

*Peter Merkel*, of Montreal, furrier, convicted of having encumbered with fire wood the foot-path of St. François Xavier Street—fined 20s. and to pay cost.

*Jean Bte. Chef dit Verdebancour* of Montreal, carter, convicted of having driven his horse faster than a moderate trot, within the city of Montreal—fined 40s. and to pay costs; and also of having driven his truck over the foot-way—fined 5s. and pay costs.

**LARGE OXEN.**—A pair of Oxen were killed for the market of this city, by Messrs. Jackson & Pendargast, butchers, one of which weighed 2450 and the other 2440 lbs. when alive, supposed to have been the largest ever slaughtered in this place—they were brought from the State of Vermont.

On the evening of the 16th, a lad, son of Mr. Sylvester Hondlow of this city, was dreadfully burnt by the explosion of Gunpowder; the circumstance we are informed was occasioned by his imprudently lighting a paper filled with prepared powder, which they call serpents, and holding it in his hands, a spark from which communicated to his waist coat pocket, where he had a number of similar papers, they were instantly set on fire; during the efforts which were made to strip off his coat and waist-coat, other powder which he had in the pockets of his trousers was fired, and materially injured him. In the pain he endured the poor boy jumped into the river, in order to relieve himself from the suffering; he was taken out, and conveyed to his father's house. This should be a useful lesson to the careless youths of our city, who are too much addicted to play with fireworks, and frequently expose themselves to calamities which may render them objects of pity during the remainder of their lives.

We have seen a piece of marble which was discovered by a gentleman a few days ago, about a mile and a half from this town. It is some what dove colour, possesses a very fine grain, and takes an excellent polish. It is of the same quality as the Missiskoui Bay marble, or of the Swanton marble, so much in use for chimney pieces and tables. It is intended that the ground where this piece was found should be examined, in order to ascertain whether a quarry of this marble exists.

**Laying a new Corner Stone.**—On the 18th instant, the corner stone of a new Church to be called the *American Presbyterian Church*, at the corner of St. James and McGill streets in this city, was laid with Masonic honours. A few of the Royal Montreal Volunteer Cavalry attended under the command of Major Gregory, and headed the procession from the Masonic Hall, from whence it took its departure to the site of the intended building; and the cavalcade was closed by some of the Gentlemen of Bar in their gowns. These, together with a military guard kindly furnished by the commanding officer, and the Band of the 70th Regt. contributed to give an enlivening effect to the scene.

The Steam Boat St. Andrews, Packet, which has been built to ply between Lachine and Point Fortune and St. Andrews, made her first trip on Sunday last; and notwithstanding the engine was new; and all the necessary preparations not completed she performed to the satisfaction of several passengers who went with her. One important point which was hitherto doubtful, has been ascertained, namely that there is a sufficient depth of water at the St. Ann's rapids to allow Steam Boats to pass. It has also been found that by means of an anchor and cable a boat can be warped up these rapids with little more than half an hour's detention.

On Friday evening last, one of the most violent thunder storms which we recollect for some years visited this city and neighbourhood. The rain which descended in torrents was strongly impregnated with sulphur, and the water, after standing for some time, was literally covered with it, and presented a bright yellow surface. The lightning struck the Cupola of the General Hospital, and slightly injured some of the iron work around it. We have not yet heard of any other damage having been sustained, but suppose that in some part of the country injury must have occurred, as the thunder claps were unusual near, loud, and of long continuance. The weather since has been extremely warm accompanied with occasional refreshing showers of rain in the evenings.

**The Canada Tea Ships.**—We have received a letter from Canton, dated 5th Feb. last, which informs us that the East India Company were loading two ships, one of 8000 Tons for Quebec, and another of 600 Tons for Halifax, with Teas, chiefly Hyson Skin, and Young Hyson. The letter adds, that those ships would sail in about a fortnight. In the last English papers, we observe an advertisement of the East