

NEWS.

On Saturday last an inquest was held by J. Jones, Esq., the Coroner, on the body of a man named Cochrane, who died under the following circumstances.—He lodged in a house in St. Gabriel Street, Griffintown, and on the evening of Friday, he was sitting taking tea with his wife, when he suddenly ran into the room occupied by the owner of the house, exclaiming that he was stabbed. Assistance was given immediately, but he died in a few minutes. The femoral artery was divided, and the enormous hemorrhage caused his death almost immediately. The wound was inflicted by a chisel which was found in the apartment occupied by him. The verdict of the Jury was "wilful murder" against the wife of the deceased, and she was committed to jail by the Coroner's warrant. We observe that some of our contemporaries, influenced probably by the verdict of the Jury, have styled this a "horrible murder." We have heard some particulars since, which, if they turn out correct, will probably show that the death of Cochrane was accidental. It is said that he was slightly intoxicated at the time, and being in the act of stooping over the bed to reach something, with a chisel in his hand, the handle caught against the side of the bed and forced the blade into his body. We understand that the deceased and his wife had always lived on good terms. We think it hardly fair to characterize this as a "murder," unless more direct evidence is obtained. Under the circumstances it is probable the Jury could return no other verdict.—*Courier*.

TELEGRAPH.—We learn from the New York Commercial Advertiser, that Messrs. Livingston & Wells have made a contract with Messrs. Thomas & Co., for 65 tons best charcoal wire, 330 lbs. to the mile, for the Montreal Telegraph, and have contracted with Mr. Lafferts (Morewood & Co.) for galvanizing the same. The men are already on the ground making preparatory arrangements for putting up the line, and it will be pushed forward with great energy.—*Ibid.*

On Saturday last, Mr. Richard Evans, a respectable inhabitant of Rougemont, St. Cesare, was drowned in crossing with a span of horses on the ice over the River Richelieu, on his way home from Chambly, where he had been transacting some business.

We deem it of importance to take notice, even though it be but briefly, of the comparative low rates of freight, when compared with New York, at which vessels are being chartered at Quebec. Two ships for Liverpool were taken up on Saturday last, for flour at 5s 3d for one of about 900 tons, and 5s 6d for a ship of 700 tons. There will be 20 vessels (now budding) ready for sea by the 20th May, capable of taking 150,000 bbls. flour. The attention of our Upper Canada exchanges is requested to this fact.—*Quebec Mer.*

We have heard that the following changes in the distribution of the regiments now in Canada will take place in the early part of the summer:—the Reserve Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, now in this garrison, proceed to Chambly, and be replaced here by the 71st Light Infantry, the 77th now at Laprairie will relieve the 46th at Kingston, the latter regiment proceeding to Toronto. The 52nd and 81st regiments are ordered home.—*Quebec Mercury*.

The *Brookville Recorder* states that a daring robber was perpetrated in that town on the 27th ult., in the house of George Crawford, Esquire. The villain, however, was caught. His name is John Feely, and he has for years been known as a labourer in the neighbourhood. He appears to have carried on a long series of depredations, as upon his house being searched after his arrest, a number of articles were found belonging to different persons of the town. The same paper mentions another robbery having been committed on the premises of George Sanderson, Esquire, from which eleven barrels of high wines and a chest of tea were abstracted. The articles were some short time ago seized by a Custom House Officer, and placed in the premises for safe keeping. None of Mr. Sanderson's goods were interfered with. It is evidently the work of the person or persons from whom the articles were seized.—They should, however, know that in the eye of the law, this is as much a robbery as if they had taken so much of Mr. Sanderson's goods.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DESTITUTE IRISH AND SCOTCH.—The following are the amounts contributed, as we gather from our exchanges, in different places in Canada.—Cobourg, for the Irish £100; for the Scotch £300—Port Hope, both, £200—Whitby, both, £100—Toronto, Irish, £500; Scotch £1000—Hamilton, Irish, £400; Scotch, £400—Oakville, both, £90—Brantford, Irish, £122—London, Irish, £250; Scotch £70—Galt, both, £200—Brookville, Irish, £100; Scotch, £144—Montreal, both, £2500—Quebec, both, £3000. The House of Assembly in New Brunswick has voted the sum of £1500, for the relief of the sufferers in Ireland. The Congress of the United States propose to give the immense donation of half a million! The New England States have already sent \$20,000 by the last packet: and 365,000 bushels of corn have been shipped from Norfolk in Virginia. New York has raised about \$50,000—Pittsburgh, \$2,000—St. Louis, \$1,250—Jersey city, \$1,000—Society of Friends in Philadelphia, \$8,977—Church of the Holy Cross, Boston, \$5,387—Albany, \$565—Utica, \$765—Rochester, \$363—Buffalo, \$1,200. This, it must be recollected, is only the beginning. The people of America are just becoming alive to their duty. The town of Picton with a little over a thousand inhabitants, has contributed about \$1,000 to the relief fund.—*Picton Sun*.

