

ties will take place in the metropolis every hour, and that additional sorting offices on the "central" principle will be arranged in various parts of the metropolis.

DESTITUTION IN THE WESTERN ISLANDS.—Our islanders are not quite so noisy as their destitute brethren across the channel; but from the accounts which have found their way into the newspapers, they do not seem to stand in less need of eleemosynary aid.

NUTRIMENT IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF FARINACEOUS FOOD.—Mr Joseph Martin, writing from Liverpool, gives the following statement. The table exhibits the present medium wholesale prices in Liverpool of the articles mentioned, the yield or increase by cooking, and the cost per pound of each kind in the cooked state—

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes 240 pounds of wheat flour, 240 pounds of potatoes, 240 pounds of oatmeal, 240 pounds of rice, 240 pounds of hominy, 240 pounds of maize powder, 240 pounds of Indian meal.

CONSTITUTION FOR DEIGNATING GUN CARTRIDGES.—The manufacture of the fulminate preparations is one of the most dangerous for the health of the maker. M. Pelouze, of Paris, has solved, it seems, this great desideratum.

TUNNELING THE ALPS.—The Moniteur Belge announces that experiments have been made within the last few days, in order to test the efficacy of a machine just invented for the purpose of effecting a new and speedy method of boring tunnels.

WE are indebted to the kindness of a friend in New York for the TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT of the MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION of that city.

MONTREAL.—The first levee of the Earl of Elgin was held at the Government House on Wednesday the 10th inst., and was attended by the Mayor; the heads of departments, civil and military; the judges, the Protestant clergy, and a great number of the citizens.

Books added to the library, by donation \$31, by purchase \$144, in all 1883: of which number 253 were works of science and art, 1,155 of general literature and 475 of fiction; at an expense of \$1,832.27.

UNITED STATES.—In Congress on the 6th inst., Mr. Dix presented to the Senate a resolution of the New York Legislature protesting against the extension of slavery in any newly acquired territory.

Similar resolutions have been received from the Legislature of Pennsylvania; and both have been referred to the committee of the whole. The debate on the vote for \$3,000,000 for secret service continued, and it was warmly opposed by many who at the same time advocated the vigorous prosecution of hostilities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3rd.—IMMIGRANTS.—The number of immigrants landed in this city during the month of January, just past, was 3663.—From Great Britain, 2251; from Sweden, 100; Germany, 708; Holland, 283; Belgium, 581; France, 614; miscellaneous, 110.

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FRIGATE BUSINESS.—The packet ship Oxford, which sailed hence for Liverpool, yesterday, does not take a single passenger, but in their stead the cabins are filled with wooden clocks, of Yankee manufacture.

THE SHIP FEVER.—The character of this disease is proving itself to be much more fatal than it has heretofore been considered. One of the visitors of the Alms House, Mr. Thomas Middleton, who had been among some of the recently arrived paupers, caught this fever a few days ago, and died from its effects on Saturday last.

CANADA WEST.—ST. CATHERINES, February 4.—Messrs. Wells and Brough, Civil Engineers, are now on their way to commence the survey of the line for the Toronto and Lake Huron Railway.

Table titled 'TABLES RELATING TO THE TRADE, ETC., OF THE PORT OF MONTREAL, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5th JANUARY.' Lists vessels, steamships, and cargo.

Table titled 'Total value of imports, including other goods paying ad valorem duty.' Lists various goods and their values.

Table titled 'List of Steamers, Propellers, and other Vessels, owned on Lake Ontario, and employed on the inland waters of Canada.' Lists ship names and details.

Table titled 'Total Export of Flour and Wheat, from the Home District, for the year 1846.' Lists flour and wheat exports.

ROME AND CAPE VINCENT RAILWAY.—The stock of this proposed railway has been submitted for subscription in this city, and 170 shares have already been taken.

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A numerous meeting of Scotchmen was held at Daley's Hotel on the 11th inst., to take measures for the relief of the sufferers in the Highlands of Scotland, at which the Hon. W. Morris presided.

A correspondent of the Montreal Gazette states, that the School-house in the Second Range of the Municipality of St. Anicet de Godmanchester, was burned down on Wednesday morning, the 3rd inst., and there is too much reason to believe that the conflagration was the result of incendiary malice.

The Hon. H. H. Killaly has consented to accept a requisition to offer himself as a Candidate for the Constituency of London, C. W., at the next election.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE RELIEF OF SUFFERERS IN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.—Agreeably to the notice given by the Mayor, a meeting of the citizens was held, last Friday, in the CITY HALL, and numerous and respectfully attended.

