

We bid our contemporary a right hearty welcome. We are proud to see that our fellow-countrymen of the West afford promise of support to such an undertaking. We rejoice to think that, though the four Quarterlies, Blackwood, and Harper, can be purchased for the ridiculous sum of \$13 a year, there is still room for a native magazine. Such a fact speaks as well for the intellectual progress of our friends of the West, as the tokens of civilization we have mentioned above, testify to their advancement in the more practical walks of life.

Nor do we fear, judging from the number which is before us, that the interest which attaches to the Anglo-American will be one of mere novelty. It will soon, we feel convinced, endear itself to Canadians by a more substantial bond. Each number will, of course, be an improvement on the last: and thus, ere long, there will be no need to appeal to our protectionist sympathies to ensure its wide circulation.

Auguring thus confidently of the destiny of our infant *Magazine*, we have no tenderness in subjecting its first number to the rod of criticism. A little wholesome severity, so far from injuring its fame, will, we trust, do substantial service to its character and tone: native literature can only thrive under the watchful care of a sound literary censorship."

Among the items of local interest that have transpired during the last month, we mention, as worthy of record, the sailing of the ship *Chebueto* from Halifax, on the 1st ult., with seventy passengers for Australia, and on the 13th, the sailing of the brig *Sebin*, from the same port for Port Philip, with about forty passengers.

The steamers *Albatross* and *Sir John Harvey* have commenced their regular trips, for the conveyance of passengers and freight between the Provinces and the United States. The first touching at Quebec, Miramichi, Charlottetown, P. F. T. Pietou, Halifax, and New York. The latter plying between Halifax and Boston.

We notice in the obituary record, on the 26th ult., the decease, in his 48th year, of James Dewolfé Fraser, Esq., representative in the Legislature for the township of Windsor, N. S.

The following armed vessels have been despatched for the protection of the Fisheries on the Coasts and Bays of the Provinces:—*Sappho*, 12, sloop; *Devastation*, 6, steam sloop, 300 horse power; *Buzzard*, 6, steam sloop; *Janus*, 4, steam sloop; *Netley*, 3, ketch; *Bermuda*, 3, schooner; *Arrow*, 2, brigantine; *Telegraph*, 1, schooner; *Halifax*, 2, brigantine; *Belle*, 2, brigantine; *Responsible*, 2, schooner; *Daring*, 2, schooner.

A fire broke out in Main Street, in Montreal, on the 8th, by which over 1000 houses were destroyed and 15,000 people rendered homeless. Liberal subscriptions for their relief have since been made in the principal cities of the United States and Canada.

We have to record the death of the Hon. Henry Clay, which occurred at Washington on the 29th June; his obsequies took place on the 1st July. The remains of this eminent statesman were afterwards removed for interment to Lexington, his late residence, in Kentucky.

The Hungarian ex-Governor Kossuth left the United States for England by the Steamship *Africa*, on the 14th of July.

Some excitement seems to have been caused in consequence of the means taken by the Imperial and Colonial Governments, for the protection of the Provincial Fisheries. The Secretary of State at Washington, has caused a proclamation to be published, in which the fishermen of the United States are warned against the consequences of encroaching upon the Colonial fishing grounds.