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THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, THURSDAY, 31st MAY, 1838.

LIST DATES.

London, - - - April 21. - - - New-York, - - - May 21.
Liverpool, - - - April 25. - - - Halifax, - - - May 30.
Paris, - - - April 22. - - - London, - - - May 17.

By yesterday's mail we received New York papers containing a list of news, taken from English papers of the 24th ult. brought by the ship *Orford*, from Liverpool.

Parliament re-assembled on the 29th April, after the recess. The proceedings were of no general interest.

In the House of Commons, the Bill for the extension of copyright was brought out, on a second reading, the division being 34 to 29.

Mr. Haughey gave notice that, on the Chancellor of the Exchequer moving the re-appointment of the Committee of Joint-stock Banks, he should propose, as an amendment, that the Committee be instructed to institute inquiries respecting banking generally, more particularly with the view of investigating the conduct of the Bank of England as regards the currency, &c.

The exportation of 29th coin from the port of London to New York, in the week ending 26th April, was 67,300 ounces.

There has been a great anti-slavery meeting in Bath. Mr. Easton made a very warm speech.

The King's Dock at Liverpool was to be opened for the reception of shipping on the 1st of May.

The advices from Spain are highly favorable to the cause of the Queen.

As was announced in our paper of Tuesday last, His Excellency the Earl of Durham disembarked from on board the *Hastings*, about one o'clock on that day. We have availed ourselves of the account of the interesting scene on this occasion, as given in the *Mercury* of Thursday evening.

From the Mercury on Tuesday.

His Excellency having determined on disembarking this day, the military preparations were made, and a little after one o'clock, the two battalions of Guards posted a Captain's Guard of Honour at the Wharf and a second at the Castle of St. Lewis, the streets being lined by the remainder of the Battalions from the landing place to the Castle. Shortly before two o'clock His Lordship left the *Hastings*, which was dressed in her colours, and fired a salute as the *Barge* pulled from the ship. The yards of the *Malabar*, *Inconstant*, *Pique* and *Rochester*, and of the Surveying Schooner *Gulbark*, were manned, in compliment to the Governor General, who was received on the Queen's Wharf by His Excellency Sir John Colborne, Commander of the Forces, Sir Jas. McDonald, Commander of the Garrison, and the whole of the Military Staff and Heads of Departments.—The Guard of Honour saluted as soon as the Governor General set foot on shore, and a salute of 19 guns was fired from the Citadel.

His Lordship now mounted his horse, and attended by the Lieutenant General, the Major General, and the numerous military cortege proceeded to the Castle, the ladies following in an open carriage.

The Executive Council and the Officers of the Civil Government were in attendance at the Castle, and His Lordship on alighting immediately proceeded to the Council Chamber and took the Oaths of Office; the termination of this ceremony was announced by a second salute of 19 guns from the saluting battery on the Cape.

His Excellency was dressed in military uniform with silver embroidery and wore the collar of the Bath. He appeared in good health; he was loudly cheered on dismounting and upon leaving the Castle.

The streets were thronged with spectators as were the wharves of the Lower Town, and the Place d'Armes, and the promenade between the Government Garden.

Immediately on having taken the Oaths of Office His Excellency issued a Proclamation, announcing that he had assumed the Government of the North American Provinces. This document will be found below.

From the Official Gazette.—Extra.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable JOHN GOSWOLD, EARL OF DURHAM, Viscount Lonsdale, &c. &c. Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Honorable Privy Council, and Governor General, Vice Admiral and Captain General of all Her Majesty's Provinces, within and adjacent to the Continent of North America, &c. &c. &c.

The Queen having been graciously pleased to entrust to me the Government of British North America, I have this day assumed the Administration of Affairs.

In the execution of this important duty, I rely with confidence on the cordial support of all Her Majesty's subjects as the best means of enabling me to bring every question affecting their welfare to a successful issue, especially such as may come under my cognizance as Her Majesty's High Commissioner.

The honest and conscientious advocate of Reform and of the amelioration of defective Institutions will receive from me, without distinction of Party, Race, or Politics, that assistance and encouragement which their patriotism has a right to command, from all who desire to strengthen and consolidate the connection between the Parent State and these important Colonies; but the disturbers of the Law, the enemies of the Crown and of the British Empire will find me an uncompromising opponent, determined to put in force against them all the powers, civil and military with which I have been invested.

In one Province the most deplorable events have rendered the suspension of its representative constitution, unduly, a matter of necessity—and the supreme power has devolved on me.

