

NEWS.

DREADFUL OUTRAGE.—On Saturday morning last, about 1 o'clock, Mr. Hervieux, of Chambly, was walking out to his brother-in-law's, Mr. Gregg's house, beyond the canal, and had reached the bridge when he was attacked by a ruffian armed with a pistol, who at once fired at him. Two others then came forward, knocked him down, and inflicted several severe blows on his head, leaving him apparently lifeless. How long Mr. Hervieux lay on the ground is not known; but it fortunately happened that the servant of Mr. Crawford was, some time after, driving by the spot, and came to his succour. For some object the villains seem to have remained near their victim, and when they found that a person was coming to his help, they rushed from their concealment and threatened to murder the man, who was lifting him into the sleigh. The latter, however, with great presence of mind, presented the butt end of his whip, and threatened to fire on them; he then hastily dragged the unfortunate man from the ground, to which his hair had been glued by the frost and his blood. After taking Mr. Hervieux home, it was found that his hands and feet were frozen, and it is expected that amputation will have to be performed on more than one of his limbs. He was unable to speak till Sunday; and we believe is not yet out of danger. It is to be supposed that Mr. Hervieux was mistaken for another person; and it is certain that the wretches who perpetrated the horrid crime, were way-laying some one, who they expected to pass; for several other sleighs, passing to a party at Mr. Crawford's, were stopped by them, and their occupants scrutinized.—*Herald.*

On Sunday night, a child of two months old was left at the door of a house in Notre Dame street; and, being found, was taken to the Police Station.—*Id.*

On Tuesday night last, two men, named J. B. Brette and Felix Biers dit Desmarteau, were crossing the ice from Laprarie to Montreal, about 8 o'clock in the evening, and had reached that part of the River between St. Paul's Isle and Montreal, when they were stopped by two men armed with pistols, who commanded them to stop, and presenting pistols, demanded their money, threatening to kill them if they did not deliver it. In this way they took \$23 from Brette, and \$50 from Biers. The horse ran away in the meantime, and was afterwards found and delivered by the Police to the proprietor.—*Herald.*

We learn from the *Pilot*, that on the same evening that the outrage was perpetrated upon Mr. Hervieux, Mr. Murphy, of the Emigrant office, was dreadfully beaten near the place where the above outrage was perpetrated. There was no mistake in Mr. Murphy's case, as the ruffians knew him well, though he cannot identify them.

We understand that twelve individuals are in custody, on a charge of having willfully set fire to the property of Mr. Myers, M. P., at the River Trent. Two of the party have turned Queen's evidence.

PAINLESS SURGICAL OPERATION.—The efficacy of the inhalation of the vapour of sulphuric ether as an antidote to pain in surgical operations was triumphantly proved this morning in Quebec, by Drs. James Douglas and Racy. A patient whose toes had been frost-bitten beyond recovery was operated upon this morning, by Dr. Douglas for the removal of them—an operation more tedious and painful even than the amputation of a limb. The inhalation was carried on during a minute and a half previous to the first incision being made, which evidently was not felt by the patient, and the toes were removed without the slightest evidence of pain on his part. He did not moan or groan, nor did he attempt to withdraw his foot from under the scalpel, an involuntary movement always made even by the most stoical endurer of pain. The operation over, the tube was taken from his mouth, when, drawing a long breath, he exclaimed, gazing about him, "What a woful trance!" He did not experience any unpleasant after sensations. He states his first feeling to have been rigidity of the eye ball, and loss of vision, although he describes this latter effect somewhat curiously. He says, "I looked at the doctor but couldn't see him." He further said, "I felt the knife as it was cutting round and between my toes, but it did not cause me pain, and I thought I winced, and drew back my foot as the toe were being taken off." He could not tell whether all was a blank before him, or whether he saw any objects. His breathing, he says, he heard with loud distinctness. Thus far ever a great blessing is proved to be at command, and there is no doubt but that as operators here become more experienced in administering this strange and powerful agent, more perfect and desirable results will be obtained. It temporarily deprives the patient of the power of volition; it deadens the sensibility without affecting the senses.—*Quebec Mercury.*

DECISION OF THE LICENSE QUESTION.—It will be recollected that there have been three cases before the Supreme Court of the United States, involving the constitutionality of the License laws passed by Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire. The ground of objection was, that the prohibition to sell ardent spirits by the State laws, interfered with the revenue laws of the general government. These have, after long delay and most thorough trial, terminated, and it is decided, that the laws of the several States are not in conflict with those of the general government.—Thus the law of New Hampshire, which controls the power over licenses generally, and the law of Massachusetts, which forbids the sale of any smaller quantity than twenty-eight gallons, are all affirmed by the court. The importance of this decision, now that the people are moving in so many of the States to protect themselves against this demoralizing and impoverishable traffic, can hardly be over-estimated. Our own license law, as well as those of Vermont and New Jersey, and that which we hope soon to see in Pennsylvania, depended upon this decision. It strikes another blow at the rum interest, and gives another token of encouragement to the friends of sobriety, good order, and religion. It will not be long before the bad business will be outlawed in all the free States.—*Examiner.*

NOBLE LITTLE DELAWARE.—That factious Senate, who, more from fear of what people would say than from any love for slavery, defeated the wise and prudent plan of abolition in this State, does not seem to have quenched the spirit of the Legislature. The Legislature passed, just before its adjournment, a joint resolution, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to oppose the addition of new territory to our Union which shall not thereafter be free from slavery. In the Senate the vote stood 4 to

3; in the House 10 to 19. The joint resolution declaring that the Legislature ought to provide for calling a Convention, was adopted in the House by a vote of 14 to 4. In the Senate it was postponed till next August by a vote of 5 to 3. Wait a little longer—the race of freedom is a long-winded one.