USE OF THE TELEGRAPH.—On Wednesday evening the following communication was received by Telegraph from Hamilton:—"To the High Constable, Toronto—Barney Farley, teamster, has committed felony, and left here for Toronto; has a box of stolen property with him, containing five dozen and a half sides of upper leather, and about £20 in cash. If in Toronto, please detain him. Is 5 ft. 2 in. high, dark complexion, black hair; is in company with J. Dimond, supposed to be going to Gearey's Works below Toronto. Dimond is a lame man, one eye; peck-marked. Supposed he will sell the leather in Toronto. Let me know if arrested. Warrant out for him here.—T. Murphy." Within ten minutes of the receipt of the above, our indefatigable High Bailiff, Mr. G. L. Allen, captured the party at a tavern, in Church street, whilst in the act of putting his horses in the sleigh, having the property in his possession and about £16 in cash.

A meeting has been held in London to extend the Telegraph line to Port Sarnia, opposite Detroit. The *Western Globe* says "the capital stock is fixed at £4,500, in 900 shares of £5 each, payable by instalments. Telegraph stations to be at Hamilton, Dundas, Brantford, Woodstock, London, and Port Sarnia—provided these towns enter into the matter heartily, and

take their proportion of the stock. £1,000 of Stock has been allocated to London; £750 each, Sarnia, Brantford, Dundas, and Hamilton; and £500 to Woodstock. Mr Cameron at once subscribed for the whole of the Sarnia allocation, and a large part of the London apportionment has been already taken up. We trust before midsummer, that London will be within five seconds' communication with New York and Boston." Mr. Cameron has been getting stock taken up here, and we learn that the whole amount for Hamilton has been taken up. Dundas, we feel satisfied, will display its usual public spirit, and the other towns we hope will not be behind.—*Hamilton Journal*.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—Nicholas Passmore was passing on foot from this town to his residence near Rice Lake, on Thursday afternoon the 11th instant, when he was overtaken near Bletcher's Tavern by a sleigh driven by a son of Mr. Tully's, of Cavan, at the same instant he was met by another, loaded with wheat, driven by Mr. Priestly, of Smithtown, who did not observe him until beneath the horses feet, Mr. Priestly immediately pulled up, but not before the off runner had passed on the chest,—on being extricated at his own request he was conveyed home, when he expired at 10 o'clock. An inquest was held on the body by B. Bird, Esq., on Saturday, and after a very long and careful investigation the Jury on Monday returned a verdict of accidental death with a decedant on the sleigh, load and horses of 5s.—*Peterborough Gazette*.

Upper country papers announce the death of Mr. Geo. Menzies, edito, and proprietor of the *Woodstock Herald*, a clever political writer, and poet of no ordinary mind. Mr. Menzies was in the 51st year of his age.

