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half per day; and in a few months called again upon his friend, to inform him he was going out to Harlaam to make his first payment: on a house and lot he had purchased. 'How, said the other—how is this? Did you not tell me you were poor?' 'Yes,' 'And you have saved money, to buy a house on a dollar and a half a day? The other laughed, and, after some hesitation, answered: 'I'll tell you what it is sir, that was a 'darned good berth you gave me—I got a dollar and a half from the city—then the contractor gave me two dollars a day to watch the subcontractors, and they gave me two dollars more not to watch them.'

The public property of New-York city is valued at 15,900,000 dollars, of which about one half is unproductive, consisting of the Park, valued at \$2,850,000; Battery, \$2,550,000, &c. The City Hall cost 500,000. The rental of the city property is \$168,192, of which \$53,600 is derived from the public markets, valued at \$1,167,000. Trinity church is said to own an amount of real estate nearly as large as that belonging to the city.

The pay roll of the U. S. Ship North Carolina, for seven hundred sailors, amounted to \$163,000. Fat pickings for land sharks.



SECOND GRAND CONCERT

Under the Patronage of MRS. COL. SHAW AND MR. COL. SHAW, Of the Coldstream Guards.

BY THE ST. LUKE FAMILY, Consisting of MASTER ST. LUKE, the Youthful Paganini! MISS SUSANNAH ST. LUKE, & MR. ST. LUKE, To-morrow (Tuesday) Evening, Aug. 6, AT THE ALBION HOTEL.

To commence at half past eight, and to terminate at a quarter past Ten.

Tickets ONE DOLLAR, to be had at Messrs. T. Cary & Co.'s Book Store, at W. Cowan & Son's, Transcript Office, at the bar of the Albion Hotel, at Mr. Delcour's, and at Mr. Payne's Hotel.

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QUEBEC, MONDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1839.

New York papers of Wednesday evening last contain nothing new.

MORE SYMPATHY!

The Kingston Chronicle of the 31st July, publishes the following information respecting the capture of seven ruffians, who were well armed, and whose intentions were to rob the Cobourg Bank, and murder certain individuals in that town. The Chronicle states that the information is on the authority of a respectable gentleman at Cobourg, in a letter to a friend in Kingston.

Cobourg, July 30, 1839.—As we have got through with our hunt last night, (of which I intimated to you yesterday,) I must give you a slight description of it. Yesterday morning we received information on oath, that Lett, the murderer of Usher, Samuel Hart, editor of the Lewiston Telegraph, and several others were in our neighbourhood, and were armed to the teeth with pistols and bowie knives, and were to rob the bank office and murder certain individuals in the town, and make the best of their way out of the country. About 40 of us immediately entered into a secret mode of proceeding, and about 11 o'clock last night, surrounded two reformer's houses near this,—both named Ash—father and son, and secured Hart and three Yankees, besides the two Ash's, and their son-in-law, named Miles Luke, but to our great mortification lost Lett, having, as is supposed, made his escape through the darkness of the night. The number of pistols and bowie knives found for so few persons to make use of, is almost incredible. We are to have more work to-night. We must have walked eight or ten miles last night, before finishing our labour of imprisoning the scamps, the jail being far away, and where they were taken being in an opposite direction.

We have sent expresses to the Trent, with descriptions of two of the gang, to be left along

the road from this, but I doubt if we get them. One belt that we got had four pistols, two bowie knives, &c., which we imagine must have been Lett's. This is a description of him.—He is about twenty-eight years of age, 5'11" built, sandy hair and whiskers, very red face, very large hands, and round white fingers, light blue eyes, remarkably penetrating. Dress:—black fur hat, with broad brim and high crown, blue coat straight body, with velvet collar, a hole in the left lapelle of the coat, which showed the lining, dark mixed pantaloons, lace boots, dark colored vest with light spots, and figured metal buttons, common cotton shirt. Height about five feet eleven inches, and a little freckled.

