

**News Department.**

**THE GRAIN MARKETS.**—It would appear from the late news from England that the grain markets have reached the lowest point. The rise in the price would seem to indicate that that point has been passed; but we believe that it is not at present within the power of man to give a tolerably good guess as to what extent prices may fluctuate between this and next harvest. Some of the American journals assert that the United States have this year a surplus larger than in any previous year by at least seventy-five millions of bushels. This we hold to be mere conjecture. So much will depend upon the amount of surplus grain which the Americans will have to dispose of, and upon the extent of the potato failure in England—both at present matters of a good deal of speculation—that any judgment formed now on the probable range of prices during 1847-8 must be mere guessing. We think however, upon the whole, that it would be bad policy to refuse a tolerably good price.

**THE NEW TEMPERANCE HALL** in the City of Toronto will be opened on Monday evening next.

**THE HOME DISTRICT ASSIZES** were opened on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Draper.

**THE GRAND JURY** of the Midland District Assizes represent in a strong light the evils resulting from inundating the Province with such numbers of destitute and diseased emigrants as have been sent this year; and express a hope "that the Imperial Government will shield the Province from this gross injustice," and that the civil authorities will be more careful in taking measures to prevent the spread of disease.

**NIAGARA SUSPENSION BRIDGE.**—All the stock for this stupendous work has been taken up. Mr. Ellet of Philadelphia is now engaged in the survey. This gentleman has now under his superintendence a suspension bridge at Wheeling, Virginia, of 1010 feet span. The mason work of the Niagara suspension bridge will commence in the spring.

**COTTON FACTORY.**—A meeting was held at the St. Catharines House, St. Catharines, last week, to take steps for organizing a cotton manufacturing company. Resolutions declaring the project to be expedient, and appointing a committee to take steps to obtain a charter of incorporation were agreed to. We learn from the St. Catharines Journal that Mr. McKenzie addressed the meeting to the following effect:

"He alluded to the facility with which cotton could be obtained, and stated, that should the idea of establishing a Cotton Mart in Buffalo be carried out, it could be had down here cheaper than in New York. He presented an estimate in detail of the cost of putting a factory, containing 75 looms and capable of turning out 2,000 yards of heavy sheeting a day, in operation. It amounted to something over £7,500, of which £1,500 was allowed for the building. Cloth of the quality named could be manufactured for 6½ cents a yard, and its wholesale price in this market is now 9 cents—in Lowell 8 cents. Recommended that the machinery be obtained from England, as it could be there obtained at 25 per cent. less than in the United States.

2860 miles of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway is under contract. There will be a bridge over the Presumpscott with two spans of 150 feet each: the total length of the bridge will be 320 feet.

We regret to notice the sudden death of Dr. Power, the Roman Catholic Bishop. The funeral took place on Tuesday. His remains were deposited in a vault within the cathedral now being built. A very large number attended to witness the funeral obsequies.

**SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

Montreal, 25th September, 1847

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to appoint Thomas Edmund Campbell, Esq., to be Deputy-Governor, to sign and authenticate Money Warrants, and Marriage Licenses in the Province of Canada.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointment, viz:—Thos. A. Begly, Esq., to be Secretary of the Public Works.

**TORONTO EMIGRANT HOSPITAL.**—Admitted during the week ending 4th instant 155; died, 29; sent to Convalescent Hospital, 45; discharged, 63; remaining in Hospital, 536.

**CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL.**—Admitted during the week ending 4th inst., 46; discharged, 39; relapsed and sent back to Hospital, 26; remaining, 169.

Government Emigration Office, Quebec, 27th Sept., 1847.

Return of the number of Emigrants arrived from 9th May to 25th Sept., 1847, inclusive:—

	1847	1846
From England.....	30,124	8,043
Ireland.....	50,732	19,931
Scotland.....	3,264	1,406
Germany.....	7,129	887
	91,249	30,269

N. B.—The deaths on the passage, and at Grosve Isle are to be deducted from the above.

Timothy and Mary Burke were tried, at Kingston, on Friday last, for the murder of their two children. The prisoners are emigrants of the present year, who, it will be recollected, smothered their children, and hid them in the woods, about 12 miles from that city, in August last. They were found guilty.

**BREACH OF PROMISE.**—Mary Flay, a young woman about 21 years of age, obtained a verdict for £137 10s., at the Kingston Assizes last week, against Reuben Moses, a Pay-Sergeant in the 46th regiment of foot. Most disreputable attempts were made by the defendant to damage the young woman's character, but without success. The girl was poor and friendless; and it appears that a worthless character was taken to Court to swear that the girl was a bad character; every word of which was rebutted.

