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News Department.

THE GROWING CROPS.

From the statements which we find in the American papers, it would seem that there is every prospect of an abundant harvest—particularly in the great West. The tobacco and cotton crops have been severely injured by the cold weather and hail storms, but the ground occupied by them has been planted with corn or other grain, more useful as food for man. In the Western part of this Province all spring crops look well; the fall wheat will not recover entirely from the effects of the winter. In this district, also, many fields are this year from the same cause, and cannot, no matter how fine the weather may be, yield a full crop. Throughout the Province, so far as we can learn from the local papers (which, by the bye, pay little attention to these things), the farmer's prospects are very good.

A destructive fire took place in Kingston on Monday morning last, about nine o'clock. Mr. Greer's storehouse and shed, with a large portion of their contents, were consumed. The News states the destruction of property to amount to 6,000 or 8,000 barrels of flour and some pork.

Large numbers of emigrants have arrived at Toronto within the last few days. They were mostly Irish, some of them apparently very poor.

Mr. Macdonald, the new Receiver General, has been elected for Kingston.

Mr. Sherwood has been appointed Attorney General for Canada West, and will probably be elected for Toronto without opposition.

GREAT RISE IN THE GRAM AND FLOUR MARKET.

There are small stocks of grain all over Europe, consequently dearth of provisions more and more felt. Another important advance has taken place in the value of bread-stuffs, as well in Great Britain as in many of our Continental ports.

Canadian Red Wheat, 15s 6d to 14s; White, 14s to 14s 3d, Canal States Red Genesee, was 13s 9d to 14s, White, do. 14s 3d to 14s 6d.

Indian Corn was worth 50s to 51s 6d, on the 5th instant; yesterday it brought 63s to 66s per quarter of 40 lbs. On the 10th, Canadian flour at 10s to 11s per barrel; United States wheat at 25s to 40s 6d; the quotations of today show a rise of 6s to 8s a barrel on the former, and 2s 6d to 9s on the latter.

Accounts from the Continent show that much scarcity prevails in all parts; but as the navigation was opened, large supplies were expected to come down the river in a very short time; whereby the wants of people in the country would not only be supplied, but numerous cargoes would be transported to this kingdom.

NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, June 3.

Wheat without any change of importance. Freight higher—engagements made at 4s.

There was a great excitement in bread-stuffs, from the announcement of the Hibernia's news, and the attendance on 'Change was very large.

Flour went up rapidly this morning and large sales were made at prices varying from \$8.75 to \$150 for Genesee. At the close, the demand was still good for shipment. Aggregate sales about 30,000 barrels. The market closed at \$9.37 1/2 to \$9.50 for Michigan. Holders of Genesee were generally firm at \$9.50.

Holders of meal wanted \$6, but there were few buyers at over \$5.75, though sales ranged from \$5.37 1/2 to \$5.57 1/2.

Rye Flour \$7.25 to \$7.75.

The grain market partook of the excitement in flour.

Wheat advanced to \$2.25; at which 6,000 or 8,000 bushels were taken.

Corn holders advanced to \$1.25 to \$1.30, with large sales at these figures.

Oats sold rather freely.

WOODSTOCK AND LAKE ERIE RAILROAD.

The Woodstock Herald, in acknowledging a receipt of a prospectus of this projected line, remarks:—

The plan embraces not only the construction of a railroad, but also the formation of a harbour on Lake Erie, and the building of eight vessels for the transport of the lumber, and also of two light, fast steamers. The Engineer's Report states that it has been the purpose of the projectors of the undertaking from the first, to construct the Railroad of metalized wood, according to Mr. Prosser's patent. The Engineer, has, however, for various reasons, which we think are very good ones, estimated for a common plate Rail Road, similar to those in use in the

States. Our space will not permit us to insert the probable annual expenditure and gross yearly income from the Report. The total annual gross income is £37,625 And the annual expenditure, - - 19,932

Net income - - - - £17,693

Or about 11 1/4 per cent. on the capital necessary to be expended by the Company, which the Engineer estimates at £153, 107 2s. 6d.