That the inhabitants of Quebec, of all classes, have learned with the deepest sympathy the existence of an appalling distress amongst large classes of the population in Ireland and Scotland, from a prevailing famine with which those countries are now visited by the inscrutable dispensation of Pro-

vidence, and prompted by feelings of a common humanity and by a special and grateful remembrance of the ready and generous succour which they themselves lately received from every part of the United Kingdom when this city was visited by severe calamities, they acknowledge the duty, and seize the opportunity of endeavouring to alleviate, by such contributions as their ability will permit, the existing suffering and want of their fellow subjects.

That it is the opinion of this meeting that a general subscription should be opened throughout the city and vicinity, and collectors appointed to obtain such contributions.

That the amount so subscribed and collected shall be divided between the sufferers in Ireland and those in Scotland, in the proportion of three-fourths to the former and one-fourth to the latter.

That the amount to be apportioned to Ireland be transmitted to Dublin, to the Archbishop of the Established Church, and the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church residing in that city, and that the amount to be apportioned to Scotland be transmitted to Edinburgh to the Lord Provost of that city.

That a Committee of seven persons be appointed to name Collectors for the respective Wards of the City and neighbourhood, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions and contributions, and that the said Committee be empowered to forward the monies so collected in accordance with the foregoing resolutions, and otherwise to carry out the object of this meeting.

That the Inhabitants of Quebec, considering that an increased Emigration of the poorer classes from Ireland, encouraged and supported from the resources of the Empire, will be one of the measures of relief under the existing calamity to which the attention of the Ministers of the Crown will be turned, are persuaded that such Emigration could not be directed to any quarter, with greater and more lasting advantage to the emigrating population and to the country at large, than to the Territory through which the proposed railway from Quebec to Halifax must pass—where the Emigrant will find, at once, profitable employment and a place of permanent settlement.

That a Committee of five persons be appointed to prepare such a Memorial, to obtain Signatures thereto, and cause the same to be forwarded through the proper official channel; and that the following Gentlemen be requested to constitute the said Committee:—

His Honor the Mayor, Hon. A. W. Cochran, Hon. William Walker, Hon. R. E. Caton, H. LeMesurier, Esquire.

The New Brunswick House of Assembly has unanimously voted £1500 towards relieving the suffering population in Ireland and Scotland.

QUEBEC MERCHANTS' INSTITUTE.—The annual meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the rooms of the association; the Hon. J. Neilson, President, in the chair, when the 16th annual report was read.

The following gentlemen were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year, viz:— Honble JOHN NEILSON, President. Revd. J. COOK, D. D. Revd. D. MARSH, Mr. W. PATTERSON, Mr. R. C. GREGG, Mr. THOS. GLOVER, Mr. C. R. O'CONNOR, Recording Secretary. Mr. JAMES MACKEY, Corresponding do. Mr. JOHN BAYLEY, Librarians. Mr. D. BEWS.

WE are glad to learn that the requisite number of shares in the QUEBEC GAS COMPANY has been taken up, and that a meeting of the stock-holders is to be held this afternoon for the purpose of organizing the Company.

Table titled 'QUEBEC MARKETS.' Lists prices for various goods like Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Potatoes, Maple Sugar, Oats, Hay, Straw, Fire-wood, Cheese, Butter, Dried, fresh, salt, in tins, Venal, Pork, Eggs.

LETTERS for the above Mail will be received at the Quebec Post Office till TUESDAY, the 23rd of this month.—PAID Letters till THREE o'clock and UN-PAID till FOUR P. M.

FAMINE IN IRELAND.

Office, 16, Upper Sackville-street, Dublin. DECEMBER 17, 1846.

Irish Relief Association FOR THE DESTITUTE PEASANTRY,

Being a re-organization of the Association formed during the period of famine in the West of Ireland, in 1831.

PATRONS:

- The Duke of Manchester, Lord George Hill, Marquis of Downshire, The Hon. Somerset Maxwell, The Earl of Devon, The Hon. Charles Gore, The Earl of Roden, The Hon. Thos. Vesey, M. P., The Viscount Lorton, G. A. Hamilton, Esq. M. P., Lord Farnham, Edward Grogan, Esq. M. P.

TRUSTEES (five of the above, together with W. D. Latouche, Esq.)

COMMITTEE.