The following additional particulars are extracted from the Cobourg Star:—

"The gang are understood to have left Oswego on Saturday last in a schooner, in company with another schooner and party under command of one Anderson, who is gone on a similar expedition to the Niagara frontier, and of whom we pray God a like good account may be given. The names of prisoners secured are Samuel P. Hart, Peter Wilkins (a most villainous looking fellow, supposed to have been a Captain in the Prescott gang), Henry Wilson, William Baker (a scoundrel, who, upon his own statement, was concerned in the robbery of Mr. Taylor on the Niagara frontier, and is thought also to have had a share in the murder of poor Captain Usher,) the two Ashes and Luke. As aforesaid, two of the party escaped, and one of these unfortunately is no other than the notorious Lett, the avowed murderer of Mr. Usher, whom the Rochesters papers, lately,—no doubt with the best possible intention,—represented to be on his way to Texas. He boasted of the murder himself to the person who gave the information, adding that one object of his joining the present expedition was in hope of finding here also Mr. McCormack, who has lately resigned the Collectorship of this Port, and who was wounded at the Caroline affair. This gentleman he avowed his determination to shoot, even if he had to do it in the day time! The wretch however is most accurately described, (see below,) and it is hoped he will yet be apprehended. Lett passed in the gang by the name of Walker, but no doubt has again changed it, and in the description given of him below, no particular attention should be paid to the dress or colour of his hair, as he had the means of dying the one, and doubtless would change the other—indeed the coat he wore has since been recognized on the person of one of the other prisoners. Lett this be remembered. The other man who escaped was called Kennedy, and a description of him is also given below. From the evidence on the examination of the prisoners it seems their intention was the first place to rob and murder a wealthy farmer named Maurice Jaynes, who lives on the back road about four miles from Cobourg, and was supposed to have a quantity of specie in his house; then to enter Cobourg, murder the two Messrs. Boulton, R. Henry, Esqr., and other loyal individuals, plunder the Bank, &c., and secure a retreat, (if unsupported, as it cannot be questioned they expected to be, by friends in the town) by seizing a schooner which lay at the wharf. All this was to have been enacted on Sunday night last, but at the instigation of the informant it was put off till Monday, and happily frustrated altogether. To make sure work of it they poisoned the dogs of Messrs. Henry and G. Boulton, one of which is since dead, and the others not expected to recover. The villains have all been fully committed for trial, and it remains to be seen what course the Government will take in their disposition. We trust it will be a firm and prompt one, for any further trifling with the loyalty of the people in this respect, may be dangerous in the extreme.

The Halifax mail, delivered this morning brought papers of the 27th ultimo. They are without any news of interest.

The Conference of Wesleyan Missionaries from Newfoundland, Canada, Nova-Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, commenced at Halifax, on the 12th ult., at which the Reverend Robert Alder presided. Satisfactory statements were made regarding the progress of Methodism, both by educational efforts, and through the instrumentality of missionaries. One feature in these deliberations was the establishment of an academy at Sackville, N. B. through the munificence of C. F. Allison, Esq.—the establishment of a monthly magazine, for the benefit of the Districts, to be published at Halifax, entitled "The British North American Wesleyan Me-

thodist Magazine"; and the making of the necessary arrangements for observing the centenary of Methodism.

"Durham meetings" have been held at Dundas and Hamilton, in Upper Canada, the former of which was presided over by the Sheriff of the District—who professed himself neutral with regard to the meeting—and at the latter the Hon. Jas. Crooks was in the chair. A string of resolutions was passed at each meeting, approving of the leading principles of Lord Durham's Report. On the return of the "Durhamites" through the main street of Hamilton, the wagon which carried their flag was attacked, and the flag torn to pieces. In other respects, the meetings passed over without disturbance.

Eleven of the brigands, confined at Fort Henry, have been pardoned and sent to the United States. One of them, named Delfield, received his pardon, in consequence of his mother having saved the life of a British officer during the last war with the United States.

SUSPECTED BURKING.—The Philadelphia (U. S.) North American says that a child of five years of age was seen to enter a back building of the Bowery Theatre a few days since, at about noon, and that the mother on going to the theatre was told that her child was not there. The police went to the place and found the child dead in a large pine box. The inmates of the house were then conveyed to the station house. It is surmised that the child had been killed for the purpose of being sold to the doctors.