A lighthouse is about to be erected on Red Island.

The ice was fast in the Miramichi River on the 1st of May.

SCARCITY IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—The St. John Courier states that good American flour is held at eleven dollars per barrel in that city!

The corner stone of a new house of Refuge, in Rochester, was laid last week.

The Montreal Gazette announces that her Majesty has conferred on his Excellency, the Earl of Eglon, the Order of the Thistle; the vacancy thus filled up is occasioned by the death of the Duke of Argyll.

ST. LAWRENCE AND ATLANTIC RAILWAY.—Ground was broken at St. Hyacinthe for the commencement of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway at that place.

The two criminals who were sentenced at the late Brockville Assizes to be hanged on the 27th inst., have had their sentence commuted to imprisonment for life in the Provincial Penitentiary.

INCENDIARISM IN EAST FLAMBORO.—Last week a straw-stack, barn and shed, belonging to Mr. David Ponger, East Flamboro, was destroyed by fire, which originated in an act of incendiarism. One Dougherty has been committed for the offence.

WHEAT.—The Lagrange, Mo., Fire Press says the wheat in that region looks promising. It is extremely doubtful whether anything like an average crop is obtained.

Table with 2 columns: Tariff Year and Amount Collected. Rows for 1842, 1846, and 1847-5 months.

Excess received under tariff of 1846 over tariff of 1842, in the first five months - \$30,091 74

MR. GEORGE STEPHENSON'S NEW LOCOMOTIVE.—We have some months back mentioned that Mr. Geo. Stephenson, C. E., had invented a three-cylinder engine; that is, one with two outside cylinders acting both together the same way and in the same plane, and a third cylinder, with a crank in the middle of the axle, at right angles to the plane and crank pins of the two other cylinders. The middle cylinder is double the capacity of the other two. We understand that the compensation by this middle cylinder is so perfect, that not the least wriggle takes place at the highest velocities. Its power is said to be such that it starts off like an arrow from a bow. If this invention succeeds, it will annihilate the list and find point contended for by Mr. Brunel as a merit of the broad gauge—that is, power. Far more power will be able to be thrown into the engine than any road can well bear.—[Railway Magazine.]

EDUCATION TO AMERICA.—21,892 passengers were entered at the Custom-House, New York, from 1st Dec. during the month of April last 10,616 sons sailed from England, Ireland, and Scotland, bound for Canada, from the second to the 10th April inclusive.

6000 young men of French Canadian Parentage are employed in cutting timber for exportation on the Ottawa. There are two hundred different lumbering places on the banks of the Ottawa.

Some robbers lately entered the Post Office, at Quebec, and stole from it \$20 in notes and coin.

A new line of steamers have been put on the route between New York and Boston.

The Island of Maderia is suffering severely for want of food.

SAD DISASTER.—The Newfoundland of the 22nd ult., records the loss of the sealing schooner Margaret, and of the awful loss of human life which accompanied it. Some of the crew, who it appears, arrived in Harbor Grace, on Thursday last, report that on the 9th instant, the vessel ran ashore in the neighbourhood of Greenspond, when the master, Mr. David Power, a man much respected, and twenty of the crew, were in a few moments, hurried into eternity.

The governors of the Montreal Hospital have elected six additional physicians to the former staff of that institution.

In Montreal the duty on Auctioneers has been reduced from £50 to £25.

Iron wire is to supersede that of copper on the telegraphic line between New York and Albany.

The water in Lake Michigan is a foot lower than it was last year at this time.

A new Free Church in Peter-street, Montreal, was opened on the 16th inst.

In answer to a memorial of the inhabitants of Quebec, soliciting the aid of the Home Department in the construction of public works in the Province, the Secretary of State admits the importance of the prospect of establishing a railroad from Halifax to Quebec, but until the survey is completed, her Majesty's government cannot enter upon a consideration of any such proposal.

