

On the morning of the 26th, a fire broke out in the grocery store of Mr. Egan, corner of Colborne and William Streets, Griffintown. The property, which belongs to Mr. Moaghan, was totally consumed, together with the adjoining house possessed by Mr. McLan. We have not heard whether it was insured.

The action brought by Mr. Russell against the Upper Canada Stage Company was tried last week before the Court of Queen's Bench here, and a verdict was given for the plaintiff—damages £4500. It will be remembered that this gentleman was obliged to undergo amputation from exposure to cold and wet, in consequence of the stage breaking through the ice, owing to the alleged carelessness or intoxication of the driver. Much interest was felt in this trial.

The suit brought by Col. Gagy against the *Pilot* for libel, was tried on Tuesday last, before Mr. Justice Smith and a Special Jury. The case occupied the whole day. The Plaintiff appeared for himself, assisted by Mr. Carter. Mr. Drummond, Solicitor General, and Mr. Loranger, for Defendants. Verdict for the Plaintiff was unanimous. Damages, £500.

We understand that the Welland Canal is expected to be open next week for the transit of vessels, a fleet of which is looked for from Oswego and other ports.

By the American Railroad Journal we learn, that the receipts on the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad for February, at the Portland end of the line, were nearly £1600 currency.

The Hudson river is open to Albany.

The Canada, which arrived at Halifax on the 22nd ult., brings dates from Liverpool as late as the 10th ult. She reached New York, from Halifax, on the evening of the 25th ult., with 90 passengers. We give as full extracts of her news as our space will admit.

A frightful wreck of an Emigrant ship has taken place on the coast, off Harwich. The barque Florida of 500 tons, from Antwerp for New York, the property of Messrs. Edward Harbut and Co., chartered by a German Company to convey Emigrants, was lost on the 28th, and the whole of the crew, except 3 men, together with 124 passengers were drowned.

The terrible accounts from the seat of war in India, united with the decided tone of defiance lately assumed by Russia, and the attitude taken by the Czar, who is evidently preparing to assume warlike operations in Italy, Austria, &c., has caused an uneasy feeling on the continent, which has been sensibly felt in England, and has operated injuriously upon the business of the country. Trade, notwithstanding, continues steady, and prices for most articles of produce are very satisfactory.

INDIA.

The *Bombay Telegraph* says: Another of those murderous encounters, which have rendered our hostilities with the Sikhs so conspicuous, has occurred on the left bank of the river Ghelum, near, or as some say, on the identical spot which, 2000 years ago, formed the battle field of Alexander and Sporus.

That scene, rich in classic associations, has been the arena of a fierce and protracted struggle between the army of the Panjab and the Sikh forces under Rajah Shero Singh.

A struggle occurred in which the British had to deplore the loss of at least 95 officers and 2500 men, in killed and wounded, 4 guns captured, and 4 or 5 regiments' colors taken by the enemy. The struggle terminated in victory, which was disgraced by the flight of the Bengal cavalry regiment, and the retreat, scarcely as yet satisfactorily explained, of two British troops of dragoons. A struggle finally, which left the contending parties so weak and shattered that it was doubtful which had sustained the greatest injury from the conflict, and which yielded so few badges of triumph for the victors, that their opponents took a new position and fired a salute in honour of its termination; though masters of the field, her laurels are drenched with blood, and it is the universal opinion that two more such victories would be a virtual ruin. No attempt is made by the English press to disguise the fact, that the news from India, is of that most disastrous character. Lord Gough has been promptly superseded by Sir C. Napier, who was to have proceeded to the scene of hostilities, on the 20th ult.

AUSTRIA.

The Austrian war in Hungary has proceeded with variable success in the South of Hungary. The German population, finding the insurgents carrying the destruction in every quarter, called on the Russians, who now occupy Cronstadt and Hermsstadt. Several

serious battles have taken place, one of them in the neighbourhood of Erlau, lasting two days, with considerable slaughter, in which the Imperialists seemed to have had the advantage. Reports have been circulated that in one engagement "Ben" (the Ban) had his legs shot off, but the last report is, that he had left Transylvania for Hungary. As the troops amount to 140 thousand men, into many divisions, it is difficult to ascertain the actual progress of the war, the termination of which seems to be very remote.

ITALY.

While Austria is pushing on the war in Hungary, she is not unmindful of Italian affairs. She has marched a body of troops into Ferrara, and seized that city, and levied a fine upon the citizens of 200,000 scudi, which she handed over to the Pope.

