

NEWS.

Return of Emigrants arrived at Quebec from 24th May to 27th August.

	1847.	1846.
From England,	26,568	7,334
" Ireland,	45,961	19,327
" Scotland,	2,699	1,253
" Germany,	6,212	887
	81,440	28,801

The deaths during passage and in quarantine, are to be deducted from above.

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**ROBBERIES.**—Several acts of house breaking have been committed in this city of late. The book-store of Mr. H. Home, Place d'Armes, was forcibly entered last Saturday or Sunday night. On the same evening, the store of E. Way & Co., on Commissioner Street, was broken open, and a grocery store kept by a person named Smith, at the East end of St Paul Street, was also robbed. On Tuesday night, the drug store of Messrs. Benjamin Workman & Co., corner of Custom House Square, was robbed. We understand that in none of these cases have the thieves succeeded in securing much valuable booty.—*Pilot.*

A man was drowned from the "Princess Royal," on Saturday, last, about twelve o'clock. He was working on a stage slung from the side of the vessel, and by some means fell from it. His body was recovered shortly afterwards, and an inquest held on it. Verdict, "accidentally drowned."—*Montreal Gazette.*

At Montreal and Quebec it would seem that there has been some diminution of the mortality. It was stated yesterday, in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, that the deaths of adults of the congregation have been two less, since the 1st Jun, than for the corresponding period last year. We are sorry to see that record, the usual result in this country of a number of persons being called to act for the public, prevails in the Health Committees and Corporations both at Quebec and Montreal.—*Quebec Gazette.*

**DROWNED.**—On Thursday last, from a batuan, at St. Thomas, William Forsyth, a printer, well known to the confraternity in Quebec, and for many years connected with some of its leading printing establishments. It appears that he was sitting carelessly upon the boat, in rough weather, and thus accidentally pitched overboard. We regret to learn, that he leaves a wife, and family, who were entirely dependent upon his exertions for support.—*Mercury.*

**AN EXTRAORDINARY SCENE.**—We are informed that on Saturday morning last, the horse attached to the Emigrant hearse in Toronto ran away through the streets, and broke the horse to pieces, when, horrible to relate, three coffins, and five unconfined bodies were scattered along the street. We are further informed that the emigrants cannot be persuaded to go into Hospital, but perambulate the streets to the great danger of the inhabitants. Dr. Widner, we are sorry to hear, is severely ill of the fever.—*Cobourg Star.*

**ELECTRIC CLOCK AT MANCHESTER.**—Of this the *Manchester Courier* says:—"This clock is the nearest approach to that which has been hitherto sought for in vain—perpetual motion, for, once properly adjusted, it will go until a loss of material arrests its motion. By means of the one current of the clock in the Exchange, a hundred clocks of a similar construction might be worked. So that if, on a line of railway, there were an electric clock at one of the termini, and one of a similar construction at every station along the line, all these chronometers would go precisely as the one at the terminus whence the current came. Thus, all such clocks, in the same building, might be regulated in a similar manner. It is not improbable, therefore, that in the course of a short time there will be a number of smaller clocks placed in various parts of our Exchange, all to be supplied by the great one in this electric telegraphic room."

**PUBLIC BATHS FOR THE WORKING CLASSES.**—The public baths at Edinburgh are now completed and ready for being opened, in Nicholson Square, one of the most central situations in town for those who are expected to use them. There are fourteen baths on the lowest floor and back area, for which the charge of fourpence is proposed to be made, including hot baths; five on the street floor, fitted up in a superior manner, for which sixpence will be charged; and five on the upper floor, having accommodation equal to any in town, for which a shilling will be charged. From this class it is expected a profit will be derived, so as, with the others, to make the whole establishment self-supporting, if opened free from the incumbrance of debt. The whole outlay, including the original purchase money of the property, has been £2505 8s 5d, of which £1645 0s 10d has been paid, thus leaving a deficiency of £940 7s 7d, to raise which a vigorous effort will require to be made. This matter is peculiarly important at the present period, when the promotion of habits of personal cleanliness may be instrumental in preventing the spreading of contagious disease, which prevails to such a great extent.

**RUSSIA.**—The Circassians have successfully defeated an attack made on the fortified village of Dengebil, by the Russians, led on by General Count Wornnow himself, who has convinced himself that nothing but the force of artillery will drive the determined enemy from that fastness. A terrible combat is also said to have taken place on the 8th of June, between a division of the Russian army and the mountaineers, in which 5,000 fell on the field, and neither party claimed the victory.

**A BLOODY BATTLE.**—The *Minden Iris* (published in Clarborne parish, Louisiana,) of the 24th ult. says, that it was informed, by the runner who came for medical aid, that a bloody fight had taken place at the Dorchester Bridge, near the line of the parish, on the 22d ult. There seems to have been two parties, numbering some twelve or fifteen men, who mutually agreed to meet at this bridge and settle some old difficulties, by fighting with rifles. Two men were killed on the spot. Their names were Hardy Miller, and a Mr. Simpson. Several others were wounded; one man received a mortal wound in the abdomen, and another had two fingers shot off. Some sixty guns were fired.

