

# THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

## MISCELLANEOUS EXTRACTS.

man's breast may swell with unutterable sorrow, and apprehension may rend his mind; yet place him on the sick couch, and in the shadow rather than the light of the sad lamp that watches it; let him have to count over the long dull hours of night, and wait, alone and sleepless, the struggle of the grey dawn into the chamber of suffering; let him be appointed to this ministry even for the sake of the brother of his heart, or the father of his being, and his grosser nature, even where it is most perfect, will tire; his eye will close, and his spirit grow impatient of the dreary task; and though love and anxiety remain undiminished, his mind will own to itself a creeping in of irresistible selfishness, which indeed he may be ashamed of, and struggle to reject, but which, despite all his efforts, remains to characterise his nature, and prove in one instance at least, his manly weakness.—But see a mother, a sister, or a wife, in his place. The woman feels no weariness, and owes no recollection of self. In silence, and in the depth of night she dwells, not only passively, but as far as the qualified term may express our meaning, joyfully. Her ear acquires a blind man's instinct, as from time to time it catches the slightest stir, or whisper, or breath of the more-than-ever loved-one, who lies under the hand of human affliction. Her step, in obedience to an impulse or a signal, would not waken a mouse; and if she speaks, her accents are a soft echo of natural harmony, most delicious to the sick man's ear, conveying all that sound can convey of pity, comfort, and devotion; and thus, night after night she tends him like a creature sent from a higher world, when all earthly watchfulness has failed—her eye never winking, her mind never palled, her nature that at all other times is weakness, now gaining a superhuman strength and magnanimity; herself forgotten, and her sex alone predominant.

### AURORA.

Aurora complained among the gods, that she, who was so much praised among men, was so little beloved and counted; and least of all by those who most frequently sung her praises.—“Grieve not for thy treatment,” said the goddess of Wisdom; “it is not so with me? And moreover,” she continued, “look upon those who neglect thee, and see for what a rival they exchange thee. Observe them, when thou passest by, as they lie in the arms of sleep and moulder in body and soul. But hast thou not friends, hast thou not worshippers enough. The whole creation honors thee; all flowers clothe themselves amid the splendours of the dawning, in a new bridal beauty. A full chorus of birds welcomes thee; all nature puts on its gayest attire to enjoy thy fleeting presence. The active husbandman, and the learned sage neglect thee not; they drink from the cup which thou dost offer them; health and strength, repose and contentment; doubly pleased that they enjoy thee undisturbed—uninterrupted by yonder loquacious herd of slumbering fools. And is this no happiness thus inviolate to be enjoyed and loved? It is the highest pleasure of love among gods and men.”

The goddess blushed for her inconsiderate complaint; and may each fair one, who remembers her in purity and innocence, wish for herself the good fortune of Aurora.—From the German of Herder.

### FORKS.

Neither the Greeks nor the Romans have any name for forks, they were not used by the ancients, they used the *ligula*, similar to our spoons. Formerly, persons of rank kept, in their houses a carver. The Chinese use no forks, but have small sticks of ivory of very beautiful workmanship, inlaid with gold and silver. The use of forks was first known in Italy towards the end of the fifteenth century, but at that time they were not very common. In France, at the end of the sixteenth century, even at court, they were entirely new. Croûtes, the traveller, is said to be the first person who used forks in England, on which account, says Beckmann, he was called by way of joke, *Lutifer*. In many parts of Spain, at present, forks are rarities. Among the Scots Highlanders, knives have been introduced at table only since the Revolution; before that period every man had a knife of his own, as a companion to his dirk or dagger. The men cut the meat into small morsels for the women, who then put them into their mouths with their fingers. The use of forks at table, was at first considered a superfluous luxury; and therefore, they were forbidden to convents, as was the case in regard to the congregation of St. Maw.

**INFLUENCE OF TEMPER ON THE VOICE.**—The influence of temper on tone deserves much consideration. Habits of querulousness or ill-nature will infallibly communicate a like quality to the voice. That there really exist amiable tones, is not an unfounded opinion. In the voice there is no deception; it is many the index of the mind denoting moral qualities; and it may be remarked that the low soft tones of gentle amiable beings, seldom fail to please.

