

horse by the head; the other came close up to the side of the gig on which the lady sat, presented his pistol (across her) at Mr. Evans, and demanded his money. Mr. E. replied he had none, and would give him none; the fellow at the horse's head cried out, "shoot him, shoot him." The lady being much alarmed, Mr. E. pulled out a few dollars from his vest pocket, and handed it over. In doing so, the guard-chain of his watch became exposed, and the man immediately exclaimed, "your watch," Mr. E. replied, "I'll be hanged if you get my watch," and with that jumped out on the fellow, and as he did so, the robber fired, but missed him. Mr. E. succeeded in giving him three or four blows. The other immediately let go the horse's head, and making towards them, fired, also without effect, though some of the powder struck Mr. E. on the side of the face, who, turning, gave the fellow a blow with his fist on the mouth. One of them struck him with a tone on the side of the head, which was cut, and bled profusely. While this was going on, the horse ran off, and was stopped at some distance by a gentleman who happened to come up, whose appearance it is probable, alarmed the villains, who immediately jumped the fence and ran up the Mountain. A daring act of this sort, on so frequented a road, and so near the city, calls loudly for prompt and energetic measures on the part of the city authorities, and the inhabitants in general, to bring such villains to justice.—*Gazette.*

PICKPOCKETS.—Yesterday, a habitant, named Louis A. Bellefleur Beaujeu was robbed in the Upper Town Market Place of his purse, containing £13 13s 3d., by three boys, named François Mercier, Louis Boucher, and Adolphe Mathon. The manner in which they accomplished the theft, satisfactorily proves that their professional attainments are of no mean order. For the purpose of ascertaining in which pocket the habitant kept his money, they dropt an empty purse rolled in paper close behind him, and then touched him on the leg and asked him if he had lost his purse! The Farmer immediately put his hand on his pocket in which the purse was and said no, and in less than five minutes afterwards, he found it was abstracted. The three have been arrested by the police, and the money found concealed by Mathon in the rooms of a house in St. Charles Street, Mathon is only 14 years of age.—*Quebec Gazette.*

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN DUNDAS.—At about a quarter to three o'clock yesterday morning, fire was discovered issuing from the main building of J. Gartsbore & Co's Foundry. The town engine and five or six of the portable ones were soon in full play, and every means which human ingenuity could devise was employed to arrest the progress of the devouring element. It was soon apparent that no efforts could save that portion of the premises in which the fire raged. With the exception of Mr. Gartsbore's house and stables, the moulding, casting, and blacksmith shops are all burned down. The fire continued to rage for about two hours. The loss is roughly estimated at from six to seven thousand pounds, only one thousand of which is covered (in the Mutual office) by insurance. The loss to many of the workmen is also heavy,—several chests of tools, varying in value from £10 to £25, being destroyed; one person lost property to the amount of £12s. The destruction of this establishment will be severely felt; it has thrown a gloom over all, each man feeling that he sustains a portion of the damage, and indeed this is strictly the fact, so completely identified was the Foundry with the general prosperity of the town. It will be remembered that J. B. Ewart, Esq., one of the Firm, not long since met with a severe loss in the destruction of the Galt Mills, also by fire. Mr. Gartsbore had left on a few days ago for New York. The books, plans, and drawings, are all destroyed; the notes of hand and some of the most valuable patterns were saved. Upwards of one hundred men at home and abroad are temporarily thrown out of employment; steam-engines in course of completion are destroyed; and mills in progress in various parts of the Province must remain for a considerable time unfinished. The buildings destroyed were all of wood. Fortunately no lives have been lost, though several of the men engaged in saving property were severely burned. As to the origin of the fire nothing is known.—*Dundas Warrier Extra, Oct. 5.*

STEAM-BOAT CASE—EBERTS ET AL V. SMITH ET AL.—This case, which excited a great deal of interest, was tried on Friday last, at the Hamilton Assizes, and lasted till Monday forenoon. It was the second trial. Messrs. Cameron, Harrison, and McLean conducted the case for the Plaintiffs, and Messrs. Sullivan and Black for the Defendants. Mr. Harrison opened the case, and after explaining to the Jury the nature of the law in England, and of our own Provincial Statutes relating to navigation, detailed the facts.—"The steamers *London* and *Kent* were both plying between Buffalo and Detroit; in the year 1846, the *Kent* had made only one trip before the collision, and at that time was making her return trip to Detroit; between Amherstburgh and Point-au-Pilex there is a strip of land, or a shallow, running a considerable distance into the Lake, called the Split, the avoiding of which is rather difficult; the *Kent*, however, got round it and proceeded about ten miles on her proper course for Port Stanley, when she saw the *London's* lights. From that time to the collision, the evidence is so conflicting, that it is difficult to say which boat was in fault. The *London* struck the *Kent* before the starboard paddle-box, and shortly after, the *Kent* sunk." Witnesses were then called, and much cross-examination took place.—Mr. Blake opened the defence, and after an able and eloquent address of nearly four hours' duration, called the witnesses for the defence. The Court summed up the evidence at considerable length, and the Jury after retiring for five hours, returned a verdict for Plaintiffs: damages £2,500,—same as on the previous trial.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

The California Expedition sailed on Saturday: 26th ult. It went off a little sooner than was anticipated, on account of Col. Stevenson's "unfortunate circumstances," which had somehow or other induced the employment of an officer armed with a warrant for his arrest. A captain, thirty men, and a woman, whose children were on board one of the ships, were left behind. About 780 men and officers sailed.