A CURIOUS COURT HOUSE.—The following is an extract from the presentment of Grand Jury of the District of Gaspe:—It is well known to your Honourable Bench what sums of money Government has paid for the hire of a building, better adapted to the accommodation of cattle, than for any ostensible purpose. Grand Jurors have been obliged to debate in a stable, upon a vegetating carpet, produced by the animal power of coaction.

One of the most certain modes of detecting counterfeit silver money, is to draw the edge of a sharp penknife across the surface. If good, it will cut like a rich old cheese—if counterfeit, the edge of the knife will catch, as if it had come across some hard substance. Nitric acid applied to the cut only blackens silver, but produces a green solution if the coin be spurious.

The North American Lakes have been found to contain 100 cubic miles of water, or more than half the fresh water on the globe, covering a space of about 80,000 square miles, and chaining a country of not less surface than 40,000 square miles.

A London correspondent of the National Intelligencer says:—The deficiency in the potato crop of last year is estimated at 8,142,299 tons; to supply this deficiency would take as an equivalent, 1,134,324 tons of Indian corn, which at 1d. per lb. would amount to £13,421,357.

A fossil cherry-tree was discovered lately in a bed of sandstone, in the Isle of Wight, 200 feet below the level of the earth.

Three persons lost their lives in crossing the Otonabee river at Peterboro' on a scow, a few days ago. Their names were Mrs. John O'Brien, and two young men, Shunkhane and Cuff.

EMIGRANT PASSENGERS.—From the 1st of January to the 17th of May inclusive, 44,627 steerage passengers arrived at the Quarantine Station New York while 527 died on their passage during the same period. Of those who arrived, 795 were admitted into the Marine Hospital, suffering with fever, and of whom 65 died. The whole number admitted into the hospital with "disease general" was 1,115.

Three soldiers who attempted to desert from Kingston were fired at. One was killed and the others badly wounded.

The boilers of the steamboat New Hampshire, while on her trip from New Orleans to Little Rock, exploded and 15 lives were lost.

In 1847 there have been 1057 marriages in the Island of Montreal, and burials 1422 females and 1393 males.

An Engineer has been engaged by the Peterboro and Port Hope Railroad Company, to survey and lay down a line of railway.

The debt of the city of Montreal amounts to nearly £191,000, of which £41,000 is due on the Bonsecours Market, and £51,200 for the purchase of the Water Works.

MANURE.—The Journal of Commerce has a letter from this Island stating that the famine there was caused mainly by the total loss by rot of the potato crop for the last two years. Flour sells for \$24 per barrel.

LICENSE ON SO LICENSE.—The returns from 281 towns in this state (New York) present the following result of the vote on the license question last week.

Table with 2 columns: License Status and Towns. Rows for For license (193 towns) and For no license (83 towns).

Majority - 115 towns

Early in 1848 there will be sixteen steamships regularly plying between New York and Europe, by which means a weekly communication will be kept up with England, France, and other countries in the Old World, independently of the Boston line of Cunard steamers.—[Montreal Courier.]

RIOT AND FIRE.—We learn that the buildings at Ravenswood, opposite Blackwell's Island, known as the Lang Island Farms, and formerly occupied by the orphan children in the care of the city, were attacked by a mob on Wednesday night about twelve o'clock, and partly destroyed by violence, then deliberately fired and utterly consumed. The buildings cost about \$40.—[New York Tribune.]

TORNADO IN GRIFFIN, GEO.—The American Whig states, that a most violent tornado passed over the Southwestern part of that town, on last Saturday week, which demolished several houses of both wood and brick. The lady of Mr. Bulford, and three small children, were considerably, but not dangerously, injured by the falling timbers of the house in which they were at the time. No other persons were injured. A carpenter's work bench was taken up, dashed to pieces, and parts of it carried a distance of from eighty to three hundred yards.

QUICK PASSAGES.—WRECK OF THE EXMOUTH.—The packet ship Adam Carr, Capt. Wright, arrived at New York from Glasgow in the unprecedented time of 16 days; and the schr. American Belle, Capt. Baxter, arrived at Boston on Friday, from Sligo, 3rd inst.

