamers, was launched on the 26th September, at Port Glasgow.

W. Hudson, the Railway King, states that he has bought landed property to the extent of £700,000.

A number of Irishmen, resident in London, have proposed to form a brigade to defend the Pope from Austrian aggression, and have petitioned the Queen for leave to do so.

The Duke of Buckingham became a bankrupt lately, and has debts to the amount of £1,800,000.

A Workman's Association for the protection of the Sabbath has lately been formed in Edinburgh.

223 new members have been returned to the House of Commons.

Asiatic Cholera is making fearful ravages in Russia, and in consequence of its appearance at Warsaw, the Emperor had deferred his visit to Poland.

2500 firkins butter were lately shipped by a single vessel from this port. The Board of Trade have appointed a butter inspector.

In Toronto there are about 150 places where strong drink is sold on Sabbath evenings.

The Dissenters of Edinburgh have started a paper under the name of "The Scottish Press."

General Scott has obtained full possession of Mexico, but at a great cost of life. He is there with about 8,000 men. The prospects of peace is as far off as ever.

The following is a short summary of the news by the last English mail:—

The Anti-Free Traders are looking with an evil eye on the progress of that system. Lord George Bentinck has asserted that to the measures adopted by Sir Robert Peel is to be attributed in a great measure the startling decline in the revenue. There appears to be no particular excitement among political men. The peculiar pressure of the times having cast a sombre shade over everything.

Should the present state of affairs continue, we may expect a still further decrease. The other heads of revenue exhibit no remarkable alteration.

As to be expected, a defalcation in the revenue has been the result of this pressure, exhibiting a decrease on the quarter up to the 9th October, of £374,191 on the customs, and £641,980 upon the excise.

There are rumours of sweeping changes in the Customs and Excise departments. It is said that the Excise department is to be abolished, and the revenues of the joint departments are to be raised through the customs.

The property tax is to be increased to 5 per cent. Lord Enniskillen has, within the past month, enabled 700 families on his Irish estates to emigrate.

The government manifest a desire to facilitate free emigration to British Colonial Settlements, endeavouring by that means to turn the tide of emigration from the United States, which have hitherto, in a considerable degree, absorbed the valuable surplus labourers of Great Britain and Ireland.

It is supposed that the British Parliament will assemble at an early period, probably in the month of January. Some changes are said to be about to occur in the Colonial Government. Mr. Light is to be succeeded as Governor of British Guiana, by Sir W. Colebrooke, who is to be replaced in New Brunswick by Sir Edmund Head.

The Hon. Judge Marshall, of Nova Scotia, is preaching and lecturing on temperance in Yorkshire.

When the House does assemble, they will be mainly occupied by the endeavour to adopt measures to restore the shock which the commercial affairs of the country have received, and but little time will be afforded for the display of party strife.

The first Cabinet Council for the season has been held, and was attended by all the Cabinet ministers except the Earl of Minto, who is on a continental tour of diplomatic observation.

Sir Chas. Wood has promised a grand revision of the whole system of direct and indirect taxation.

A committee of the house of Commons recommended a reduction of the duty on tea, as the only means of extending the trade with China.

Mr. Hume, and Dr. Bowring press the reduction or abolition of the duty on tobacco, as the only effective means of getting rid of the demoralizing practice of smuggling.

The cholera is committing great ravages in Asia and in Eastern Europe, and is creating much alarm.

It is expected that the Montreal and Lachine Railway will be opened about the end of the present month.

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