

# THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

A company is now forming in London, for cultivating the newly discovered tea plant in Assam. It appears that the intention of the company, in the first instance, is to open a treaty with the Government in India, for the purchase of the East India Company's plantations, and establishments in Assam, and when granted, to carry on the cultivation of tea there, and to import it into this country. The capital to be raised for this purpose, is stated to be £500,000. The prevailing opinion among the great tea dealers and the East India mercantile houses, that the importation of the above tea at a future period, would produce a great profit to the company, has raised a great demand among the tea speculators for the company's shares; but it is yet to be seen whether this great distant speculation will have the anticipated success.

The exterior of Kensington Palace has been thoroughly re-embellished, and the wing occupied by the Princess Sophia entirely re-built.

Government have determined to connect the Capital of Ireland with the most flourishing of her commercial cities, by means of a noble line of Railroad, to be completed at the public expense.

Among the youthful debutantes of the present season is the Hon. Ellen Louisa Brougham, daughter of Lord and Lady Brougham. The young lady has just entered her 17th year.

The Russian Almanac counts 7338 years since the creation of the world.

Steam power is used with admirable results, in England, in the drainage of over-burdened lands.

In 1827 three died in Russia 917 persons above a hundred years old; 292 above 110; 92 above 115; 52 above 120; 21 above 125; and one above 135.

**Growth of France.**—A late Paris journal remarks, that within the last one hundred and thirty years, the population of France has more than doubled; the total revenue has become six times, and the total imposts five times, as great as they were; while the average revenue and imposts for each individual have in the same time, been tripled.

**Dahlias.**—We see it stated in the English papers, that seedling dahlias have been sold in London for a price as high as sixty guineas, or three hundred dollars. If they increase in value at such a rate, says the Boston Post, perhaps we may see a dahlia mania in England, which will equal the tulip mania in Holland, in the seventeenth century.

## UNITED STATES.

The Legislature of Wisconsin has fixed the legal rate of interest, in that territory at 12 per cent.

The *Boston Daily Advertiser* announces the death of Zerah Colburn, in the 35th year of his age. This is the same person whose extraordinary powers of arithmetical calculation so much surprised those parts of Europe that he visited some two or three and twenty years ago. It is stated, that on attaining maturity years, this peculiar gift of his childhood was lost.

New potatoes are selling at Washington City market at 37 cents per quart.

The cost of enlarging the Erie Canal is estimated by the companies at \$23,402,833.

A young gentleman was recently killed in New Orleans in attempting to save a lady from being run over by a dray—the lady escaped unhurt.

There are 411 "Smiths" in Philadelphia—black and white.

A young lady in Philadelphia was recently bound over to keep the peace for kissing a young man in the street. She was only doing what they call in New York a smacking business.

A fellow named Smith, of Baltimore, was lately fined \$5,000 for refusing to marry Mary Swears, according to promise. We guess the fellow is sick of handling edged tools.

**Curious conjunction.**—The new law in Mississippi against gambling, prohibits betting upon "the result of any cockfight or duel." The framer of the law was right, undoubtedly, in giving to the fowl duellist precedence over the man duellist.

**HAPPINESS.**—(a new definition).—"A soft couch by the fire, a new novel, a pretty wife, a dozen cigars, a bottle of port, a loose gown, easy slippers, a good conscience, and a squalling baby."—*Boston Post.*

Rum, while in "stons-heads," is capable of doing but little mischief; but when it gets into men's heads it arouses the Old Boy himself.

## MORE BUBBLE BLOWING.

That great Statesman and warrior, William Lyon Mackenzie, gives notice in his *Gazette*, that arrangements have now been made for securing the independence of Canada! The *Leviston Telegraph* has the following remarks on the subject.