Dr. Roger Long, the famous astronomer, walking one dark evening with Mr. Bonfoy, in Cambridge, and the latter coming to a short post fixed in the pavement, which in the earnestness of conversation he took to be a boy standing in his way, said hastily, “Get out of my way boy!” “That boy, sir,” said the doctor very drily, “is a post-boy who never turns out of his way for any body.”

Admiral Duncan's address to the officers who came on board his ship for instructions, previous to the engagement with Admiral de Winter, was both laconic and humorous:—“Gentlemen, you see a severe Winter approaching, I have only to advise you to keep up a good fire.”

Two gentlemen who visited the great itinerant Tea-kettle (which contained a Camera Obscura.) demanded of the old woman, what they had to pay? “Why Sir,” said she “gentlemen and ladies pay a shilling; but common folks, servants, and children, pay sixpence.” “Here then,” said one of the gentlemen, “take my admittance money;” so saying, he gave her sixpence only.—“I suppose this,” said he, “will do.” “Oh, certainly, sir,” said the old Scotch woman; “everybody has a right to appreciate themselves as they *leek*.”

**Handwritings of Eminent Men.**—It is generally believed, that men of genius write in a very obscure, in firm, and eccentric character, such as Byron, Chalmers, Jeffery, and Bonaparte. Washington wrote a fair, even, manly, straightforward line, every letter legible and distinct; Jeff. son's handwriting was bold and masculine; Bonaparte wrote a most unreasonable scrawl; Burke's was uneven and hurried; Hamilton wrote a light running-hand, sparing of ink; Canning's penmanship has a chaste and classical appearance; Brougham writes a hasty hand, but with a good pen, and full of ink; Peel writes with a stiff pen, but with considerable taste and firmness; Dr. Chalmers writes as if he used the feather and dipped in ink—a real scrawl; W. Irving writes a perfect lawyer's hand, as though he wished no one to read it but himself; Jeffery wrote as if he wrote against time, with a stick dipped in ink, nothing so unintelligible; Crabbe's handwriting is neat and elegant; Jeremy Bentham's handwriting was described as very bad also; and Sir Harcourt Lee's so much so that it has been compared to the legs of a spider, dipped in ink, dancing on a wall.

**Preservation of Flour.**—A very strong compression of flour, in rectangular moulds, is said, by M. Robineau, to preserve it both from damp and from insects. The bran must not be separated before it is pressed. A cake of flour, thus prepared, was placed by him in a very damp cellar, from which it was taken at the end of six weeks, without any alteration.

## EXTRACTS FROM ENGLISH PAPERS.

**Wesleyan Methodists.**—The Centenary Subscription now exceeds £135,000; and it is right to state, that of this amount those Wesleyan ministers whose donations have already been announced have contributed near £12,000.

**Hopeless Attempt at Conversion.**—The Jesuits of Batavia, under the auspices of the Archbishop, have organized a society for the conversion of the North Americans to the Catholic faith. Brother Jonathan, we hope, will not be unthankful for the interest which the good fathers take in his spiritual welfare.

Mr. D. W. Harvey has resigned his office of registrar of hackney coaches, the holding of which, it now appears, was incompatible with the retention of his seat as the member for Southwark.

We perceive by the *Gazette de France*, of the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo, that Captain Harvey, of H. M. S. *Malabar*, on the voyage home, had fallen in with a French ship, *L'Anglaise*, bound for Dunkirk, from Martinique in distress; and that Captain Harvey had rendered them every assistance in his power, having staid by the vessel for six hours, and sent on board two Surgeons to dress the wounds of those who had

been injured during a storm which had overtaken them on the night of the 22d December. The generous conduct of Captain Harvey is highly spoken of, especially as he was from a port where the yellow fever is raging.

**Theatricals.**—Macready and Vandenhoff are playing at Covent Garden; Braham, Van Ambourgh, and the lions are at Drury Lane; William Faren, Keely, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, are at the Olympic; Power, Dewton and Mrs. Nisbett are at the Haymarket.

**Felony by a Lady.**—A lady, named Hewson, possessing an independent fortune, has been convicted at the Hull Sessions, of having stolen five yards of satin turke and five yards of mohair, from a person with whom she had lodged, at Hull, and whose husband it had been presented by the Sultan of Turkey. The prisoner was sentenced to three months' imprisonment without hard labour.

