

NEWS.

Official information has been given to the Board of Trade by the Board of Works, that every arrangement is made for the earliest practicable opening of the Leachin Canal, and that the water will be allowed to flow after the river and lakes are navigable, and active preparations are making for commencing with vigour the operations on Lake St. Peter, with the view of obtaining a channel 150 feet wide and 14 fathoms deep.

Immigration.—A public meeting has been held in Toronto for the purpose of taking into consideration the most efficient measures of assisting the emigrants who may arrive during the approaching season. The meeting was addressed by Mr. M'Call, Hon. R. Baldwin, Mr. Sherri Jarvis, and G. W. Thompson, Esq.; and it was resolved that a Society should be formed called the "Immigrant Settlement Society," whose particular duty it shall be to put the immigrants, on their arrival, in the way of procuring steady employment without delay, at moderate yearly wages, and of settling the emigrants and their families in the interior of the country, and generally to afford information to any person desiring to settle in any part of the province.

MONTRÉAL AND PROVINCIAL SAVINGS BANK.—It appears from the Report of the Board of Managers, Directors of the Montreal Provident and Savings Bank, for the year just passed, that an increase of business, fully equal to what could be anticipated, has taken place. To find such favourable accounts of these institutions is a bright forward, as a sign of the times, and a proof that habits of providence once formed, assure, from the self respect which they bring to the possessor, a further stimulus to such habits; and the example held out, has a tendency to create growing habits of economy among the industrious classes in general. The amount to credit of depositors is \$171,822 16s 3d.

The Official Gazette of Saturday off is a reward of one hundred pounds for the detection of the perpetrators of the murder of A. Labald Crawford, of Dunwich, in the London (C. W.) District, and of the rape of his wife, on the 28th of March last.

ROBBERY.—On Tuesday evening last, about half past seven o'clock, a most daring robbery was perpetrated upon the person of one George Betz, a German, who had arrived from Cornwall, where he had been working, and having travelled 26 miles, not understanding one word of English, was decoyed by a soldier, named James Handson, of the 81st Regt., to one of Angiers' Cottages, the upper part of which is occupied by a Mrs. Watson, the under part being vacant; when getting as far as the door, and seeing the house empty, he rushed to go in, when he was immediately knocked down, and his pockets rifled, in which were about five dollars. His bundle, containing several articles of wearing apparel, together with a new pair of boots and his cap, were taken from him, and the other decoyed with his boot.

FIAR.—On Sunday morning about half past three o'clock, Doel's brewery was discovered to be on fire. Owing to the great exertions of the Fire Companies, the adjoining dwelling house was miraculously saved, but the brewery itself was burnt down.

We are happy to learn that Mrs. McEwan, who was so murderously attacked by the ungrateful villain Turner, is recovering, and we hope out of danger.—Kingston Chronicle.

UNWARRANTABLE CARELESSNESS.—The Philipburgh Gleaner states that the mail bag from Philipburgh to St. Johns was lost on the evening of the 14th instant, between Henryville and the latter place, it contained the money letters, one containing \$100, and the other a draft for the sum of \$51 16s 7d. It was first supposed to have been stolen, but was found 30 days after on the side of the road, covered over with the snow. It had slipped off the carriage unknown to the driver.

GREAT FIRE AT TORONTO.—On Sunday, the 19th inst., a tremendous fire broke out on the premises in the occupation of Mr. Hiram Piper, in the rear of his store, in Yonge Street, Toronto; all the out-buildings of the stores in King Street, east of the store in the occupation of Messrs. Ridout, are consumed. Among the sufferers are, Mr. Green, gunmaker, who lost a valuable horse and buggy; Mr. Piper, whose factory was consumed; Mr. Burgess, Mr. Thomas Glasco (hatter), Messrs. Nordheimer (piano case makers), Mr. Mattison (clothing), and Mr. Lawson, the greater part of whose workshops have been consumed. The fire raged with great fury from 3 to 5 o'clock. The greatest credit is due to the fire-men—Messrs. Ridout, Brothers & Co., have presented the fire department with a handsome donation of ten pounds, in acknowledgment of the exertions made to save their property during the fire.—Toronto Colonist.

THREE PERSONS SHOT.—On Sunday night last, three persons went into Mr Nicholas Hagerman's Sugar Bush, near the Hamilton Gardens, and commenced making free with the sugar-making apparatus; it seems that they were all sitting in a line upon a log, eating the stow-sweets, when Mr. H. came suddenly upon them with a loaded gun, the contents of which were discharged in the faces and breasts of the unlucky boys, one of whom was severely, but not dangerously wounded, as we heard the story. It seems that some persons, at the night previously, done some damage to the sugar kettles; how far that may be, as justification for the shooting, is not our province to say, but doubtless it was considered sufficient justification by the aggrieved party. Hagerman is held in one hundred pounds bond, and two parties of fifty pounds each, for his appearance at the next assizes.—Durham Advertiser.