**THE GALT REPORTER**, states that a new paper, in the German language, is about being started at Berlin, Wellington District.

**THE BYTOWN PACKET** states, that the most pinching want prevails among the emigrants in the Sheds and other resting places near the town. Some fifty of the poor creatures have died from want of clothes to cover them, as they lay on the ground, without even beds of straw to lie on!

**THE ROYAL GAZETTE** contains a Proclamation offering a Reward of £250 for the apprehension and conviction of the incendiary who set fire to the mills belonging to Wm. Clarke and Henry Orton, in Guelph, on the 6th August last.

**MAIL ROBBERY.**—We learn from the *New Brunswick Loyalist* that the Postmaster at Dalhousie has been systematically robbing the Canada mail for some time past. The robber getting alarmed at the enquiries made, absconded to the States, but was overtaken and arrested at Bangor, and brought back to St. John for trial.

**WE LEARN** from the *Dundas Herald*, that the propeller *London*, from Oswego, arrived at that place on Tuesday the 21st, with a general cargo. This is the first instance of a shipment for Dundas direct from the United States.

The 2nd Regiment of Infantry left London (C. W.) for Halifax, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., preparatory for embarkation for England.

**THE MONTREAL WITNESS** has been informed that in William Bennett's Disinfecting Fluid has been extensively employed by Dr. Stratton, in the Quebec Marine Hospital, with the effect of completely removing the smell in the wards without leaving any odour of its own.

SIXTY-SIX vessels passed through the Welland Canal during the week ending the 21st inst.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE** has been given of intention to apply next session of Parliament for a Railroad from Sarma to London.

The quantity of iron produced by Sweden in 1846 was 115,105 tons, of which 110,000 were exported.

A French surgeon asserts that, by exposing men and animals to a galvanic current, from Clarke's magneto-electro apparatus, he has succeeded in rendering them as insensible to pain, as if they had inhaled sulphuric ether.

The vintage is so abundant in the wine-growing districts of France, that much of the wine cannot be preserved, as it is impossible to procure a sufficient number of casks to contain it.

The Commissioners have given notice of their intention to apply to the reduction of the national debt the sum of £2,491,216 16s 11d., being one fourth of the income, over expenditure, for the year ending the 5th of April last.

**THE TROOP-SIR BELLAISE**, with two Battalions of the XXth Regiment, is daily expected at Quebec from Halifax. She was to have sailed on the 5th inst. She brings a large compliment of men—133, exclusive of 31 officers. The XXth will replace the 22nd in this command.

**THE LEFT WING** of the 51st Regiment, and the invalids from the several regiments in Canada, embarked last week at Quebec on board the *Maria Snares*, transport. She was to sail the next morning for England.

**NEW PENS.**—The following gentlemen have been raised to the dignity of the peerage of the United Kingdom. The Right Hon. John Baron Strickland, under the title Viscount Enfield; and Earl Strafford; Archibald Archibson, Esq., as Baron Archibson; Richard Baron Cremorne as Baron Dartrey; and Sir Robert Bulkeley Phillips, Bart., as Baron Mildford.

Mount Etna has been trembling a little of late, and caused some trembling among the natives around its fiery cone. The Neapolitan government has despatched a scientific commission of 3 members to examine it.

The house in which Burns the great poet of Scotland lived for many years, and in which he died, is in the market.

The electric current travels along the wires of a railway telegraph, at the lightning speed of 258,000 miles in a second.

**SAVAGE SLAUGHTER.**—The British Brig *Avon*, from Liverpool, which arrived at Rio Janeiro on the 6th brought a bad report of violence she had sustained from the natives of Patagonia, while lying in the river, Santa Cruz, where she was in quest of minerals. Several of the men were on shore, and five natives had come on board. Three of those on shore were killed, and the five on board attacked those on board of the ship of whom the Captain and two or three others were killed. The vessel was thoroughly riddled of all its valuable contents, and was brought into the Rio by the second mate, who was badly wounded in the fight.

**CANAL APPROPRIATIONS.**—Mr. C. Cornwall, from the Canal Committee, reported in the Assembly of the Legislature of the State of New York, yesterday, a bill making the following appropriations:—For the Erie Canal enlargement \$550,904;

Genesee Valley \$50,000; Black River \$50,000. The act further requires that the appropriations for the enlargement shall be expended within the year. It is stated in the Albany Journal that these appropriations are made from the canal surpluses for the year ending on the 30th instant; and, with the \$350,000 appropriated last May, in anticipation, absorb the entire of the surplus up to the close of the fiscal year.