We regret to hear Mr. Ralph Lambton, uncle of the Earl of Durham and Mr. Hedworth Lambton, M. P., is dangerously ill at Moron House, near Durham. Mr. and Mrs. Lambton are staying at the above mansion.

Sir Edward Bulwer's new play of *Richelieu*, or the *Proud Brother*, has been read at the Covent Garden green room. Macready will personate *Richelieu*, and Miss H. Faucit the *Proud Brother*.

Macready relinquishes the lease of Covent Garden in May next.

Mr. Rodwell proposes to lease Covent Garden, and conduct it upon the same magnificent scale as the Royal Academy of Music, at Paris.

Liston, the comedian, has purchased a splendid mansion in St. George's Place, Hyde Park Corner, for his future residence. He has taken his farewell to the stage.

The Queen paid a strictly private visit to Drury Lane, on the 17th of January, to see Van Amburgh and his lions. She was quietly encoined in a modest private box, enjoying, without fatigue and ostentation, the entertainments of the evening. She laughed heartily at the tricks of the performers in the animated pantomime; and the feats of Van Amburgh, the veritable *dominator belluarum*, appeared to excite her surprise, and greatly to gratify her curiosity.

Southey, the poet, is to marry Caroline Bowles, the poetess. She is twenty years younger than him.

Typhus fever is very prevalent in London, and has proved fatal.

**Steam vs. Sailing.**—The Shearwater, post-office steamer, left Liverpool for Dublin, Sunday, January 6, at four o'clock, P. M., the day the hurricane commenced, encountered the whole fury of the tempest that night and day, and made her passage in safety, without being obliged to put into any port for shelter. She met the St. Andrew and Pennsylvania after they turned back for Liverpool.

Queen Victoria, on the evening of February 1st, visited the Covent Garden, and was much delighted with the lions of Van Amburgh at Drury Lane. She looked extremely well and very cheerful, notwithstanding her mourning. On her head, says the *Morning Chronicle*, she wore a wreath of white roses, and diamonds were so tastefully disposed among them that they looked like dew upon the flowers. She bowed and curtsied to the repeated and cordial acclamations with which she was greeted, and really seemed to enjoy the sports of royal interview with her subjects. Macready was called out, and the Queen sent Sir Lytton Bulwer, but he was out of the house.

Prince George of Cambridge landed at Cadiz on the 17th, intending to remain there for about eight days. He would then proceed to Seville, thence to Gibraltar, where he was to embark on board the *Blazer*, for Malta.

**Viable Cargo.**—The new ship Thomas Fielden, Captain Smith, now waiting a wind for Valparaiso, has on board the largest cargo of manufactured goods (cottons, linens, and woollens) ever shipped in any vessel from this port, round Cape Horn, it being upwards of £100,000 in value.

A tragical event occurred at Bath on 25th of January. Mrs. Tagwell, wife of the senior partner of the Bath Bank, killed two of her children in a paroxysm of insanity, and then committed suicide.

The name of the Dutchess of Kent occurs but once in the courtly record of the week; she walked yesterday in the Palace gardens. Her Royal Highness, it would seem, is rarely in her daughter's company.

Mr. O'Connell informed his constituents, before he left Dublin for London, that he should vote for the total repeal of the Corn-laws.

## UNITED STATES.

**AMERICO-AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE.**—Out of 177 slave ships which arrive at Cuba every year five-sixths are owned and fitted out from parts in the United States, and the enormous profits accruing from their voyages remitted to that country. One house in New-York received lately, for its share alone, the sum of \$250,000. Baltimore is largely interested in this accursed traffic, as well as New-York, and even Boston, with all her religious and morality, does not disdain to increase her wealth by a participation in so damnable a business.

Bishop Smith says it has been ascertained that there have been from thirty to forty homicides in Kentucky annually for three years past, and not a single execution.

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QUEBEC, SATURDAY, 9th MARCH, 1833.

The steam-ship *Liverpool* leaves New-York, on her return to Liverpool, to-day, at two o'clock, P. M.

The steam-ship *Royal William* was advertised to leave for New-York on the 15th February; and the advices by her, which may now be considered due, will doubtless furnish some interesting parliamentary intelligence regarding the affairs of Canada.