INSENSIBILITY TO PAIN FROM A HOT IRON.—An exhibition of extraordinary interest to humanity occurred at the Massachusetts General Hospital on Saturday last, says the *Surgical Journal*.—A patient was present—a man in advanced life—who, we understand, was labouring under paraplegia, having its origin in a caries of the lower vertebra—for which Dr. Warren proposed the actual cautery. After the patient had inhaled the letheon, Dr. Warren run an iron rod, heated to a white heat, to the length of about two feet, up and down the back, each side of the spine—burning two lines on one side, and one on the other, and then carried it zig-zag across, between the spinous processes, the same distance. The patient during this process was wholly unconscious of pain, under the severest test to which he could be subjected—that of a hot iron applied to the naked skin.—*Boston Times.*

THIRTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.—The Adjutant-General of the United States Army offers in the *National Police Gazette*, a reward of thirty thousand three hundred and thirty dollars for the arrest of one thousand and eleven deserters from the U. S. Army! The names and particular descriptions of each soldier are contained in the advertisement.

THE HOMESTEAD.—A bill has been introduced into the New York Legislature, to render the family Homestead inalienable by legal process.

The bill to suppress gambling, which has passed on the House of the Pennsylvania Legislature, makes gambling a penitentiary offence, and authorizes the officers of the law to break open houses to search for gambling apparatus, upon the oath of any person made for the purpose before the justice of the peace, and also subjects the offender to heavy fines for breaches of the law. If any person shall invite another to a place of gambling, he shall be held personally responsible for all losses the person thus invited shall sustain, and be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, nor less than fifty dollars.

MORE FIRE SUITS.—Cornelius W. Lawrence has been sued in 33 suits for damages, amounting to nearly \$40,000, for property consigned by citizens of other States, and blown up during the fire of 1835, for the protection of the city, by order of Mr. Lawrence, who was then Mayor. Instructions have been given to the Corporation Council to defend these suits.

THE LICENSE QUESTION IN VERMONT.—On Tuesday, 2nd instant, the citizens of Vermont determined at the ballot box the question whether the traffic in intoxicating liquors should be permitted any longer. Last year the question of license or no license was determined by each county for itself, but the Legislature at its last session passed a law to submit the question to the people of the whole State, so that the traffic should either be entirely prohibited or allowed on equal terms in every town. Sixty-two towns give a majority of 4,172 for no license, and there is every reason to believe that the whole State has gone the same way.—*Presbyterian.*

RECRUITING AT THE JAIL.—Some of the disorderly persons confined in jail have lately come to the conclusion that a bounty of twelve dollars, and eight dollars a month, besides a chance for one hundred and sixty acres of land, is far better than being cooped up in a narrow cell. Seven of them have enlisted within a week past.—*Rochester Democrat.*

BRITISH OFFICERS ROASTED ALIVE AND DEVoured BY CANNIBALS.—A letter has been received in London, from an officer of H. M. war steamer *Driver*, detailing the particulars of an engagement between the British and the New Zealanders, in which ten men of the *Carton* frigate were killed, and thirteen wounded, exclusive of several men of the 29th regiment. The savages roasted alive two European officers, whom they devoured. The writer adds the additional melancholy intelligence of Lieut. Philpotts, the son of the Bishop of Exeter, having been scalped, roasted alive, and eaten by the Zealanders. Shortly after his melancholy fate, the eye-glass of the gallant officer was found near the spot where he was murdered and devoured.

LOSS OF THE BRITISH MAIL STEAMER TWEED—SIXTY PERSONS DROWNED.—The *Atrevida* at New Orleans from Canpeachy, 19th February, brings news that the British Royal Mail steamer *Tweed*, was lost on the 12th of February, northeast of Cardenas. Sixty persons were drowned. An expedition was sent from Canpeachy to her assistance.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, March 22, 1847.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	27	6	a	27	9			
Pearls,	27	6	a	27	9	BEEF, Prime Mess,		
FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per brl.						per brl. 200lbs.	60	0 a 00 0
195 lbs.	32	6	a	33	9	Prime,	50	0 a 00 0
Do. Fine,	31	0	a	32	0	Prime Mess, per tierce,	30 1/2 lbs.	00 0 a 00 0
Do. Sour,						PORK, Mess, per brl.		
Do. Middlings, ..						200lbs	90	0 a 95 0
Indian Meal, 168lb.						Prime Mess	75	0 a 00 0
Oatmeal, brl. 221lb.	33	0	a	33	9	Prime,	65	0 a 00 0
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.						Cargo,	60	0 a 00 0
Best, 60lbs. ...	6	3	a	6	9	BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7 a 0 8
Do. L.C. per min.	6	0	a	6	3	CHEESE, full milk,		
BARLEY, Minot, ...	3	0	a	3	3	100 lbs.	40	0 a 50 0
OATS, " " " "	2	4	a	2	5	LARD, per lb., best	0	0 a 0 7 1/2
PEASE,	5	3	a	5	6	TALLOW, per lb.,		
						rough,	0	4 1/2 a 0 5

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