A painful accident occurred on board the brig *Portia*, on Saturday, on her passage down the Clyde. From some unexplained cause, a barrel of spirits caught fire in the cabin, we believe, where were present Captain Mc'LAY, Mrs. Mc'LAY, and the Captain's brother, who is mate of the vessel. By great efforts on the part of the crew, the vessel was saved from imminent peril; but we lament to state that the accident has proved fatal to one, at least, of the three persons named. The Captain and his wife were taken ashore at Gourock, in a state of extreme suffering, and on Sabbath were conveyed to the Greenock Infirmary, where Captain Mc'LAY died shortly after his admission. There was a report yesterday that Mrs. Mc'LAY was also dead. The mate, who remained on board, was said to be in a dangerous state.—*Scottish Guardian.*

The remains of Mr. O'Connell having been brought by way of France to Southampton, were carried by railroad to London, and thence transferred to Chester, where they arrived on Monday evening, and were laid in the Roman Catholic Chapel of that city. Mr. Gardner, of Chester, had received orders to make a new coffin, as that in which the body was encased and which was made at Genoa, was of rather common workmanship. High mass was celebrated in the chapel on Sunday, and in the evening a procession accompanied the remains to the railway station. On Monday, the 2nd, they were placed on board a steamer specially engaged, and by it conveyed to Dublin. The funeral will take place on the 5th August.

**DREADFUL SHIPWRECK.—ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO PERSONS DROWNED.**—The ship *Shununga*, Patten, from Liverpool, bound to Boston, came in contact, on the morning of the 9th instant, (latitude and longitude not given,) about one o'clock, in the thick fog, with the Swedish barque *Iduna*, Captain A. Moberg, from Hamburg, bound to New York, with two hundred and sixty persons on board. Thirty minutes after the collision, the barque went down, carrying with her one hundred and seventy-two. Capt. Patten, of the *Shununga*, immediately after the collision, lowered the boat and sent them to the rescue of those on board the *Iduna*, of whom they succeeded, with one boat from the barque, in rescuing thirty-four. Among those who perished was Captain Moberg. The following are the names of the passengers saved:—Edward Kaiser and Teresa Leitner, cabin passengers; Carle Lausen, Leonard Rommber, A. Wester, Frederick Robin, Charles Setz ard wife, Daniel Gunther, Frederick Kapburgh, Johanna Wensell, H. F. Rohlose.—12. From the above, we should judge that nearly the whole of the crew of the *Iduna* were saved. The *Iduna* sailed from Hamburg on the 2d of July.—*New York Commercial Advertiser, July 17th.*

**ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS OF THE LOSS OF THE IDUNA.**—All the survivors that were saved were picked up from the surface of the water. One cause why so few were thus saved was, that almost all of them had, when the cry went round that she was sinking, seized their belts of gold and silver and tied them around their waists—thus those who had attempted to save their gold, lost both life and gold, being unable to sustain themselves until the boats could reach them. The passengers were composed of industrious Swedes, who were coming to this country with considerable sums of money in their possession, for the purpose of purchasing farms, and settling at the West. The collision was so sudden and unexpected, and the vessel sank so soon afterwards, that none of the passengers had time to clothe themselves. Most of them, however, secured their money, which was mostly in gold, about their persons, which accounts for the serious loss of life. Those who were saved, had been in the water nearly half an hour when they were picked up, during which time those who had gold about their persons had sunk. It is supposed that Captain Moberg, master of the bark, had \$1,400 in gold about his person! Those who were saved were entirely destitute of money, and mostly clad in their night clothes when taken aboard the *Shununga*. Every possible attention was, however, given to their wants on board this ship. The warm hearted tars on board furnished them with all the spare clothing, reserving nothing for themselves but what they stood in. Sheets, bunting, and everything which could be manufactured into clothing, were pressed into service for that purpose, and everything which could be devised to administer to their comfort was cheerfully performed. So far as we can ascertain, a good watch was kept on board the *Shununga*; but at the time of the collision, the fog was so dense, that the bow of the ship could not be seen from the quarter deck. If both these vessels had had lanterns burning brilliantly at their bows, this dreadful accident might not have occurred.

**FREEDOM OF SLAVERY.**—The accounts from Trinidad afford striking evidence of what may be done by industry and skill, aided by capital. Estates which, even in what were thought the palmy days of slavery, never produced more than 150 hogsheads of sugar, will this year return 300, 400, and even 500 hogsheads, besides affording good hopes of a continuance of these quantities.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, August 28, 1847.

ASHES—Provincial duty 1 per cent. Paris, per cwt 26 9 a 27 0 Pearls, do 31 0 a 31 6	PROVISIONS—Provincial duty 2s per cwt, Imp. 3s per cwt. Beef, Mess, bbl 200 lbs 00 0 a 00 0 Prime Mess, do 00 0 a 67 6 Prime, do 62 6 a 85 0 Cargo, do 00 0 a 00 0 Prime Mess, per tierce of 304 lbs 100 0 a 00 0 Pork, Mess, bbl 200 lbs 95 0 a 100 0 Prime Mess, do 77 6 a 80 0 Prime, do 00 0 a 67 6 Cargo, do 00 0 a 67 6
LOUR—Provincial duty 1 per cent. Canada Superfine 28 0 a 28 9 Do Fine 26 3 a 27 6 Do Middlings none Do Pollards none	BACON, &c.—Provincial duty 6s per cwt, Imp. 8s per cwt. Bacon, .. none Hams, .. 00 0 a 00 7 BUTTER—Provincial duty, 2s. Imp. 7s per cwt. Prime .. 0 7 a 0 7 1/2 Green .. none
MEAL—Provincial duty 2s per 196 lb., Imp. 2s per bbl. Indian Meal none Oatmeal 26 0 a 27 0	GRAIN—Provincial duty 3s per quarter on all except Oats 2s. Wheat, U C best 60 lbs nominal Do do mid, do do Do Red do do Barley per minot do do Oats do do Pease do do Indian Corn, 58 lbs none

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