

bound for some time at the Brandy Pots. One schooner passed among them, with a fine westerly wind, blowing hard; and it blew hard all day yesterday and during the night. But to-day, thick and snowing hard—a light air from the east. I expect the shipping are out of danger, except they have an easterly gale below. I do not think that there will be one vessel east away this fall."

CONSPIRACY TO RAISE WAGES.—At the London (C.W.) Quarter Sessions, lately, seven journeymen shoemakers were fined 10s each for conspiracy to raise wages: they stand committed till the fines are paid; each individual to enter into recognizances himself in £20, and two sureties in £10 each, not to enter into any illegal combination in future. A similar combination exists in Toronto, if it has not ceased within the last few days.

By the English Mail which arrived here on the 13th inst., we have the following summary of news:—

In the manufacturing districts, the operatives are suffering severely by the closing of mills, and the system of working short time.

The Bank of England continues to charge the minimum rate of eight per cent.

The bullion in the Bank has increased, the amount in both departments being £3,729,551.

The Daily News says: Banks are charging variously from 7 to 8 per cent. for first class paper.

Approved bills at 4 months have been charged 9 per cent. and in some instances at 10 per cent., without commission. The other journals make similar reports, and these reports are correct. But other paper not denominated "first class," is not negotiated on those terms, and the greatest bulk is not taken at all.

The reports from the manufacturing districts are still of a sad character. The working of short time, and the entire stoppage of many mills, continue, with but little alteration. The number of cotton mills in Lancashire, is 920, employing 170,000 hands. 200 mills are now entirely closed, while the number of hands in full work is only about 48,000; on short time 87,000; and the number unemployed is 35,000. In Manchester alone, the number unemployed is now 12,000. Their distress is very severe. One report says: "The operatives are absolutely starving; the middle classes, shopkeepers, and wholesale dealers, are without income; beggars are more numerous than customers; and the taxes for the relief of the destitute are doubled."

To these immense numbers of unemployed men must be added other thousands lingering about unfinished and suspended railway works. Their condition altogether is most distressing, and is attracting general attention. That something must be immediately done for the relief of these unemployed and starving thousands, is generally admitted.

Parliament was opened at two o'clock, on the 18th, but the business was confined to proceedings of a formal nature. The Royal Speech will not be delivered till the 23rd, and then the regular business of the session will commence. Mr. Shaw Lefevre was again chosen Speaker of the House, and both houses adjourned at three o'clock.

It is believed that a Coercion Bill will be brought in for Ireland; that the Corn-laws will not be revived; and that a measure will be introduced allowing the colonies to employ foreign ships.

Fifteen thousand stand of arms and ammunition had been supplied to the National Guard of the Papal States. The Federal Diet of Switzerland had resolved on the execution of their decrees, and hostilities had been commenced without any certainty as to the issue.

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Pearlys 25s 6d a 26s 0d	BEEF per 200 lbs.—
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Canada Superfine (per hrl.	Prime - - (do) 30s 0d a 00s 0d
136 lbs.) - - - 00s 0d a 00s 0d	PORK per 200 lbs.—
Do Fine (do) 25s 0d a 25s 6d	Mess - - - 90s 0d a 95s 0d
Do Extra (do) 00s 0d a 00s 0d	Prime Mess 00s 0d a 60s 0d
Do Middlings, 00s 0d a 00s 0d	Prime - - - 00s 0d a 50s 0d
American Superfine	BUTTER per lb. - - - 0d a 0d
(do) - - - - 00s 0d a 00s 0d	
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Montreal, December 15, 1847.

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That the Press is second only to the living voice, as a means of disseminating light upon the Temperance question, will be readily admitted by all who have given the subject a moment's consideration; and if this principle be admitted, then it becomes the plain duty of every Temperance man, (whose means will allow him to do so,) to subscribe for a Temperance Paper.

The Committee of the Montreal Temperance Society feel bound to state, that the Advocate does not receive that amount of support from the Teetotalists of Canada, which, as their organ, it deserves. The Circulation being at the present time only 3,000, gives one paper for every 50 Teetotalers; now there ought at least to be a circulation of 1 to every 10, which would make a list of 15,000; and this is quite practicable, if the societies will only resolve to do their duty.

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