TRIP AT CAUGHT.—Last week, whilst some teams were watering at the Huron Hotel, a young man, more knowing than honest, observed a good whip-lash lying in the team of Mr. John Bell, of North Easthope, and disregarding the tenth commandment—watched the opportunity while the owners of the teams were "watering" themselves in the bar, and took possession of the tempting "whip," and finding that he could not wrench the lash from the man's eye, he took more covertly stowed away in his pocket, got an axe, cut his eye to the harness room door, so he when he was observed, but the harness and flurry, while his head was momentarily turned aside, he forgot the nervous action of his right hand, and chopped off two of the fingers of his left hand in place of the whip-lash. This betrayed him, when the above facts were elicited.—Galt Reporter.

The last news from England say that a panic appears to have occurred. The weather was fine for the spring crops, and the opinion gained ground that the

stocks, particularly of potatoes, were held back by the farmers on speculation. Indian Corn fell 2 1/4 a quarter, Wheat 7s to 8s, and flour in proportion. A slight reaction took place previous to the sailing of the steamer. Canadian Wheat, Red, is quoted at 10 1/2 to 11s, White, 11s to 11 1/2. Peas, 5s 6 to 6s. Flour, Sweet, 37s to 38s; Sour, 33s to 31s 6d. Arches are reported dull—Pots, 31s 6d to 32s; Beans, 22s.

Freights were high and tonnage scarce, and ship-building active. The Navigation Laws were attracting a good deal of attention, and the public seemed in favour of some considerable modification.

The Cotton Market again lively, with a slight advance.

The Provision Market was steady with a tendency to decline.

The Bank of England was limiting its discounts, and to last probably the decline in the Corn Market, as well as in the funds, may be largely attributed, 3 per cents were down to 83.

The intelligence from Lda indicates tranquillity and confidence—a reduction of the Company's army to the extent of 40,000 men was in progress.

An accredited delegation from the natives of the Hudson Bay Company's territories is at present in London, urging their complaints against the Company. They complain of illegal oppression, and of neglect on the part of the Company to provide for the moral advancement of the natives.

O'Connell has just quitted Paris, after a stay of two or three days, on his way to Italy. He is not so ill as the London newspapers have represented; but his medical attendants doubt that he will ever again be able to take part in public life. The greatest respect was shown to him by most eminent persons of that country, and his door was literally besieged by visitors, but he received very few.

Accounts have been received from the Cape, which represent that Capt. Gibson and Dr. Howell, of the Rifle Brigade, accompanied by the Hon. Wm. C. de Windt, 73d Regiment, went on an amateur excursion among the Caffres, fell into an ambush, and all of them fell a sacrifice to their imprudence.

The New York Commercial Advertiser states, that within the 24 hours preceding the month of the 17th instant, 1983 emigrants had arrived from Europe at New York.

There are said to be 700,000 bushels of wheat in store at Chicago, awaiting the opening of the lake navigation to move forward to the Atlantic markets.

DREADFUL EXPLOSION; NINETEEN MEN KILLED.—On Wednesday morning last, about six o'clock, the press and packing houses attached to the Messrs. Dupont's powder mills, near Wilmington, Del., and in which were about 5000 lbs. of powder, exploded with terrible effect, killing eighteen men instantly, and so mauling another, that he died shortly after.

Telegraphic news from New York, dated April 18th, P. M., states that another battle had been fought between a Genl. Taylor and the Mexican army near Tule, which continued several hours, the Mexicans finally giving way. Among the prisoners said to be taken by the Americans, are Generals Urea and Canales. Advices from Santa Fe, state that a fortress had been stormed in the valley of Puebla, by the Americans, at which 12 Americans were killed and 150 to 200 Mexicans.

LATER FROM VERA CRUZ.—The ship Arkansas, Capt. Hilliard, arrived from Vera Cruz in five days. Mr. Kendall writes us that the last reports from the capital indicate that the dissensions are not yet terminated. Santa Anna is said to have allied himself with the party of Farias, and to be determined to support the war at the expense of the Church. A Guadalajara paper publishes the terms offered by our Government for peace through Aucha. The principal one was, in brief, fifteen millions to be paid Mexico for the line of 26° from the Gulf to the Pacific, and the United States to demand no expenses of the war. These expenses are estimated at thirteen millions, making a total of twenty-eight millions for the territory north of 26 degrees.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The last news from Mexico and the seat of war state that Santa Anna has arrived at the capital, where he has been received with great honour, and where, it was thought, his presence would put down the factions which had sprung up during his absence. The country is, however, in a terrible state.

Advices from San Antonio state that the Comanches, by the advice of their great chief, Mochlo, had brought back the presents of the United States Government, and the treaty papers, to Fredericksburgh, and, trampling them under foot, declared the treaty at an end.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT.—MONTREAL, April 26, 1847.

Table with columns for commodity names (Wheat, Flour, Beans, etc.), units, and prices in dollars and cents. Includes sub-columns for 'e. d. s. d.' and 's. d. s. d.'.

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