- Major Adams, Henry C. Hoare, Esq., Richard Armit, Esq., W. D. Hull, Esq., Alexander Boyle, Esq., Sir John K. James, Bart., Henry Bewley, Esq., William D. Latouche, Esq., Richard Cane, Esq., Philip J. Marjoribanks, Esq., W. H. Carroll, Esq., Thomas Parnell, Esq., William Edington, Esq., William Trail, Esq., Robt. H. Guinness, Esq., Robert Wilson, Esq., R. S. Guinness, Esq.

HONORARY SECRETARIES.

- Lord George Hill, Rev. C. H. Minchin, Sir Edmund Walker, Bart. Henry John Porter, Esq.

TREASURERS.

Messrs. Latouche & Co., Dublin.

THE Committee, feeling deeply the increasing amount of destitution which each post announces, would again appeal to public benevolence, and submit a brief statement of their proceedings up to the present date.

A schooner laden with meal, for the supply of Westport and that extensive district, has reached its destination. The expense of this cargo, exclusive of freight, amounts to £512 10s. 6d.

A second schooner was despatched last week to Killbegg, with a cargo of meal, whence portions of it will be conveyed by revenue cruisers to the most destitute districts of the Counties of Donegal and Mayo, with the valuable aid and co-operation of the Coast Guard, whose services at the present moment cannot be too highly appreciated.

Several grants for the purchase of provisions amounting to £1,567 5s. 6d. have been made, chiefly to relief committees in inland districts, where the local resources cannot meet the destitution.

Upwards of £200 has been expended in boilers of a large description, with a view of promoting the establishment of Soup Kitchens, and the Committee have received many gratifying communications from various quarters which encourage them to proceed with increased energy in this department of their labours, more especially as they are convinced that under existing difficulties, soup must necessarily constitute a material part of the relief to be afforded.

The amount of funds which have as yet been placed at their disposal is £5,375 15s. When, however, they compare this sum with the numerous and increasing claims for relief which daily come under their notice, they are tempted to exclaim, "What are these among so many?" but they entertain a hope that the words of Him who once said, in reference to the famishing multitude, "Give ye them to eat," will find a ready response, and that the Lord will open the hearts of many, and constrain them to minister to the necessities of their destitute and famishing fellow creatures.

A few extracts from the hundreds of letters received by the Committee from persons of known respectability, will suffice to prove that a painful necessity exists for making this public appeal:—"I see from day to day, men, women and children, who two months ago were in health and spirits, now reduced to living skeletons, pining to death."

"On behalf of the starving hundreds around me, I plead not want; no, gentlemen, I plead starvation—a plea that involves life or death. Many have died, many more are dying, and unless immediate relief be procured, what must inevitably be the result? Dysentery has for some time prevailed, and I regret to say that typhus fever is making rapid strides among those suffering creatures."

"There is uniformity of wretchedness in the parishes along the sea coast. On the list of absolutely destitute persons I have at this moment 1,320, and to meet this mass of want, there is only employment given to seventy-five men upon the public works."

"Thirty deaths in this week!!—Fever Hospital overflowing—many of these died on coming into hospital after getting food—one poor fellow dropped in the hall."

The committee entered upon the arduous work in which they are now engaged from an earnest desire to do what they could, with the Divine blessing, to alleviate and check, if possible, the progress of a calamity which baffles all description. Their object is simply, to be instrumental in carrying out at this trying moment, an extensive and impartial plan of benevolence throughout Ireland, and they humbly trust that funds adequate to the occasion will not be wanting, to enable them to fulfil the trust they have undertaken.

It is the intention of the Committee to charter a steamer with the provisions as soon as practicable, and arrangements are at present in progress having that object in view.

- George A. Hill, Hon. Secs. Edmund Walker, C. H. Minchin, Henry J. Porter.

December 17th, 1846.

Contributions will be received by the Trustees, the Committee, and the Honorary Secretaries, at the Office of the Association; by Sir Edward Brough, Armit & Co; Messrs. Cane & Co., Dublin; and by the following Bankers:—The Bank of Ireland and its branches; Latouche & Co., Ball, Doyno and Co; Messrs. Boyle, Low, Pim and Co., Dublin. Sir R. C. Glyn, Bart., Halifax, Mills and Co.; Messrs. Coutts and Co.; Messrs. Drummond and Co.; Messrs. Herries, Farquhar and Co.; Messrs. Puget, Bainbridge and Co.; Messrs. Hoare and Co.; Messrs. Cox and Co.; Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, Tritton and Co., London. The Commercial Bank of Scotland and its branches; Messrs. Hall, West and Co., Brighton, Messrs. Vivian and Kitson, Torquay.