**INTERNATIONAL POSTAL ARRANGEMENT.**—Our respected fellow citizen, Francis Hall, of the Commercial Advertiser, returned home in the Brampton, and his paper of last evening, gives us some interesting information in relation to the progress which has been made in London, towards the arrangement of trans-atlantic postage. It appears from his statement the British authorities are well disposed toward a speedy arrangement of the question. Mr. Hall states that it is now proposed to form a treaty upon an entirely reciprocal plan, by which all letters to the United States shall be delivered to the persons addressed for a stated sum, which will cover the postman's charge for delivery, as is the case now in England; and that all letters sent by an American steam packet shall be subject to no higher rate than those conveyed by the British steamers.—Another arrangement contemplated is, that letters sent from either country may be pre paid or not; but that letters pre-paid will be carried at a much less rate than otherwise.—[N. Y. True Sun.

**THE PUBLIC DOMAIN OF THE UNITED STATES.**—At the last session of Congress, on the motion of Mr. Dayton, U. S. Senator from New Jersey, a report was made from the Treasury Department of the "quantities, surveys, acquisitions, sales, and reservations of the Public Lands," from which we make the following extracts: Estimated quantity of land yet to be sold in each State and Territory, including the unceded territory East and West of the Rocky Mountains, Acres.

South of latitude 49 degrees.	7,954,061,993
Deduct reservations	7,526,779
Leaving	1,076,538,214
Value at \$1 25 p. acre	\$1,345,672,767 50.
Of the above quantity the Indian title is extinguished to,	367,917,165
Unextinguished,	716,117,825
Surveyed,	372,616,356
Unsurveyed,	811,418,637
Of the public lands there have already been sold, down to Sept. 30th, 1842, 107,796,536 acres, bringing,	\$107,940,942 62
Money paid for extinguishing Indian title, Florida and Louisiana purchase, including interest.	\$63,524,990 32
Paid for surveying and selling, including pay of salaries and fees,	9,966,610 14
	78,491,601 46
Balance due the nett funds derived from the public lands,	\$92,449,341 19
In addition to lands sold, there have been granted to the new States, for the purpose of internal improvement, education, &c., grants for military services, reservations made and sold for the benefit of Indians, &c., 33,756,559 acres.	
Of the public lands, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut ceded,	169,009,819
Georgia ceded,	58,293,522
North and South Carolina ceded,	26,432,000
Purchased of France and Spain,	937,552,332
Total..... acres,	1,242,192,673

This report also contains the deeds of cession from the several States, every one of which expressly provides that the cession is made for the common use and benefit of the several States.—[Boston Atlas, September 9.

**SHIPWRECK—EIGHTEEN LIVES LOST.**

The New York Commercial Advertiser says:—We have been favored with the following letter in the wreckmaster at Long Beach, to John S. Tappan, Esq., secretary of the board of underwriters. The vessel is believed to be the ship *Auburn*, Captain Hoyt, which cleared at New Orleans on the 24th of August, for New York, and has not yet arrived. We looked over the clearances for the last month at New Orleans, and find no vessel named the *Orbit* mentioned among them.

LONG BEACH, Sept. 25, 1847.  
The ship *Orbit*, of New York, Captain White, from New Orleans, came ashore on the Long Beach, Barneget Inlet, on Saturday night last. She has gone to pieces, and the captain, first mate and sixteen others are lost.  
Your respectfully,  
EDWARD GENNINGS,  
Wreckmaster.

**Arrival of the Hibernia.**

ADVANCE IN BREADSTUFFS.  
The steamship *Hibernia* arrived at Boston yesterday, at two o'clock, P.M.

**MONDAY NIGHT'S REPORT.**  
Buffalo, 4th October.  
I announced to you this morning that the *Hibernia* arrived at Boston yesterday. The following summary of the news has since come to hand. Since the departure of the previous steamship breadstuffs receded some, but on the 13th wheat advanced 5c. per quarter, and flour, fine quality 4s. with immense demand, and better at London than at Liverpool. Best wheat 62s.; flour at Liverpool, 22s. 6d. to 30s.; London, 29s. Corn

in demand, with better price. Considerable purchases of breadstuffs for Belgium and Holland. A moderate supply from the United States strengthened the market.

Many large failures have occurred all over Europe. The liabilities of three are reported over a £1,000,000 each. The Ohio Life and Trust Company are probably creditors to \$50,000. Great consternation exists in the main circles. No change has taken place in the rates of interest. The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £3,000,000 in four weeks. The failure of Messrs. Denny will probably be felt in the United States. Three Bank Directors have failed in four weeks. The Trust Company accepted drafts on Gowers, taken up by Burnett, Howes & Co.