"We would direct the attention of all whom it may concern, to the following article, as containing information of the most cheering and encouraging character to the friends of Canadian independence. We beg to assure our friends in this quarter that the most implicit reliance may be placed upon the statements therein contained. We have been kindly furnished by Mr. Mackenzie with a copy of a confidential circular issued by the Canadian Association, and the perusal of it has inspired us with stronger faith in the speedy and complete emancipation of Canada from British rule, than we have before felt since the struggle commenced. Let the friends of Canadian Freedom be of good cheer, for verily do we believe that the day of her deliverance is at hand. Let every one be prepared to do his duty manfully, for the moment of action draweth nigh."—*Franklin Gazette.*

## TO THE FRIENDS OF LIBERTY IN CANADA.

BROTHERS—The desired object is accomplished!—At a convention held in Rochester last week of Canadians only, we have cemented the bonds of unity. The honest and patriotic Canadians will now become united in one mass, and will act in concert from one end of the frontier to the other. Those who desire to redeem their country should lose no time. Means will be taken to afford you the requisite information. Let none withhold their assistance, for the most perfect confidence can be placed in the plans and councils; and we pledge our word for it, Sir George Arthur, with all his spies and as many more, will never learn the secrets until it is too late for him to prevent the prostration of the Queen's power in Canada."—*Leviston Telegraph.*

We advise all our friends to be on their guard and to give no credit to the open or secret machinations of those men. If the Canadians have a revolution to accomplish, it must be begun, matured, and carried on upon their own soil, and that a few twaddlers and agitators should meet at Rochester, without means, or abilities, or influence, to effect any thing in Canada, and herald to the world that they have accomplished the arrangements for the emancipation of Canada is too preposterous to deceive any person of common sense with the least intelligence.

If we are to have a war with Great Britain, we can find men to conduct it without the aid of those mercenary spirits who have done so much to injure our character and degrade a political contest into mere personal ill will and incendiary injuries.—*Ogdensburgh Times.*

There has been a great change in the state of affairs on the frontier, no new outrages or burnings having been committed for the last eight or ten days, and we hope the reign of common sense may continue for the same space of time longer at least. We learn that General Nason's militia have been disbanded, and their places supplied by detachments of the Regular force from Plattsburgh. The "loyal volunteers," we understand, have also been withdrawn from the lines by order of Sir John Colborne. It is now confidently expected the peace of the frontier will not again be disturbed.—(*Burlington Sentinel.*)

## UPPER CANADA.

From the *Kingston Chronicle*, April 27.

**ROBBERY OF THE MAIL.**—The mail from Kingston, including those from the western part of the Province, which left here on Thursday evening between 8 and 9, was robbed about fourteen miles below, near Grass Creek, and this side of Fairman's tavern. The robbers, three in number, (one of whom had his face blackened) stopped the mail carrier, who was in a one horse waggon, while ascending a hill. Two of them seized the horse's head, while the third presented a rifle at the carrier's breast. They then cut the harness from the horse, threw the mail bag upon him and made off—first tying up the driver with the reins. It appears, by tracking the horse, that they carried the mail to a skill in the creek not far off that they then roused down it to the river, and were seen by persons crossing to the American shore. The carrier succeeded with his teeth in getting one arm loose, so as to obtain his knife, and to cut his fastenings. The horse has been found. We fear, that at this season of the year the mail would con-

tain considerable remittances for Lower Canada.

**Further Particulars.**—Yesterday, Maxwell Greenwood, the lad who had charge of the Mail at the time of the robbery, went before the Grand Jury of the Midland District, now in session at this place, and made affidavit to the following effect. He stated that on Thursday evening at about half past eleven o'clock while proceeding with the mail downwards he was stopped by three men in a small pine wood, about half a mile beyond Grass Creek on the Montreal road, and thirteen miles and a half below Kingston. He had the mail in a one horse waggon. Two of the robbers took hold of the horse by the head, and the third leveled a gun at him. They then cut the lines and traces of his harness, and tied the deponent in the waggon. One of them said, "I know the place to take the mail," and added "here is Johnston;" another said, "my name is Johnston." Deponent told him that he was not Johnston, having seen that person before and knew him by sight. Never mind, said the robber, tell that my name is Johnston. They asked deponent if he had any news, to which he replied in the negative. They then enquired if there were many Yankees to be found at Kingston. After seeing that deponent was well bound and secured, they took his horse and putting the mail on his back went off towards the river. He asked them what they were going to do with his horse, when one of them answered that he would get him soon. One of the party said, "you took the mail yesterday morning," to which he said "Yes." One of them had a dark face, and it occurred to deponent that he was an Indian, whom he had formerly seen. The person who tied deponent was a good deal agitated—his hands trembled much while binding him. Soon after the robbers went away, deponent succeeded in releasing his arms and hastened to give the alarm in the neighbourhood, but found some difficulty in getting assistance. Deponent proceeded to Gananoque and related the whole affair to the Post Master. When deponent was first attacked the robbers made such a yelling noise that he thought there were twenty of them. The person who took the mail said to deponent—"you may say that Johnston has got the mail again." This person was previously very silent, and kept at a little distance.

