

THE TORONTO MARKETS.

Very slight changes have taken place in the markets of this city since our last issue—wheat of the very best sample commands only 3s. 10d. per bushel, and the average may be rated at 3s. 8d. Flour in bags brings pretty readily 20s. per barrel, and those who hold large lots of the best brands, for exportation, ask from 21s. 3d. to 22s. per barrel, and at that price are not anxious to make sales. A few large English agricultural produce dealers, have recently sent their agents to this country, with a view of purchasing for early spring exportation, but owing to the unsettled state of the trade between this colony and the United States, and the anticipated changes in our navigation laws, buyers for exportation are not disposed to buy freely, and it is probable this state of things will exist until the opening of the St. Lawrence.

Oats are becoming very scarce, and the prevailing opinion is, that the markets will be poorly supplied with that article for some time to come, and therefore much higher prices will be paid than quoted in this day's impression. Timothy and Clover Seeds are much enquired after, but the highest price yet paid is 5s. 7½d. for the former, and 25s. per bushel for the latter. Cheese of good quality brings readily from £2 3s. to £2 10s. per 100 lbs, and but very little is brought to market by our farmers.

Provincial Parliament.

Feb. 25.—ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—The House met at half-past three o'clock, P. M., for choice of a Speaker.

Sir Allan McNab was proposed by Hon. W. Caley, and seconded by Colonel Prince.

House divided.—Yeas 19, Nays 54.

DIVISION.—YEAS, Badgley, Boulton (W. H.), Carrol, Cameron (J. H.), Cayley, Chrysler, Daly, McDonald (J. A.), Malloch, Meyers, McLean, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood (G.), Sherwood (H.), Smith (H.), Stevenson, Webster.—19.

NAVS.—Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Baubien, Bell, Boulton (H. J.), Boutillier, Brookes, Burritt, Cauchon, Chabet, Chauveau, Christie, Davignon, Duchesnay, Dumas, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Gagy, Guillet, Hail, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, Lafontaine, Laterriere, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Lyon, McDonald (J. S.), Marquis, McConnell, Macfarland, Merritt, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott, (J.), Scott, (W. H.), Smith, (Jas.), Smith, (Dr.), Tache, Thompson, Watts, Wettenhall.—54.

Hon. A. N. Morin was proposed by Hon. R. Baldwin, seconded by Hon. L. H. Lafontaine, and unanimously elected.

The House subsequently adjourned till 2 o'clock on Monday next.—*Globe*.

DEATH OF J. QUINCY ADAMS.—We deeply regret to announce the death of this most excellent man—the greatest Statesman of the neighboring Republic. His loss will be severely felt, and his death very deeply lamented.

EARTHQUAKE.—A considerable shock of an earthquake was felt in different parts of Nova Scotia, on Tuesday morning the 1st inst., a little before 8 o'clock. In some places the ice on the lakes was shivered into fragments, and many people were startled by a sudden roaring and disturbance of the earth.

DISSOLUTION OF A DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The District Council of the Dalhousie District has been dissolved by its own act—or rather a majority of the Council have resolved to petition the Governor General for a dissolution. "in order that the sentiments of their constituents may be considered on the Common School Act."

A General Manufacturing Law has been passed by the State of New York without the personal liability clause.

Buffalo, it appears by a census, contains 40,520 inhabitants—having gained nearly 10,000 during the last year.

A Canadian Society has been formed in Kingston.

PORT HOPE, Feb. 19.—Our farmers are taking advantage of the excellent state of the roads in bringing in their wheat. We understand that such is the quantity supplied to the buyers within the last few days, that nearly all the storage is fast becoming blocked up.—price is 3s. 9d. to 4s. 1d. per bushel.—*Com. Advertiser*.

PORT HOPE HARBOUR.—The committee appointed at a public meeting to memorialise the Provincial Government respecting the Port Hope Harbour, have performed their duty; already 1400 names are attached to it, and we understand it is being numerously signed in Hamilton, Toronto, Peterborough, and the intermediate country. The province requires a harbor of refuge, and all hands acknowledge that no spot can be found so suitable as Port Hope.—*ib*.

The Hamilton *Sentinel* mentions the discovery of two persons dead in a house in that town, under such circumstances as to leave no doubt that intemperance was the cause of death.

There are at the present time several cases of small pox in this city. Families afflicted with this contagious disease, should carefully avoid intercourse with their neighbors until they are fully recovered. We would also respectfully advise our country friends to be a little cautious how they enter dwellings where there are persons afflicted with the small pox.—*Hamilton Advertiser*.

