

THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

would be thought the men stole it—you better get leave for a few days and go to Niagara, we could meet you at the old place, tell the soldiers the sign for a boat—at Field's Point is to be a shirt put on the old tree, we are glad to hear that you have got so many to promise, as soon as they are ready we will send the boat to the schooner, or if they come in the hat case in the schooner they might—if you get leave bring your carbine with you, you can say you lost it when you go back, so said Buxsey will not give any more. Your brother to death.

JAMES ROSTON.

QUEBEC, March 13th 1839.

MY DEAR FLOOD.—You have so many names I forget sometimes, the wax came safe, the keys will be made for the next trip, if you will do the job at Government House, you will get \$4000; then it is on fire, Jim and you might put the box we want out of the office, the money will be paid on Yonge street when the job is done. I'm glad the six soldiers are coming, they can be put in the hat case next trip, try the bugler, he will get fifty dollars. You may as well let your horse be burnt with the rest, and I promise to pay you for him, so the dam Major won't give you leave, I got the two pistols,—you must send us another plan of the garrison, can't some of your friends in the garrison get a rocket or two, we only want a pattern one, the impression of the Bank key was spoiled, so you will have to get another, your account of the troops was read in meeting and is in Sandwich, you don't say how many mortars in the garrison, there is no use in you saying you will not do the job at the Government House less than \$600, it won't be given, if you don't some one else will. Your brother to death.

JAMES ROSTON.

The two letters were rolled up in a peculiar way, in the plan: so that when witness unrolled the plan, the letters remained in witness's hand, and could not very well be seen unless it was previously known they were there—witness asked prisoner what the plan meant?—thinking at first sight it was a sketch of a riding house about which prisoner had spoken before this witness; prisoner answered, "He knew all about it; that some enemy had done it," meaning had put the plan and letters among his papers—prisoner could not then have known the contents of the papers rolled up in the plan, unless he had been previously acquainted with them—asked prisoner "who Roston was?"—said "he did not know."—Witness then told prisoner that from the nature of those letters and papers, he must search his trunk—prisoner said he had none—his trunk was at Drummondville—witness had seen a red trunk frequently in prisoner's room before this—witness said that if prisoner would tell where his trunk was, and if upon search nothing that was mentioned in the letters was found there, it would be greatly in his favour—but quite the contrary it he refused—did not find the trunk—prisoner when asked what he meant by these papers being put there by an enemy, replied, "Oh it will all be explained presently."

The rest of the evidence for the Crown went only to corroborate that of Major MACGREGOR, with the addition that the prisoner asked to be put orderly at Government House, in February last, which was refused to him.

From the Montreal Gazette of Tuesday.

The Special Council met yesterday, at one o'clock, at the Government House. Since its adjournment in April last, the following members have been added to the body:—

The Chief Justice of the Province, Hon. R. U. HARWOOD, Vaudreuil, Edward Hale, Fortin, Edward Hale, Sherbrooke, John Wainwright, Argenteuil, J. B. Taché, Kamouraska. The members of the Council present at its session of yesterday, were the following:— The Chief Justice, Messrs. Cuthbert, Pothier, Delery, Moffatt, M-Gill, DeRocheblave, Neilson, Gerard, Quesnel, Christie, Walker, Colson, Harwood, Hale, (Sherbrooke,) Wainwright.

His Excellency the Governor General laid before the Council, drafts of the following Ordinances.—(The titles of these Ordinances were given in Wednesday's Transcript.) The two first are continuations, till June, 1840, of Acts of last Session; and the Seminary Bill, Cap. 1. of last Session, with the omission of the sixteenth clause, which sought the authority of the Imperial Parliament to make permanent—a power now possessed by the Special Council.

His Excellency also made a communication to the Council, on the subject of the Union

of the Canadas—the precise import of which has not reached us.

The Governor General having named the Chief Justice of the Province to preside in his absence, then withdrew.

The council met again to-day at ten o'clock. We understand that His Excellency the Governor General will leave for Upper Canada, on Monday next. His Excellency will be about two months absent.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—On the night of the 3rd instant, a man named Charles Taylor, being rather intoxicated, inquired of a person he met, if he could inform him where he could find lodgings for the night. This person told Taylor, that if he would go along with him he would procure him lodgings; to this he assented, and they proceeded in the direction of the Tanneries, until they came to a lonesome part of the road, he knocked down Taylor and robbed him of 12s. 6d., all the money he had. His name is William Johnson alias Elliott, a notorious character. He has been apprehended, and fully committed for trial.—Montreal Transcript.

