

Provincial Journal.

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THE leading object among our Provincial occurrences for this month is the address brought up from the committee of the Legislative Council, by the Hon. Mr. Richardson, on the 7th, relative to the claim set up by the Government of the United States to the free navigation of the St. Lawrence to the Sea, and the award of Barnhart's Island to that Government by the Commissioners under the Treaty of Ghent; this address concludes with an earnest recommendation "That His Majesty may be advised not to concede to the said United States, upon any terms or conditions, the navigation through the St. Lawrence to Sea;" and at the same time expresses a hope, "that means may be taken to procure, by negotiation, the reciprocal right or exercise of navigation, during peace, of the several internal channels of the St. Lawrence, southward of the 45th degree of north latitude, in whichsoever territory the said internal channels may be situate, in order to prevent those collisions, which must otherwise take place to the injury of both nations."

To an address from the House of Assembly, praying His Excellency the Governor in Chief would be pleased to extend the term limited by Proclamation for the officers and militiamen, who served during the late war, to claim the lands granted in accordance with the gracious intentions of His Majesty, His Excellency made the following reply: "I think that ample time has been already given to all persons having such claims to the favorable consideration of His Majesty on this point; and I now feel it my duty to put a period to it; having carried His Majesty's intentions into effect in the fullest manner."

INCIDENTS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

LOWER-CANADA.

MONTREAL.

The Court of King's Bench for Civil Pleas, opened on 1st and closed on 20th. Some alterations have taken place in the Court-Room, calculated to afford much better accommodation for the Gentlemen of the Bar; an additional gallery is also erected for the convenience of the public.

The store of Messrs. Handyside & Co. was entered, and £18 taken out of an iron chest—also, some wearing apparel, from an adjoining apartment.

150 Copies of M. Chaboillez's reply to P. H. Bedard were sold in one day.

The Criminal Term of the Court of King's Bench began on the 25th—there were sixty-six prisoners in gaol for trial.

Married.] Mr. F. M. Petterson to Miss Julia Bolle.

Died.] Miss Charlotte Vandeleur Hipwood, aged 19, deeply regretted by her relations and friends—Mrs. Mary Hall Ellis, wife of Mr. Arthur Fessenden.

QUEBEC.

LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—At a general meeting of the members held at the Castle of St. Lewis, the laws and bye-laws arranged by the committee for the management of the Society were submitted, and ordered to be printed for the use of the members.—His Excellency Sir Francis Burton, President of the Society, announced from the chair to the meeting, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief, Founder, and Patron, of the Society, had kindly and magnificently ordered an annual subscription of £100 currency to his name.—At this meeting also, Mr. A. Stuart made a donation of two valuable books for the use of the Society.