Mr John McLaughlin, of Humberstone, was found frozen to death in that township, on the 23d ult. From the evidence adduced at the coroner's inquest held on the body by H W Sims, Esquire, it appeared that deceased left Peterboro for his house on horseback, at five o'clock, P. M., on the day mentioned for his horse threw him, and that he travelled five miles on foot, when wearied with fatigue and benumbed by intense cold, he fell never to rise again. Verdict—Died through the inclemency of the weather.

The District Council of the Huron District, have determined to borrow £19,000, to be applied to the improvement of the main roads in the District.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Late papers have been received by the Sandwich, but contain little news, excepting the prorogation of the Colonial Legislature, and another fire, occasioning a loss of about £13,000. The buildings destroyed are the residence of the Collector of the Customs, and a large store. About £8,000 worth of specie in Mexican dollars, was melted in the house of the Collector.—*Quebec Gazette*.

The flood of immigration looks formidable in the prospect. By the latest accounts we learn that Liverpool has 170,000 paupers just arrived from Ireland and Scotland, and the citizens are petitioning Parliament for relief. Bristol has 70,000 of these visitors—driven over from Cork; Glasgow has over 100,000, and Greenock is completely overrun. The only remedy the English have is to send these paupers to the United States. All the vessels that have gone out laden with flour will return with immigrants.—*New York Paper*.

PREPARATIONS.—The U. S. Gazette states, that there are now building in that city four steam propellers of 200 tons each, eight schooners of the largest class, and eight marine camels for service in the Gulf.

Two Powder Mills in Lowell, belonging to Oliver Whipple, exploded on the 23d of February. Cause—carelessness of one of the workmen in carrying a lamp among some loose powder.

The Queen of Spain has conferred the order of Isabella the Catholic, founded in honour of the expulsion of the Moors and Jews from Spain, on a wealthy Hebrew, Baron Rothschild of Frankfort.

Monies received on account of *People's Magazine and Weekly Journal* :—

Bytown, P. F., 5s.—Gananoque, R. B., 5s.—Ingersoll, I. P., 8s 9d.—Lochaber, J. K., 5s.—Martintown, Rev. D. C., 3s.—Manroza, D. McD., 5s.—North Augusta, I. W., 5s.—North Gwillimbury, D. J., 6s. 3d.—North Lancaster, J. S. S., 5s.—Prescott, J. C., 3s 9d.—Paris, J. A., 5s.—Port Sarnia, T. H., 5s.—St. Johns New Brunswick, Mrs H., 5s.—Simcoe, H. J., 5s.—Sundries Per Mr. J. McKirdy, Agent.—London, W. H., 5s.—St. Thomas, 5s.—Yarmouth, Mrs. S., 5s.—Temperanceville, D. S., 5s.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, March 15, 1847.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	27	6	a	23	0	BEEF, Prime Mess,			
Pearls, .....	27	6	a	23	0	per brl. 200lbs.	50	0	a
FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per brl.						Prime, .....	50	0	a
196 lbs. ....	32	6	a	00	0	Prime Mess# per tierce, 304lbs.	00	0	a
Do. Fine, .....	30	0	a	32	0	PORK, Mess, per brl. 200lbs	90	0	a
Do. Sour, .....						Prime Mess.....	75	0	a
Do. Middlings, ..						Prime, .....	65	0	a
Indian Meal, 168lb.						Cargo, .....	00	0	a
Oatmeal, brl. 224lb.	33	0	a	33	9	BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a
GRAIN, Wheat U.C. Best, 60lbs. ...	6	3	a	6	9	CHEESE, full milk, 100 lbs., .....	40	0	a
Do. L.C. per min.	6	0	a	6	3	LARD, per lb., best	0	0	a
BARLEY, Minot, ...	3	0	a	3	3	TALLOW, per lb., rough, .....	0	4	a
OATS, " ...	2	4	a	2	5				
PEASE, .....	5	2	a	5	4				

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