The great responsibility which is thereby imposed on me and the arduous nature of the functions which I have to discharge, will naturally make me most anxious to hasten the arrival of that period when the Executive Power shall again be surrounded by all constitutional checks of free, liberal and British institutions.

On you—the people of British America—on your conduct and on the extent of your co-operation with me, will mainly depend whether that event shall be delayed or immediate. I therefore invite from you the most free, unreserved communications. I beg you to consider me as a friend and arbitrator—ready at all times to listen to your wishes, complaints, and grievances, and fully determined to act with the strictest impartiality.

If you, on your side, will abjure all party, and sectarian animosities, and unite with me in the blessed work of peace and harmony, I feel assured that I can lay the foundations of such a system of Government, as will protect the rights and establish under Divine Providence, that Wealth, Greatness and Prosperity, of which such inexhaustible elements are to be found in these fertile countries.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle St. Lewis, in the city of Quebec, in the said Province of Lower Canada, the twenty ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and in the first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

(By Command.)
CHARLES BELLER,
Chief Secretary.

From the Quebec Gazette of yesterday.

One of the first acts of His Excellency after having taken the oaths of office, was to enquire for the Attorney General. That functionary was unavoidably absent from the Council Chamber by reason of indisposition, and the noble Earl, before proceeding to other business, desired, that a return of the number and names of persons at present under confinement in the jails should be laid before him without delay, together with the depositions upon which they had been committed, and a statement of the length of time they had been incarcerated. His Lordship also directed that returns should be forth with made out for his information by the acting magistrates throughout the Province, of the number of warrants remaining in force, but unexecuted against persons who had fled from justice, with a succinct detail of the circumstances or grounds of suspicion, or accusation upon which they had been issued. In calling for this information, his Lordship has, no doubt, satisfied one of the primary executive duties of his high office, and one of the most imperative injunctions of the British laws, viz: the duty of

watching with jealousy over the personal liberty of the subject. This is a duty which cannot with propriety be delegated to other hands, and the EARL OF DURHAM has, with peculiar grace, made the very first act of his rule, one which ought to inspire all with increased confidence in the administration of the laws.

The Prince de Joinville, son of the King of the French, has arrived in the United States from Havana.—The *Norfolk Herald* states, that, on the 21 instant, the Prince succeeded, by the Portsmouth and Roanoke railroad, on his northern tour.

Papers from every quarter of the United States speak of the cheering prospect of an abundant fall harvest of every kind of grain. The crops of wheat particularly are said to be more promising at this season, than for many years past—and nothing seems to be wanting but an ordinary season to ensure an extraordinary harvest.

An extensive conflagration occurred at Albany on Thursday last, by which the extensive coach factory of Messrs. Gould & Co., and fourteen other adjacent buildings were destroyed. The loss sustained by Messrs. Gould & Co. is estimated at 45,000 dollars.

The appointment of Civil and Military Secretaries, Attaches to the High Commission, and Ambassadors-Camp, by His Excellency the Earl of Durham, is announced in the Official Gazette Extra of Thursday.

The *Toronto Guardian* states that Reynolds of Belleville, who absconded some time ago, to the United States, has returned to Kingston, and given himself up to the Sheriff. A true bill has been found against him by the Grand Jury for high treason.

The first number of "Evan's Agricultural Magazine" has made its appearance at Montreal. We have not yet seen it, but the Montreal papers concur in speaking very highly of it.

The *Hastings* left Portsmouth on the 24th ultimo, in company with H. M. steamship *Dee*, a guns, Commander, Joseph Shearer, K. H. and H. M. schooner *Charybdis*, Lieut. Commander, the Hon. Robert Gore, for Quebec.

The two last vessels were last sight of shortly after sailing, by the *Hastings*, and have not been seen by her.

The passage across the Atlantic was almost delightful one, and Lord Durham and family were in excellent health and spirits during the whole of its continuance. The total number of his Lordship's family, suite, and servants on board the *Hastings* is sixty one.

Mercury.

COUNTERFEIT SOVEREIGNS.—We understand that several attempts have been made, during the last few days at passing counterfeit sovereigns, principally upon the small shop-keepers and tavern-keepers in the Upper Town. We were yesterday shown one of these pieces; it is coarsely executed, but was taken in the evening and without sufficient examination, though the full value of a lawful sovereign was given in exchange for this piece of base metal. Persons in business would do well to examine sovereigns offered to them very minutely, especially when they are tendered in the dusk or after candles are lighted, as that is the time these passers of counterfeit coin generally carry on their operations.—*Mercury*.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF QUEBEC.

ARRIVED,
May 29th. (None.)