The revolution in Tuscany is complete, and a republic has been proclaimed in Leghorn and Florence, and a central Italian Republic has been formed, in union with the Romans.

CEYLON.—We have seen a letter of rather serious import from the island of Ceylon, dated the 13th of December, and, of course, forwarded by the overland mail. The letter is from an officer of high standing in the Ceylon Regiment of Rifles, at Martello, a station well in two days of Colombo, in which he states—"I have just time to write a few lines to say I am preparing up small force of 150 men to meet an attack of thousands of Kandians, as the country is again rising in rebellion. The weakness of the Government measures in the last insurrection has brought on a fearful crisis. The next accounts will, therefore, possess great interest, and the matter is of most serious moment to the planters, as the Kandians were stated to be destroying all before them.—Standard.

COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Flour.—Nothing of consequence for consumption in barrel flour from the large supplies of bag flour on the market. Sales to a small extent at 23s. for superfine from spring and fall wheat, to arrive in May.

GRAIN.—A parcel of peas was sold at 2s. 11d. per minot; nothing further but sales in market to quote.

Provisions.—No sales.

ANISE.—Pots, 28s. 3d. to 28s. 6d.; Pearls, 29s. 6d. to 29s. 9d.

Stocks.—Montreal Consols have been sold at 16s.6d. Canada Debentures, 3 per cent discount.

MONTREAL MARKETS, March 23.—Wheat, per minot, 4s 6d to 4s 9d; Oats, per do, 1s to 1s 3d; Barley, per do, 2s to 2s 3d; Peas, per do, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; Buckwheat, per do, 1e 8d to 2s; Rye, per do, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; Flaxseed, per do, 3s to 3s 9d; Potatoes, per bushel, 2s to 2s 9d; Beans, American, per do, 4s to 5s; Do, Canada, per do, 6s to 6s 8d; Honey, per lb, 4d to 5d; Beef, per do, 2 1/2d to 6d; Pork, per lb, 4 1/2d to 5 1/2d; Butter, Fresh, 10d to 1s; Do, Salt, 6 1/2d; Cheese, per do, 4d to 5d; Lard, per do, 4d to 7d; Maple Sugar, per do, 4 1/2d to 5d; Mutton, per qr, 4s to 6s; Veal, per do, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; Eggs, per dozen, 6d to 7 1/2d; Turkeys, per couple, 5s to 10s; Geese, per do, 4s to 5s 6d; Ducks, per do, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; Fowls, per do, 1s 9d to 2s 6d; Chickens, per do, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; Partridges, per do, 2s to 2s 6d; Pigeons, tame, per do, 7 1/2d to 9d; Hares, per brace, 4d to 6d; Apples, per brl, 11s to 20s; Onions, per do, 6s to 7s 6d; Flour, per quintal, 10s to 12s; Oatmeal, per do, 7s to 8s; Beef, per 100 lbs, 25s to 27s 6d; Fresh Pork, per do, 25s to 30s.

BIRTHS.

Montreal—19th ultimo, Mrs. L. F. Berthelot; a son. 20th ultimo, Mrs. James R. Orr; a son. 22nd ultimo, Mrs. Campbell Bryson; a son. 23d ultimo, Mrs. Richard Birks; a son. 23d ultimo, Mrs. John Auld; daughter. 25th ultimo, Mrs. Wm. Bird; a daughter. 27th ultimo, Mrs. James Roy; daughter.
Brockville—7th ultimo, Mrs. George Morton; a son.
Chateaugay—20th ultimo, Mrs. James Lang; a son.
Frederickburgh—14th January, Mrs. John Oliver; three children.
Flamboro' West—23d ultimo, the wife of the Rev. M. Bronnan; a daughter.
Hedley Lodge—8th ultimo, Mrs. H. S. Anderson; a daughter.
Lodi, New Jersey—6th ultimo, Mrs. Wm. Greig; a son.
Manningville, E. E.—22d ultimo, Mrs. A. Moe; a daughter.
Mount Pleasant—9th ultimo, Mrs. Dr. A. H. Cooke; a son.
Quebec—26th Feb., Mrs. W. S. Henderson; a daughter. 9th ult., Mrs. Archibald Campbell jr.; a daughter. 14th ultimo, Mrs. D. McPherson; a daughter.