PERSECUTION OF DR. KING AT ATHENS.—Dr. King, the devoted Missionary at Athens, published, some time ago, a book against the worship of the Virgin Mary; and for this he not only has to stand his trial, with the probable issue of imprisonment, but his life is in danger from a murderous mob. In a letter to Dr. Anderson of Boston, he relates the particulars of a mur-

derous plan laid by the Greek priesthood of Athens and Syria to rid themselves of his presence at once, but which providentially failed.

DESTRUCTIVE HURRICANE IN KARATONGA.—The Directors of the London Missionary Society have just received the melancholy intelligence, from their missionaries in Karatonga, the principal island of the Hervey Group, in the South Pacific Ocean, of an awful thunder storm which visited the islands on the 15th March, laying all the spacious Christian sanctuaries in ruins. The whole island is a complete wreck.

THE JOHN WESLEY MISSIONARY SHIP.—A new missionary ship, to be called the John Wesley, for the use of the mission in New Zealand, and in the Friendly and Feejee Islands, is preparing under the direction of the Polynesian Ship Committee, by those eminent builders, Messrs. White, of Cowes, in the Isle of Wight. The launch is expected to take place this month; she will be brought round to London, and will receive her multifarious cargo of supplies and presents for those missions, now preparing by innumerable busy hands, and with missionaries for her passengers, who will proceed on her long and arduous voyage without delay. The more general announcement of this approaching event in the history of the mission will, no doubt, excite much thankfulness that the missionaries who occupy the most remote and arduous missions are to be favoured with so superior a medium of communication with each other, and with the colonies and home; many prayers will be offered up for the safety and success of the John Wesley and her passengers, and many contributions of articles of usefulness and comfort for the missions will be prepared, and sent for conveyance by the John Wesley to the most distant parts of the earth.—*Wesleyan Missionary Notices.*

LIFE ASSURANCE—CASES OF SUICIDE.—A question of much importance to life assurance companies has lately been decided by the Judges in the Exchequer Chamber on a bill of exceptions in an action brought by the representatives of Schwabe against the Argus Life Assurance Company. The Judges have determined that a party assured, holding his policy in his own hand who may commit suicide, forfeits his policy, and that the office is not bound to pay the amount. This decision settles the law on a point upon which doubts had hitherto existed.

CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.—In an action for slander, which came up for trial at the assizes at Norwich, England, it appeared that the words complained of were uttered by the defendant in private familiar conversation with a friend. The learned judge stopped the case, saying that such a conversation ought to be treated as a privileged communication, for, if persons were to be subject to actions for words so spoken, all intercourse between friends would be at an end.

The *London Economist* states that one of the most gratifying results of Free Trade has been to increase the consumption of good and wholesome food by the people, without injury to the home producer.

THE MENAI TUNNEL.—Workmen are now preparing the ground on the Britannia Rock, and the shores of the Menai, for the foundations of the piers to support the projected tunnel, and the first stone will very shortly be laid. Contracts have been taken for 8000 tons of plates of the best description, for the construction of the iron tunnel, by which it is proposed to pass the Menai Straits for the passage of ships.

A farmer, near Northallerton, Yorkshire, lately pulled a single stem of oats, of the Pecky kind, on which there were 240 good seeds.

The last accounts from India are painfully distressing. The cholera—that scourge of the human race—is sweeping all before it in Scinde. Hardy veterans, long injured to toil and fatigue, and to all the "pride and circumstance of glorious war," are being mowed down by thousands. Those who conquered the Amiens, and put their troops to the sword, are smitten with unsparring impartiality by the Angel of Death, who rides abroad in the blast. The invincible hand is more cruel than the sword—more mighty than invincible legions.—*Willmer and Smith's European Times.*

YOUNG IRELAND.—Although the Young Ireland secession is not likely to produce any party that will substantially be very formidable, it seems to grow more formidable as a schism. Two monster meetings have been held in the county of Limerick, at which the Young Ireland policy was approved and that of Old Ireland condemned. These meetings were headed by Catholic priests. The breach is now so wide, and the Young Ireland party has acquired so much strength, that Mr. O'Connell will be driven to the necessity of dissolving and reconstructing the Repeal Association, or consent to the re-admission of the members whom he caused to be so hastily expelled.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, Oct. 12, 1846.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.		
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	23	9	a	24	0	PEASE,	4	9	a	0	0
Pearls,	23	9	a	24	0	BKRF, Prime Mess,					
per brl.						per brl. 200lbs.	47	6	a	0	0
FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per brl.						Prime,	42	6	a	00	6
196 lbs.	32	6	a	33	0	Prime Mess, per					
Do. Fine,	30	6	a	31	3	turoc, 304lbs.	00	0	a	00	0
Do. Sour,	27	0	a	00	0	PORK, Mess, per brl.					
Do. Middings, ..	none					200lbs	72	6	a	00	0
Indian Meal, 168lb.	15	0	a	00	0	Prime Mess,	55	0	a	00	0
Oatmeal, brl. 22 lb.	29	0	a	00	0	Prime,	50	0	a	00	0
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.						Cargo,	40	0	a	00	0
Best, 60lbs.	6	3	a	6	6	BUTTER, per lb.	0	7	a	0	18
Do. L.C. per min.	0	0				CHEESE, Am. 100lb	30	0	a	40	0
BARLEY, Minot, ..	none					LARD, per lb.	0	5	a	0	6
OATS, "	do.					TALLOW, per lb.	0	5	a	0	54

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