

board by the Deputy Quarter Master General Col. Cockburn, and His Lordship was attended by Col. Harvey, D. A. G. Mr. Maule, A. D. C. and A. W. Cochran, Esq. civil secretary to his Lordship who also proceed in the Athol.

The administration of the Civil Government of this Province, devolves to His Excellency Lieut. Governor Sir F. N. Burton, who yesterday took the oaths which was announced by a salute from the Citadel. His Excellency has issued the usual proclamation. The command of the troops in the Canadas is vested in General Sir P. Maitland, who returns to Upper Canada this evening.

12th June.

In the afternoon of Wednesday last, between two and three o'clock, a thunder storm passed over this City, which although not of long continuance, was attended with more melancholy consequences than any which has happened of late years in this part of Canada.—The cloud from which the lightning issued, appeared to be almost directly over the Upper Town market place; the fluid was discharged in different directions: it was seen to play upon the Conductors of the Seminary and the Parish Church, and the whole extensive quadrangle of the Jesuit Barrack felt its effects. A corporal of the 63th Light Infantry, named Natrass, who was standing near one of the windows of the upper story of the west front, was with his son, a child about two years old, in his arms, struck dead, and a bugler in the room beneath was also killed at the same moment, in the north side of the building, a chimney was struck, a large beam was splintered, the floors torn up, the ceiling injured and much damage done in the rooms, which had fortunately been vacated by the first division of the 37th Regt. had they been occupied many lives must have inevitably been lost. The lightning passed out through the Commissariat spirit store on the ground floor, but the fluid penetrated other parts of the building; but the most serious injury was sustained on the side occupied by the 63th Regiment, in which besides the persons killed, three persons were affected with paralysis of one side, four with apoplectic symptoms, and several others with general spasmodic affections, the total number injured is seventeen the Regimental guard room was

filled with Sulphureous vapour which obliged those within to open the windows and doors to escape suffocation.

The fluid also struck or passed thro' several houses in Fabrique street, but without doing any material injury; the lightning proved fatal in the Officers Barracks in St. Lewis street, to a very fine young man, Ensign G. D. Cogan, 68th Light Infantry, who, after the storm was over, was found by his servant, stretched on the floor, a lifeless corpse; it is supposed that he had been standing near the window, when the lightning struck the right side of his head, and entering his body near the collar bone, passed out at the left ankle and heel; the leg of his pantaloons and his shoe were torn, the marks of the fluid were visible on the limbs, but it was remarked on stripping the body, that the drawers were not injured; the side of the building, in which Mr. Cogan's room was situated, was struck in several parts, bolts were forced off the windows and other damage done, and a wooden building adjoining greatly shattered.

It is worthy of remark, that the two buildings in which the fatal accidents occurred, are covered with sheet iron, and have much heavy iron work about the windows, yet are unprovided with conductors; to which cheap and simple contrivance, the safety of the Catholic Church and the Seminary, is on this occasion, perhaps mainly attributable.

We have heard that a barn belonging to a Mr. Mercier, merchant at St. Thomas, was fired by lightning on that day, and totally consumed. No other well authenticated account has reached us of further damage having been sustained in the country.

The sufferers were interred on Thursday morning with military honours, all the officers of the staff and Garrison, the men of the 37th and 60th Regiments off duty, and a vast concourse of civilians attended on this melancholy occasion.

Mr. Cogan was generally esteemed for his gentlemanly manners; what renders his death more deplorable is, that he is the only son of a widow mother, residing in Scotland and who will most probably receive from a highly distinguished character, the flattering accounts of her son's health when he left the command, but a few days after, she will hear of the awful dispensation which has deprived her of this blessing.

The Bugler and Corporal were both