PUBLIC DEBENTURES FOR SALE.

PERSONS desirous of investing Money at the Legal Interest of the Province, have the opportunity of doing so, at present, in convenient sums, upon application at this Bank. NOAH FREER, Cashier. Quebec Bank, 4th Feby, 1847.

FOR SALE, COAL TAR, Pitch, Rosin, 50 bbls of each,

ALSO, Composition deck spikes, 5 1/2 a 7 inches, Sheathing Copper and Nails, ATKINSON, USBORNE & CO. Quebec, 11th Feb. 1847. 6w

FOR SALE

THAT pleasantly situated House in St. Anne Street, at present occupied by Mr. Bruner—with a spacious Yard, Stabling and Out-houses. Apply to ARCHD. CAMPBELL, N. P., St. Peter Street. Quebec, 27th January, 1847.

TO LET,

THE House No. — Buede Street, Uepp Town Market Place, at present occupied by Mr. Wadman. Possession will be given on the first of May.

—ALSO—The following apartments in FREEMASONS' HALL, comprising the first and second flats, with the vaults underneath, and part of the yard and premises in the rear, lately occupied by Mr. Futvoye. Possession given on the first of May, or immediately, if required. Apply to GEORGE ALFORD, or the proprietor, GEORGE POZER. Quebec, 7th January, 1847.

PIANOS.

IN addition to their Stock of PIANOS on hand, the undersigned has just received a new assortment, which they will sell at low prices. J. H. WYSE & Co. No. 26, Mountain Street, 11, Palace Street. N. B. PIANOS to let. Quebec, 29th November, 1846.

FOR SALE,

- 150 QUANTALS Merchantable large Table Cod-fish, 127 Barrels Green do, 35 do. Salmon, 33 do. Mackerel, 39 do. Herrings, 6 Kegs Cod Souds and Tongues, 23 Barrels Cod Oil. —ALSO— 65 Hogheads Bright Muscovado Sugar, do. do. Bastard do, 20 Boxes Twankay Tea, 15 do. Superior Macaroni and Vermicelli, 70 Boxes, half do. and quarters Bunch Muscatel Raisins, 50 Tinsnet River Onelle Butter, 30 Boxes Scheidam Gin, 45 do. English Starch, 10 do. Fig Blue, 12 do. Composite Candles, 15 do. English Wax Wick do, 65 Dozens Corn Brooms.

His usual assortment of Liquors and Groceries consisting of— Champagne, Sherry, Madeira, and Port Wines, Martel's Pale and Cognac Brandy, Spanish White do, Hollands and English Gin, Scotch Whiskey, Jamaica, Demerara, and St. Croix Rum, French Liqueurs, Teas, Coffee, English and American Cheese, Pickles and Sauces, Spanish Nuts, Walnuts, Almonds, Sperm, Olive and Seal Oils, &c. &c. By A. LENFESTEY, 17 St. Peter St. Quebec 24 Decr. 1846.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made by the undersigned on behalf of themselves and their associates, at the next session of the Legislature, for an Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company, to work mines of Copper and other minerals on the Lands and Islands bordering on Lakes Superior and Huron, in Upper Canada, under the name of the Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Association. PETER PATTERSON, HENRY LEMESURIER, JOHN BONNER, WILLIAM PETRY, THOMAS WILLIAM LLOYD. Quebec, 29th October, 1846.

HARDWARE! No. 20, HARDWARE!! FABRIQUE STREET.

MORRILL & BLIGHT, BEG respectfully to inform their friends and the public, that they have now received their Fall supplies, comprising a very general and well selected assortment, which they will dispose of on the lowest terms for CASH or approved credit. Quebec, 26th November, 1846.

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING.

HENRY KNIGHT begs to thank the Military and Gentry of Quebec, and the public generally, for the very flattering patronage with which he has been favoured since he commenced business, and pledges himself to spare no effort to ensure a continuance of their support. H. K. also invites an inspection of his stock of Cloths, Cassimeres, Tweeds, Vestings, &c. &c. having just received per "Safeguard" and "Pearl" from London, a general assortment of those articles, all of the very best quality and latest fashion, which he will make up in his usual style, at moderate prices. No. 12, Palace Street. Quebec, 10th Nov. 1846.