On Sunday last, about half past seven in the morning, an apparent attempt was made to assassinate Mr. Nazareth Brown, as he sat in his own house, in Nazareth Street, Griffintown. Mr. Brown is well known as a loyal man, and as a Captain of Volunteers, doing duty last winter in Col. Maitland's Battalion. The first shot fired passed below Mr. Brown's left arm and right side, struck the stove, and entered the front room. Mr. Brown rushed out at the back door to see who had fired, when a second shot passed close to his face, and was found in a room adjoining the kitchen, about 6 feet from where the first shot entered. Mr. Brown saw the smoke, and discovered four men on the back gallery of another house, who were reloading the discharged pistol. They finished, and fired a third shot in the same direction. Mr. Brown having applied to the police, three of the men were at once secured, and ultimately the fourth was found concealed in the garret. They have all been committed for trial. The first shot fired very narrowly missed one of Mr. Brown's children. The names of the prisoners are Antoine Laurent, Louis Lacombe, Edgesipe Cousineau, and Joseph Langevin, bargemen.—Montreal Transcript of Tuesday.

FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES.—On the 27th ult., a fire broke out in Chicago, and destroyed nearly twenty buildings—loss \$75,000. The building on the corner of the Basin and Canal Carroudelet, was burnt on the 29th ult.—loss \$8,000.

Oathwaite & Co. and Mr. Halsey, were burnt out on the 31st ult., at Cleveland—loss \$7,000.

SICKNESS AT THE SOUTH.—With the single exception of New Orleans, the health of the southern cities does not improve. In Mobile, business is improving, and the absentees are returning from the north. The fever also continues at Bayou, Sara, Port Hudson, and in several other of the interior places. In the former place there have been 52 deaths since the middle of June. There has been no abatement in Natchez; from the 1st to the 24th ult. there were one hundred interments.—New York Herald.

The Rev. A. G. Drummond, late Catholic Priest of this village, and who recently died at Quebec, left by his will, we understand, the sum of \$1,000 to be applied in the erection of the Catholic Church now building in this place,—\$1,000 to his mother in Ireland, and the residue of his estate, supposed to amount to about \$1,000, to Mr. Michael Brennan, an industrious labourer, resident of this village. Plattsburgh Republican.

TORONTO LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, Novr. 1st.

BEFORE HIS HONOR JUDGE McLEAN.

Stewart versus McGORAN—CRIM. CON.

The Attorney General, for the plaintiff, stated the case—proved the marriage, and that the parties lived happily together as man and wife—put in certain letters in the handwriting of the defendant, from the tenor of which the improper connexion was apparent—the defendant, a Lieutenant in the 32d Regt. of Foot, has no other property than his commission, worth about £720—proved that the issue of the marriage was three children, the eldest four years, the youngest sixteen months—all girls, now in charge of the plaintiff.

The Solicitor General, for the defence, addressed the jury with more than his usual force and eloquence in mitigation of damages; the defendant having already met the plaintiff in the field, and stood two shots without return-

ing either; and being desirous to make the unfortunate cause of the action, the only reparation now in his power.

His Honor the Judge charged the jury in a strain of high moral dignity—observing that in assessing damages in such cases, the jury should consider the wrong done to the plaintiff—the injury inflicted on society in general—and the loss sustained by the infant children of the fostering care of a mother—and should give such an amount, as might have the effect of deterring others from carrying misery and shame into peaceful and happy families.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff with 2600 damages.

The case was conducted throughout with a praiseworthy regard to propriety and decorum.—Toronto Patriot.

The Army.

The 71st Highland Light Infantry, we learn, will leave their present barracks, in town, some day this week, and will proceed to Chambly; but we understand that their headquarters will move to St. John's during the winter, whenever the new barracks at that post are ready for their reception.—Montreal Gazette.

The arrangement for forwarding two companies of the 11th Regiment, by steamboat to River du Loup on their route to Madawaska, which we noticed on Tuesday, has since been altered. We understand that one company only, augmented to 100 men, is at present to proceed to that quarter, and they will go by land. Their departure is, we believe, fixed for to-morrow (this day.) A Courier arrived yesterday, in the Lady Colborne from Montreal who was said to be the bearer of despatches to Sir John Harvey; he proceeded immediately on his road to Fredericton.—Mercury.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. Illustrations of ships.

PORT OF QUEBEC. ARRIVED. Nov. 14th. Schr. Courier, Formier, 12 days Percé, fish, D Fraser, 9 passengers. Saw nothing bound up.

CLEARED. Nov. 14th. Bark Europe, Gubb, London, Price & Co. Bark Mariner, Bartlett, Portland, Chapman. Bark Irvine, Reed, Newcastle, Chapman. Sloop Toronto, Morgan, London, Gillespie & Co. Ship St. Patrick, Webster, Cork, Chapman & Co. Ship Isabella, Meredith, Cork, Chapman & Co. Brig Argo, Abbott, Lynn, Pemberton. Schr. Phoenix, Caldwell, Bathurst, Symes. Schr. Shannon, Boudrot, Halifax, Sharples. Schr. Providence, Bouthillier, Caraque, E. Bouthillier.

BIRTH. On the 13th instant, the lady of the Rev. Geo. Cowell, Chaplain to the Forces, of a daughter. On Wednesday morning, at Three Rivers, Mrs. W. Burrage, of a son. On Tuesday last, Mrs. Hynes, of a son.

DIED. At Berry Hill, Berwick-on-Tweed, on the 2nd October last, Christian Isabella Fanny, wife of A. Robertson, Esq. late of Montreal, aged 36.

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