The Ami du Peuple mentions that from Montreal to the County of the Lake of Two Mountains, and above, that all the grain is attacked by the fly, and that it will be necessary to cut it all immediately; the plum trees, in that direction appear to be attacked by the insects similar to those which destroy the orchards in the parish of St. Hilaire de Rouville.

His Excellency Sir John Colborne came in the British America to Sorel, where Lady Colborne and family have been for some time residing.

Captain Clement Brissey, who made himself conspicuous at the commencement of the first rebellion, in resisting the mandates of Papienou and his minions, and had his house attacked in consequence, has been accidentally killed by a fall from a caleche, in the Seigneurie Bleury, Montreal.

A concert of vocal and instrumental music by the St. Luke Family, took place at the Albion Hotel, on Saturday evening. We were not ourselves present, but we have heard from persons well competent to judge, that their performances were of the highest order, and excited the astonishment and delight of a numerous and fashionable assemblage; and we are glad to learn that another performance is announced to take place to-morrow evening, under the patronage of Colonel and Mrs. Shawe.

THE LITERARY GARLAND.—The August number, being number nine, of this periodical, came to hand, with commendable punctuality, on Saturday. We have not had time to bestow an attentive perusal on its varieties, but the table of contents warrants us in saying that, both in quantity and quality, this number of the Garland is fully as rich in original matter as any of its predecessors. Mrs. Moodie's, whose literary acquirements are very favourably known in this Province, and in Upper Canada, has contributed a tale entitled "The Gold Medal," and the talented authoress of "Aunt Mary's Note Book" continues (the sentence "to be continued" comes before us very unpleasantly, sometimes, in the Garland) the charming tale which was commenced in the July number. Among the other original articles are "Grace Morley, a sketch from life," and a laughter-moving trifling entitled "Octavius Skeggs, the nice young man." The musical department of this number consists of a Rondo by A. A. Klengel, as performed by Mr. W. H. Warren at Mrs. Bailey's second concert, in Montreal.

The Literary Garland may now be considered as firmly established, for which the reading public owe a debt of gratitude to the enterprising proprietor, whose exertions and outlay will, we trust, meet with the ample remuneration that they merit.

FIRE.—On Friday night, at about 10 o'clock, a fire broke out in Craig street, St. Roc's suburbs, and speedily raged two wooden houses, the property of Mrs. Widow Drolot, to ashes. These houses formed the corner of Craig and St. Francois streets, and the surrounding houses, all of which are of wood, were placed in great peril at one time, no less than five houses, in quite different directions, required plentiful affluents of water to prevent them being enveloped in flames from the foundations to the roofs, and it was only by the greatest possible exertions that the neighbours succeeded in saving a large portion of St. Roc's Suburbs. Sir James McDonnell was present and very active and parties of the Coldstream Guards, and 11th Regiment, were in attendance to guard property. The Royal Artillery engine manned by men of that corps and engines Nos. 2 and 8, and Mr. Munn's rendered great assistance in quenching the fire. The two houses consumed were uninsured.

The policy having expired about a fortnight since. They were occupied by Mr. Forbes, grocer, and the Misses Tongue, sempstresses. Considerable damage was done to movable property, as usual in such cases, in the course of transportation to places of safety.

The value of the fisheries on the Penobscot river is estimated at about one hundred thousand dollars per annum.

The British Queen had 122 passengers.

The Army.—Captain Baddeley, Royal Engineers, has arrived in town from Upper Canada; this officer who has been long employed in these provinces, and has rendered essential service in the scientific direction of several exploring parties, we learn about to return to England.—Mr. In the Gazette received by the British Agent, the promotion of S. D. Brown, Ion, R. J. by Lieutenantancy in that corps, has appeared. Lt. Broughton has been for some time in this garrison.—Lt. Lieut. Col. Wingfield, arrived in the Grand Western.

Lieut. and Capt. Dent, Coldstream Guards has retired from the service.