We have reason to believe, that the notorious Bill Johnston is at present in the City of New York, and could not therefore be personally engaged in the present outrage.

We learn from Toronto that on Wednesday afternoon the House of Assen by passed a Bill by which it is proposed that the Clergy Reserves shall be divided among all denominations of Christians recognized by Law. It provides that three Commissioners shall be appointed to make the appropriations from time to time, according to the number of Ministers. The Bill was to be sent up to the Council on Thursday.—*Kingston Chronicle.*

## LOWER CANADA.

Among those who took their departure this day from Lachine for the Hon. Hudson's Bay Territories, were George Simpson, Esq. Governor of these territories, George Cowie, Adam Thom, Esquires, and Mrs. Thom.

Mr. Thom, it is known, holds the appointment of Recorder of Rupert's Land, and in the new sphere of action in which his eminent talents are about to be displayed, he carries along with him the best wish of a very numerous circle of friends and acquaintance in this Province.—*Montreal Gazette of Tuesday.*

Extensive preparations are now making in fitting up the spacious apartments in the second story of the *St. Anne's* market-house, for the grand entertainment to be given on the 7th of May, by the Officers stationed in the Montreal District, to the inhabitants of this city and its vicinity. Much taste has been displayed in adapting the various apartments for dancing, reception, refreshment, and card-rooms.—*Id.*

The Toronto Christian Guardian mentions that the Rev. Mr. Alder is about to make a missionary tour of British North America, in behalf of the Wesleyan Missionary Committee in London. He is to visit Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Lower Canada, and will be present at the next session of the Upper Canada Conference, to commence at Hamilton, Gore District, on the second Wednesday, in June.

We understand that 40 passengers are already entered for the Liverpool, on the next voyage hence: among whom are the Hon. Daniel Webster, and Mrs. Webster.

\* \* \* Subscribers to the Transcript, who have changed or are about to change their places of residence, are requested to give intimation of it at the office, 13, St. John Street.

## THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, SATURDAY, 4TH MAY, 1839.

## Later from England.

By the arrival of the packet-ship *George Washington*, of English papers, London to the 27th, and Liverpool to the 28th March, both inclusive, have been received.

The intelligence from North America becomes more serious with every passing day. Yesterday morning, we received a mass of papers and letters, from New York, to the 11th instant inclusive, brought by the ship *Scotland*; and not many hours afterwards, by the steamer *Liverpool*, accounts reached town to the 10th instant, which are of the same complexion with the former ones—that is to say the reverse of satisfactory or pacific.—*London Times.*

H. M. S. *Winchester*, of 50 guns, is ordered to be commissioned at Chatham for the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Harvey. Captain John Parker is to be his Captain.

The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered five new engines for war steam-ships, one of which, to be named the *Cyclops*, is to be 130 tons burden, and carry 22 guns—the largest armament yet placed on board a steam-frigate, in any navy.

Captain Harvey, and the officers of the *Malabar*, have subscribed for a silver tea and coffee service, to be presented to Mr. Joseph Wightman, of Three Rivers, Nova Scotia, in acknowledgement of the important service rendered by him to the *Malabar*, when she struck on the rocks off Cape Boar, Prince Edward's Island, on the 19th of October. Mr. Wightman went off to the ship in a small open boat, and piloted her to a place of safety.

Lord Melbourne gave notice in the House of Lords on the 25th, that he should, on the succeeding evening, move that the House adjourn to the 11th of April.

The *Scotland* arrived out at Liverpool in seventeen days.