Bark Jean Baptiste, Maxwell, 25 April, Grenada, Leaycraft & co, rum,
Brig Eleanor, Simpson, 20th April, Dublin, W Price & co, ballast,
Brig Voyageur, Whelden, 24th April, London, W Price & co, ballast,
Brig Rowley, Pollock, 26th April, Greenock, Montreal, general cargo,
Brig Credo, Humphrey, 26th April, Dublin, Symes & Ross, ballast,—69 passengers,
Schr. Factor, Price, 10 days from Mille Vaches, Symes & Ross, ballast,
Brig Queen, Bourne, 20th April, Hartlepool, W Chapman & co, coals,

31st. (this morning.)

Bark Hope, Smalls, 21st April, Ipswich, Penbertons, ballast,
Brig Penelope, Huntrods, 24th April, Liverpool, Penbertons, ballast,
Brig William the 1th, Hastings, 29th April, Frazer, W Price, ballast,

CLEARED.

May 29th.

Bark Ipswich, Lakeman, Padstow, LeMesurier,
Brig Eleanor, Potzer, Dublin, LeMesurier,
Bark Reeper, Rowe, Poole, Penbertons,
Ship John Bell, Black, New Ross, Penbertons,
Ship John Francis, Bunynman, Cork, Price & co,
Ship Bourne, Gorman, Limerick, Price & co,
Bark Beaufort, Brown, London, Price & co,
Brig Athelbert, Moore, Bristol, Gilmour & co, 30th,
Bark Marnion, Harrison, London, Chapman & co,
Bark Dominica, Bowman, Cork, Chapman Schr. Judge Thompson, Ponter, St. John's N. B., J. W. Leaycraft & co,
Bark Cantonian, Heppenstall, London, Atkinson,
Ship Amador, Baird, Belfast, D. Burnet,
Bark Utania, Clarke, Cork, Penbertons,
Brig Marys, Newlan, Newry, Penbertons,
Bark Robert Quayle, Corner, Newport, Penbertons

The *de Clock*.—Wind light at N.E. The telegraph announces six square rigged.

H. M. S. *Edinburgh*, which sailed several days ago, returned to port this morning. We have not yet learned the cause of her unexpected re-appearance.

Capt. Genialy, of the *Rebecca*, wrecked on Mille-Vaches, returned this morning, having saved as much of the cargo, rigging, &c. as he could.

Schr. *Factor*, which had been stranded last November, near Sault-au-Saumon, in coming to Quebec from Wales, in ballast, and consigned to Messrs. Symes & Ross, arrived in port yesterday from Mille-Vaches, having been got off.

We understand that the *Pique's* order for sailing has been countermanded. On Tuesday last she again moored, unbet her studding sail gear and discharged her pilot for a fortnight.

H. M. Sloop of War *Charybdis*, Capt. Gore, arrived on Wednesday, in twenty six days from Portsmouth. The *Charybdis* was attached to Lord Durham's squadron and parted company in St. George's Channel, under orders, to cruise off Cape Breton, and wait the arrival of the *Hastings*. The ice from the Gulf forced her to depart from her orders, and to bear up for this port. The *Charybdis* spoke H. M. Steamer *Dee*, also of the Squadron, off Louisbourg, with only one days coal on board. She attempted to get into Sydney, but was prevented by the ice. She also, it is expected, will bear up for Halifax. Here we have no more appearance of ice than the Thames has at midsummer, and we had not as much during the winter, as would impede the navigation of a birch-bark canoe.—*Notascation*.

Rutland.—Dunloe, April 18.—The bark *Tyton*, Keighly, of and from Hull for Quebec, put into Aris Roads by stress of weather and tremendous sea yesterday, and after being at anchor for about three hours broke her chain and got ashore, lost her rudder, and stern post split, and making a great deal of water, and will in every probability, become a total wreck. The gale continues; wind N.E.

Grimshy, April 20.—Came into the Harbour yesterday, the brig *Themis*, Pickering, from Newcastle, for Quebec; was struck by a sea at 2 P. M. on the 18th instant, at which time she bore up, then off Peterhead; was boarded by a boat's crew of seven men belonging to *Wick*, who were compelled through the violence of the gale to remain by the ship; towed the boat until she filled and broke away from the stern the sea slove the long boat, tore the rig bolts out of the deck, carried away three stanchions, bulwarks and rails in midship; makes no water.

Comparative Statement of arrivals, tonnage and settlers, at the Port of Quebec, to the 31st May, for the years 1837 and 1838:—

VESSELS.	TONNAGE.	SETTLERS.
1838.	349	118,745
1837.	196	67,761
More this year, 153	45,784	less 2326