On the 26th ult. the President of the United States transmitted to Congress a Special Message, accompanied with the correspondence between the Governor of Maine and the Governor of New-Brunswick, and between the General Government and Mr. Fox, the British Minister at Washington, on the subject of the recent occurrences on the disputed territory. The Message is calm and dispassionate, and though the President is by no means disposed to acquiesce in the claim of exclusive jurisdiction set up by the British authorities, yet he censures the Governor of Maine for the course he has pursued, and seems sincerely to desire an adjustment of differences. A memorandum has also been drawn up, and signed by Mr. Fox, on behalf of Great Britain, and by Mr. Forsyth, on behalf of the United States, which appears to preclude any immediate prospect of war, it being mutually agreed that “the British officers will not seek to expel by military force the armed party which has been sent by Maine into the district bordering on the Aroostook river; but the Government of Maine will voluntarily, and without needless delay, withdraw beyond the bound of the disputed territory any armed force now within them.”

The St. Johns (N. B.) City Gazette of the 28th Feb. says:—“There is no truth in the statement that the Militia had been ordered from Fredericton, to the disputed territory. They were on Tuesday last performing Garrison duty at head quarters.”

Capt. McLaughlin reports that on his way from Bangor to Bolton he passed about three thousand troops marching toward the disputed territory. The above account is from a gentleman who left Fredericton yesterday.”

It is stated in the Albany papers, that the Hudson river is open and free of ice, as far up as Poughkeepsie.

We are happy to find, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, has been pleased to appoint Shepard McCormick, Esqr., to be Collector of the Customs at Coloung, in the Newcastle District. It will be remembered, that Mr. McCormick was among the first who boarded the piratical steambot *Caroline*, at Schloer, and was severely wounded, in single combat with the pirates on board.

The brig *Shepherdess* arrived a few days since at New-York, from Hamburg, having on board the mutineers of the late brig *Braganza*.

In the Upper Canada House of Assembly, on first day of the session, Mr. Burrill and Mr. Hunter took their seats as Members for Greenville and Oxford, in place of Messrs. W. B. Wells and Charles Dunsmuir, expelled.

The Court Martial at Montreal adjourned on Wednesday till the following day, to allow the Terrebonne prisoners time to prepare their defence.

The following are the names of the prisoners who are next to undergo their trial before the Court Martial, for being concerned in the late

rebellion; they are from saire, and the neighbourly Lette, Jacques-David dit Thomas Surprenant dit Surprenant, Louis Beye Louis Pinsonnault, René Dupuis, Joseph Raymond, Bénoni Nerdon, Al. Doue, and Etienne L'A.

The Montreal Herald “We are sorry to learn that a *Patriot* has sunk at near Sorel, although he knew, that the name of steamer less than the “is supposed that some skuttled her, by boring

### DEATH OF THE CHIEF J.

It is with sincere regret the death of Honorable Chief Justice of the Cot Montreal, which lamen on Thursday morning, at O'Sullivan was only ap Chief Justice, in Novem the presiding seat on d term—that for Febru short period, his dem have excited the unani approbation of the Bar—team—and to render his very and general regret.

The Special Council Ordinances:—The first of Flow, and Indian third, to confer upon Ali Falote the rights of nat yects; and the fourth, for men and others on th this Province.

I. R. Amiot, Clerk of tl arrived at London on th patch 3 from Sir John distal; had an interview eryday.

Private letters, received known to be well in state that the Earl of Du modified his views in re aive measure for these I ship, without abstaini Confederation of all the vices; a now prepared diste Union of Upper an the expectation of being his favorite scheme of Montreal Gazette.

The London Shipping account of the loss of 7 lions, master, which sa the 7th November for P severe hurricanes expe the Gulf. The mate crew were washed over ings of the rest of the being seven, 7 days in quence of the want of They were fortunately on the 1st Dec. in lat. 4 Republic, bound for Ne which they received e their miserable situation

The French steam fr Béchamal, arrived a few York from Baltimore. I steam vessel seen in the she attracted great atten ed by a great concourse

On Tuesday afternoon of one hundred lots of 1 Springs, was drawn at l superintendance of a Cor bers chosen previous to was a full attendance of t city who had purchased t man of the Committee, M Hudson Bay Company, subscribers out of the c certainly remarkable, th ed satisfied with his lot, ney thus acquired by M to nearly \$2,500, will b proving the Spirit of a p nable resort both for parties in the summer s subscribers to the latter their lots, so that their fi the Springs, without m during the summer.—M