The Adam Carr brought no news, but in a copy of the Glasgow Herald is given a full account of the wreck of the brig Exmouth, South, from Londonderry for Quebec, which was wrecked on the Island of Inlay, occasioning awful destruction of human life—all but three women being involved

in the general ruin. Her crew consisted of 11 men, and she had on board as passengers about 240 emigrants, principally small farmers with their families. There was also a number of women and children going out to join their male relatives who had already settled in Canada; and in the cabin were three young ladies, two of them sisters, going to their homes at St. John, New Brunswick. Among the passengers were only about 60 men. At the date of the latest advices from the island about 20 bodies had come ashore, principally females; one was a little boy. All were terribly mangled by being dashed against the rocks.—Other bodies were seen floating in the surf, but no boat dared approach them. The captain has left a widow and family. The seamen were all unmarried, save one, George Ross.

NEGLECT OF FLAX CULTIVATION.—Among the unfavorable features of the accounts from Ireland the prospect of a neglect of flax cultivation may be regarded as serious, inasmuch as the annual products of this branch of industry are usually estimated at £2,000,000. The price of seed has greatly fallen, although supplies are low in consequence of no shipments having been made from the United States, whence the export generally averages 8,000 tierces; and dealers allege that they have never known so limited a demand. This appears to have arisen not so much from the paralysis which has prevented a large portion of the people from attending to cultivation of any kind, as from the fact of the high price of wheat having tempted those who are still disposed to exert themselves to devote their means to an increased production of that article, and thus to discontinue their ordinary produce. It is to be feared, however, that this will prove a mistake.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.—A gentleman who has just made the tour from Baltimore to Pittsburg, on the Ohio, thence through Mendville and Erie, Pa., to Buffalo, and thence by railway to the Hudson, informs us that the weather experienced was uncommonly warm for May, and that the drought throughout the whole section of country has been so protracted, that the grain crops of every description bear obvious indications of its blighting influence. The drought has cut off the usual green pasturage of the season, and the prices of all kinds of marketing are very high.—[Ohio Journal.]

CROPS.—An observing citizen of Columbus, who has recently returned from a pretty extensive journeying among the counties between the Scioto and Miami, authorizes us to say that the wheat crops look fine, and promise a full average yield, with an ordinary season from now till harvest. From some regions we hear croakings about a prospective failure of crops. Isolated cases of the kind no doubt exist; it were strange if they did not. But as a whole, there can be no cause to apprehend that Ohio will not have abundant for her own use, and something to spare "for the relief of Ireland" next year—should her necessities again require.—[Ohio State Journal, 20th May.]

WHEAT CROPS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Greenville Mountaineer states, that great complaints are made of the injury which the wheat crop has sustained from the fly in that section of the country. Many fields are almost entirely ruined; others are scarcely affected; but the average crop, it says, must be small.

TO IMPROVE THE FLAVOR OF COFFEE.—To each pound of roasted coffee add forty to fifty grains of carbonate of soda. In addition to improving the flavor, the soda makes the coffee more healthy, as it neutralizes the acid contained in the infusion.

DEATH OF SIR WALTER SCOTT.—Died of dysentery, at the Cape of Good Hope, on his way home from Madras, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Walter Scott, Bart., of Abbotsford, eldest son of the author of "Waverley." Sir Walter was born in 1791, and was a Lieutenant Colonel in the 15th Hussars. The baronetcy is extinct, but the Abbotsford property passes to Walter Scott Lockhart, a Cornet in the 16th Lancers, the only son of the editor of the Quarterly Review, and the only grandson of the author of "Waverley." Sir Walter was married in 1825 to a Miss Johnson, of Locher, Fife, who still survives.

Toronto Market Prices.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Date (June 5), and two columns for price (s. d. and s. d.). Rows include Flour, Oatmeal, Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats, Peas, Potatoes, Onions, Tub Butter, Fresh Butter, Eggs, Beef, Pork, Hay, Straw, Timothy, Mutton, Veal, Turkey, Geese, Ducks, Fowls, Chickens, Bacon, Ham, and Lard.