The steam-ship *Liverpool* arrived out on the 24th of March.

A service of plate had been presented by the passengers for the *Liverpool*, on her last trip, to Capt. Fayer.

One thousand barrels Western Canal flour were sold about the 25th of March, at auction, at 35s. to 35s. 6. The arrivals of America flour had been considerable during the week.

Ensign and Lieut. Lord Viscount Alexander arrived at Liverpool on Sunday, with despatches from Sir John Colborne. Lord Alexander sailed from New York in the *George Washington* which was met off Tuskar by the *William Penn*, from Waterford, into which his Lordship exchanged.

The House of Commons have voted the sum of £2,500,000 for the purpose of forming railways in Ireland.

The *Burlington Sentinel* has the following paragraph:—

"We understand that R. S. M. Bourgeois Esq. late of Quebec, and one of the eight republicans exiled to Bermuda by Lord Durham, was last week admitted by the Court then sitting at St. Albans to practice as an Attorney and Counsellor at Law in all the Courts in the State."

From the *Montreal Gazette* of Thursday.

We mentioned in the *Gazette* of Tuesday, that on that day, some of the canoes of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company, had taken their departure from the Company's Establishment at Lachine, for the interior. We have since been favoured, from Lachine, with the following particulars of the departure of an expedition of this spring:—

On Saturday, the 29th April, at 3 P. M. three loaded canoes, navigated by about fifty voyageurs, in charge of Mr. George Keith, left for the interior, and on Tuesday, at 11 A. M., three light canoes, navigated by about fifty voyageurs, in which were present Governor Simpson, of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company, Colonels Wigram and Bowles, of the Coldstream Guards, Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, and servant maid, Messrs. McLaughlin, Fitzroyson, Cowie, and David McLaughlin.

The American brigades—T. J. Sutherland, T. R. Culver, B. F. Pew, A. W. Partridge, H. L. Hall, Squire Thayer, Nathan Smith, and Chauncey Parker, captured after the battle at Point au Pele, and confined since Jan.

1838, in the citadel, from Montreal on the per Canada, escort Royals.

The *Montreal Herald* says:—We understand that two traitors, who are from Quebec, are not to the frontier and shall leave this morning at Canada, when Sir George Fitzgibbon offers another bribe by granting them an un-

The West India party of Sir George Fitzgibbon, viceroy of Trinidad.

A meeting of gentle cultural pursuits was held in the formation in rural Society and the committee of Management

We understand that the Hon. Advocate-General Commissioner of the District of Quebec.

The Advocate General, to whom the offer, viz: Mr. Earl Mr. Duval, who were to act. It is also said Fiset, and Dequise were in manner declined.

THE New York, April 27—Moderate sailed from N. Thursday.

## COMM.

We under the necessity of publication, the day's barges from Montreal.

MONTREAL ATHLETIC STORE.

Shipped.... 403  
In Store.... 2710

2113

Shipped..... 774  
In Store..... 1548

2422

Increase on 1st May, 1

## Shipping.

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Schr. Caroline, 45, Ric Gibb's Wharf.

Schr. Gaspe Packet, 25, surier & Co. Napole Ship Gloucester, 613, Rich Sch. Jean Ann, 42, Helf Leslie's Wharf.

Schr. Marine, 45, Half Exchange Wharf

Ship Britons Queen, 70, Co. Bain's Wharf.

Bark Queen Victoria, 31, Co. Reynar's Wharf

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Schr. Mary & Margaret, R. J. H. Noad.

Caroline, Jocas Rosa.

Jean Ann, Picot.

LETTER-BAG AT THE GREENOCK—Bark Sophia, Halifax—Schr. Marine.

A bark of 550 tons 1 Nicholson & Russell, as was launched from the Paul's Markos, on the 7th of in galut style, and America to Reynar's Wharf cargo.—We understand & Russell will immediately ready in the course of the On the same morning, by Mr. T. Oliver, was h St. Roche. Her tonnage she is called the *Independi* named by Capt. McCarty her building. She will be Mr. Edward Oliver's which had stopped on the Wednesday evening, 10th without receiving the 1 stowed into harbour by th about.

The *British American*, which had passed 5 o'clock