

The following gentlemen were nominated to compose the said committee.

Daniel Sutherland, Noah Freer, Benjamin Tremain, John Neilson, J. Leaycraft, J. O. Brunet, James George, Esquires.

That Noah Freer, Esq. be appointed Treasurer, and continue to receive subscriptions; that Mr. J. George be appointed Secretary.

Nicolas Vincent, Tsawouenhouhi, principal Christian Chief and Captain of the Huron Nation, settled at Lorette, near Quebec; André Romain, Tsouahissen, and Stanislas Cotska, Arathaha, Principal Chiefs of the Council; and Michel Tsiousis, Téacheandale, Chief of the Warriors of the same nation, have taken their passage in the Brig Indian, Mathias, which sails for Liverpool the first fair wind.

The object of their visit to Great Britain is, to obtain possession of the Seignior of Sylleri, lying near this City, granted to their ancestors in 1651; and to which they believe they have a just right. They propose to place at the foot of the Throne a Petition for this purpose, and return next spring. The extension of the settlements, and the incursion of other savage tribes upon their hunting grounds, to prevent which every application has failed, has so completely destroyed their chase, that it is with the greatest difficulty they can contrive to gain a bare subsistence, and they have finally determined to subscribe among themselves a sum sufficient to carry these Chiefs across the Atlantic, and there if possible get redress of what they conceive a grievance.

The past season is the first of the use of a Steam Tow Boat on the St. Lawrence; a method of applying the power of steam to navigation, only practised within a couple of years in England, and, we believe, unknown any where else. It promises to have such material effects on the navigation of this river, that it may prove of interest to have the following statement, which may be relied upon.

The *Hercules* has made during the season twenty-six trips, in each of which we include her going and returning to this port, and has also towed the *Columbus* to Bic, 160 miles below. The average of her passages between the two ports was 2½ days, (that by sails is stated at 17) and she towed upwards 2 ships, 32 brigs and 13 schooners, and downwards 18 brigs; as she had two schooners employed for the season, one of those always attended her, and sometimes both. In one trip downwards she towed three brigs and three schooners, and in another three brigs and two schooners—although it is thought she towed vessels at too low a price, yet she is stated to have fully paid her expenses, and the gentlemen engaged in her introduction, to have met with no loss on this first trial, which is a promising commencement. Her consumption of fuel was about 2500 cords of wood and 200 chaldrons of coal. About six weeks ago she was neatly fitted up, so as to accommodate 24 passengers.

The workmen at the large Timber Ship now building at the Island of Orleans, and which is of larger dimensions than the *Columbus*, are getting on very rapidly. The logs forming its huge sides are almost all erected.

The shock of an earthquake was very sensibly felt in different parts of this City on the night of the 21st of October last, about 12 o'clock. It was a pretty violent one, and in the Lower Town its effects on a house in Mountain Street were such, that the house appeared suddenly to descend two or three inches, and then settle down with a tremulous motion, and a general cracking of the beams and the floors, a noise sufficiently appalling at this dead hour of the night. The motion appeared exactly similar to that which would be given to a body like the earth, by the filling up of a vacuum under it, or at some distance on any side of it. In St. Lewis street, in the Upper Town, some ornaments on a chimney piece were thrown down and broken.—The shock was momentary, and its effects were not distinguished more than three or four seconds after it. This is the third shock of earthquakes felt in this province since 1821.

A meeting of the Committee of the Inhabitants of the District of Quebec, appointed in 1822, to take measures in opposition to the Bill for uniting the Legislatures of the Canadas, was held on Friday last the 5th instant, at the Court House in this City, when nearly all the Members in Town, those in ill health excepted, attended.

MONTREAL.

Difficulties in the North-west.—We learn that 14 persons in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, have been lately killed by the Snake and Beaver Indians,