An indignation meeting, at the delay in rebuilding Brock's monument, was held in Queenston on the 29th ult.

Three thousand hogs have lately been bought in Michigan for the Canadian market.

Dr. McCaul has been elevated to the Presidency of King's College, vacated by the Lord Bishop of Toronto.

The colonists of Adelaide, South Australia, have transmitted through Governor Robe, £1000 subscribed for the relief of the distressed by famine in Great Britain and Ireland. A donation of wheat of similar value is shortly to follow.

We are sorry to hear, and we have reason to believe it a fact, that the practice of denouncing individuals from the altar has been commenced in the Roman Catholic Churches in Bytown, and that several injuries to the property of the individuals, denounced, have been attributed to it.—*Gazette*.

It has been stated before the House of Commons that, during the past years, 210,000 negroes had been shipped from the coast of Africa, of whom it was computed 178,000 had died on the passage to the slave market.

FAILURES.—There was 198 failures of mercantile firms in England between August 1st and October 11th, 1847, and the amount thrown into bankruptcy, was over \$100,000,000.

Fourteen newspapers are now published in the papal states.

From statistics just published by the Chief Police for Quebec, it appears that the total number of criminals during last year was 2871.—Of the offences, 1 was for manslaughter, 8 poisoning, 138 larceny, 2 forgery, 40 riot and assault, 487 assault and battery, 213 threats and insults, 120 breach of the peace, 2624 drunkenness, 133 vagrancy.

The speed of the British steamships averages nine miles an hour. The distance between Liverpool and Boston, by the great circle sailing, is 2,849 miles.

ARRIVAL OF THE HIBERNIA.

The telegraph yesterday announced the arrival, at New York, of the steamship *Hibernia*, from Liverpool. The following are all the particulars yet reported:—

BUFFALO, 17th February, 1848.—The steamship *Hibernia* arrived at New York at 8½ o'clock last evening, having sailed from Liverpool on the 30th ultimo. By this arrival we are in possession of the following intelligence:—

Great distress prevailed among the poor in and about London. Multitudes were destitute of food.

A few more failures have taken place.

In Ireland the trials under the Riot Act were progressing; destitution, however, to an alarming extent prevailed in various parts and continued deaths from starvation were daily reported.

Scioy, Naples, Sardinia and other parts of southern Europe in open insurrection—bloodshed in several places in connection with troops.

The King of Denmark is dead.

The King of the Fiench had not wholly recovered his health, and an abdication was talked of, though there was nothing definite on the subject.

The health of the Queen of Spain is improving.

The influence of Prince Metternich of Austria, is said to be greatly on the wane.

Serious difficulty has arisen in the Electorate of Hesse-Cassel, the citizens refusing to take the oath of allegiance, imposed by the Elector.

There is a bridge to be suspended over the Rhine at Cologne.

The King of Bavaria has ordered the Jesuits, who have been expelled from Switzerland, to Liverpool.—*British Colonist*, Feb. 22.

HOME MARKETS.

The following table gives the highest average prices at each of the three places:—

| | Toronto, Feb. 29. | Hamilton Feb. 28. | Montreal Feb. 28. |
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| Flour, per barrel | £1 0 0 | £1 1 0 | £1 2 6 |
| Wheat, per bushel ... | 0 3 10 | 0 3 9 | 0 5 0 |
| Barley, per 48 lbs. ... | 0 2 6 | 0 2 4 | 0 4 6 |
| Rye, per 56 lbs. | 0 3 0 | 0 3 0 | 0 3 9 |
| Oats, per 34 lbs. | 0 1 4 | 0 1 3 | 0 2 0 |
| Peas, per 60 lbs. | 0 2 0 | 0 2 0 | 0 4 6 |
| Oatmeal, per barrel ... | 1 0 0 | 1 0 0 | 1 10 0 |
| Potatoes, per bushel... | 0 3 6 | 0 3 9 | 0 3 0 |
| Hay, per ton | 2 6 0 | 1 15 0 | 2 10 0 |
| Beef, per 100 lbs..... | 1 0 0 | 0 17 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Pork, per 100 lbs..... | 0 18 9 | 0 17 6 | 1 10 0 |
| Lard, per lb..... | 0 0 5 | 0 0 5 | 0 0 7 |
| Butter (fresh) per lb. . | 0 0 9 | 0 0 9 | 0 1 0 |