The Sardinian Ambassador will assist the Pope against Austria.—[Colostat.

**IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.**

**Revolt at Puebla—Negotiations Suspended and Armistice Broken—Rumoured loss of 2,000 Americans—Another Battle, Americans Victorious—Reinforcements going to General Scott.**

News from Vera Cruz to the 15th Sept. by way of Pensacola. Verbal reports that there had been a revolt at Puebla, and the Americans at that place and Mexico had lost 2,000 men.

Letters from the city of Mexico dated the 9th inst., state that the propositions made by Mr. Trist were rejected, or some portion of them, and hostilities recommenced on the 8th instant, in the afternoon, and battle on that evening by a few hundred men of Scott's army, and four picked regiments of Mexicans, commanded by Gen. Leon.

Enemy's forces badly used up. Their loss exceeded 2500. Letters say that Mr. Trist's propositions were that citizens of the U. S. would not claim from Mexico for damages occasioned by the war; that the U. S. have privilege of establishing two factories in the Upper California and the Mexican Government could, after that time, if it choose, renew this article of treaty.

This was not accepted. Mr. Trist remarked to the Mexican Commissioners that he thought it better to cede the whole of Upper California to the U. S. for which Government would pay 15 or 20 million dollars.

This would probably have been agreed upon if the following articles had met with the assent of the Mexicans.

That Texian boundary line would run along from the mouth of the Rio Grande. This was rejected. Mexicans would not yield one inch the other side of Nueces.

Trist asked 48 days to consider, as he said he was not authorized to accept such propositions. Mexicans replied that they would give Trist but 5 days, and no more.

Encountered a large force of the enemy's best troops. Terrible fight ensued. Mexicans were defeated. Gen. Leon, who commanded the Mexicans, was wounded, and Gen. Balderis of the National Guards, killed.

Proclamation issued by Herrera of the city of Mexico, recommending citizens, men, women, and children, to collect stones, carry them to the roofs of houses, and throw them at the Americans if they entered the city.

Our loss since leaving Puebla estimated at 3,000 men. Parades on the road between Vera Cruz and Mexico with a large band of guerillas.

Troops have been arriving in great numbers at Vera Cruz from the Brazos—will be from 2,000 to 3,000 men ready to march into the interior.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—7 P. M.  
There is nothing further in regard to the Mexican news than was sent at 3 o'clock.

The news is not generally believed in Wall st., the parts do not hang together well it is thought.

**LATER.**

The news from Mexico is not very encouraging for the Americans. There have been several days fighting, in which 1,700 Americans are reported killed, 37 officers, Genls. Pillow and Smith were of the number. The Americans have found it necessary to hang 71 deserters; and the Mexicans have captured \$300,000 which was on its way to Gen. Scott. We since learn that Mexico has been taken by the Americans.

**Toronto Market Prices.**

Flour, per barrel, 196 lbs.....	20	0	a	22	6
Oatmeal, per barrel, 196 lbs....	21	3	a	23	9
Wheat, per bushel, 60 lbs.....	3	9	a	4	6
Rye, per bushel, 56 lbs.....	3	0	a	3	4
Barley, per bushel, 48 lbs.....	2	0	a	2	6
Oats, per bushel, 34 lbs.....	1	3	a	1	6
Pens, per bushel, 60 lbs.....	2	0	a	2	6
Potatoes, per bushel.....	1	6	a	2	0
Onions, per bushel.....	2	6	a	3	0
Tub Butter, per lb.....	0	5	a	0	6
Fresh Butter, per lb.....	0	9	a	0	10
Eggs, per dozen.....	0	7	a	0	9
Beef, per cwt.....	12	6	a	20	0
Beef, per lb.....	0	3	a	0	4
Pork, per 100 lbs.....	17	6	a	20	0
Hay, per ton.....	35	6	a	42	6
Straw, per ton.....	25	0	a	30	0
Timothy, per bushel, 60 lbs....	4	0	a	6	0
Mutton, per lb., by the qr.....	0	2	a	0	33
Veal, per lb., by the qr.....	0	2	a	0	33
Turkeys, each.....	2	6	a	4	0
Geese, each.....	0	0	a	0	0
Ducks, per couple.....	1	6	a	2	6
Fowls, per couple.....	1	6	a	2	0
Chickens, per couple.....	0	10	a	1	3
Bacon, per lb.....	0	5	a	0	6
Hams, per cwt.....	40	0	a	45	0
Lard, per lb.....	0	5	a	0	6