1st.—A General Court Martial assembled at Chatham last week; for the trial of Paymaster Sharpe, of the 2d battalion, on charges preferred by the Commander-in-Chief and Secretary-at-War, for entering into bill speculations with a person of the name of Hoares, unconnected with his regimental duties.—Colonel Freemantle, Coldstream Guards, President. Mr. Anderson appeared from the House of Commons, as prosecutor. The result cannot be known till approved by Her Majesty.

32d.—Lieut. Case has joined the depot at Fermoyn, on his return from the service companies in Canada.

34th.—The depot, under the command of Major George Rutan, is ordered to embark at Cove, in Her Majesty's steamer Aron, for Sherbrooke on the arrival of that vessel with the 2d division and head quarters of 2d batt. of the 60th, under the command of Major S. Slynfield.

43d.—Lieut.-Col. Booth and Lieut. Col. arrived in the Great Western steam vessel from America.

73d.—Major Lloyd and Captain Bamford on their return from Upper Canada, with the intention of retiring from the service, which will give promotion to Captain Fry, assistant quartermaster Combe and Sandeman. The latter officer has come home on leave. All the troops in Upper Canada, complain sadly of the Secretary-at-War, who has refused them the usual field-allowance, though the troops have been harassed and knocked about more than in an actual state of warfare. When the last-mentioned were left, on the 1st June, the 73d were in daily expectation of a route for either Toronto or Niagara. Captain Dawson and his party were at Montreal on the 30th May. He was returning to England on sick leave.

An inquest was held at the Great Falls, County of Carleton, N. B., on the 9th July, on the bodies of John Robinson and Thomas Sheridan, private soldiers of the 69th Regt.—The jury returned a verdict, that the deceased came to their deaths by drowning, in consequence of the accidental upsetting of a canoe while crossing the St. John River.

On Monday morning last, Edward Collingburn, a private in the 36th regiment, put a period to his existence by discharging his firelock into his head. The unfortunate man was subject to occasional aberrations of mind from the effects, it is supposed, of a fall into the hold of the vessel in which he embarked at Plymouth for this country. Verdict.—Temporary Insanity.—Woodstock (N. B.) Times of 27th July.

His Excellency informed us on his tour of inspection that His Excellency was where he would reside during his stay, addressed to the Sheriffs, be happy to receive or other gentlemen wish to see to His Excellency is to consult Montreal Gazette.

Montreal, August 5th.—Continuation of the A whirlwind passed the Bishop's Church jecting caves of the Mr. Appleton, strictly scattered in a timbers of the roof We saw a piece, six by three inches full 50 yards from t road, the wind struck Mr. Viger's orchard roots—another it sh as thick as a man's t

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Montreal, August 5th.—The Review, little if the few coming forth in small parcels, at Pote, and 30s. 6d. have not heard of as understand that 200 have been refused.

FLUEN remains with some 300 to 400 lbs small quantities distributed; say \$7 for 1

PROVISIONS.—Printed, but Prime and same. The following knowledge—100 lbs \$15; and 250 lbs, supposed to be \$15; ter, there is no change

EXCHANGE.—The for the Great Western extent. Government American Bank is at 104 per cent. 30 rate at 60 days. D advanced, and may cent.—Courier

OFFICE OF THE SECRET

His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to make the following appointments:—Henry Cartier, Esquire, Surgeon and Midwife Lower Canada.

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Brig Heber, Storm, 10th & Co. ballast. Schrs. Martha, Blangier fish.

Brig Harmony, Foody, 1 & Co. coals. Brig Lydia Jane, Richard, Levey & Co. Schrs. Josephine, Gautier 10 passengers from Grande Isle.

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Bark Industry, 17th Jun 3 cabin and 224 stn. Brig Naparima, 26th Ma general cargo, 3 can Schrs. Providence, 22nd Balazetti, fish.

Schr. Albion, 16th July, CLEA

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Brig Ophelia & Mary, 1 tons.

Brig Solon, Graves, Stern Brig Traveller, Shearer, Brig Exile, Worth, Sand Brig Wellington, Foster, Brig Victory, Froste, Sto

in the Harmony, from Douglas.