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MONTREAL, TUESDAY, OCT. 18, 1836.

bouring States. The following, in the State of New York, is the most remarkable:—  
**A Real Snow Storm.**—A letter from a friend in Skeneateles written on Thursday last, gives an account of one of the most extraordinary snow storms that ever occurred in this state. On Wednesday morning commenced snowing, and it continued to fall profusely during the whole of that day, and the next. It was computed that the fall of snow, by the rapid melting, would have equalled three feet. As it was, the snow lay sixteen inches deep at the time the letter was written. Great destruction took place among the fruit and forest trees, which were broken by the burden of snow resting upon them. Such a storm at such a period of the year, is altogether without precedent in this climate, and adds a prominent item to the eccentricities of this remarkable season.

It is stated by the late English papers, that the demand for labour throughout the country increases, chiefly owing to the number of railroads in progress, and the demand for manufactures of all sorts; that commerce improves, and the country was never in greater prosperity than it is at present.

Mr. MORSEY, who was the principal speaker by the great fire in Halifax, on the 27th ult., we learn from late accounts, insured for £15,000, which, it is stated, will cover but part of his loss.

The Creek Indians, to the number of 18,000, have emigrated to the West. The families of those who went to Florida still remain.

At a meeting of the Quebec magistrates on Saturday last, it was determined to organize a volunteer night police for the city and suburbs. Every household will be called upon to furnish a man, but contributions in money will be taken in lieu of substitutes. The force thus raised is to be divided into companies, which will take a tour of duty every night, with a magistrate in attendance.

Murders are becoming alarmingly frequent in Quebec. Two have occurred within a few days, and many individuals are attacked almost every night in the streets and beaten.

We can scarce keep pace in publishing the accounts furnished by the Quebec papers, of the destructive fires that have lately followed so close upon each other in that city.

The following memorandum, copied from the *Gazette*, will show at a glance, their fearful frequency. The destruction of property is immense:—

Fire, Saturday, Sept. 10.—Great fire in Lower Town.

Friday Evening, Oct. 6.—Fire in Palais National.

Friday Evening, Oct. 7.—Fire at St. Paul's Market.

Monday Night, Oct. 10.—Incendiary attempt at Wolf's Cove.

Wednesday Evening, Oct. 12.—Fire near the Exchange.

Low to the City, about half a mile of the River.

The Wesleyan Chapel in St. Anne Street, Quebec, after having undergone extensive alterations, was re-opened on the 9th inst.

The sum of £150 was raised by a Bazaar, managed by the ladies belonging to the Wesleyan Chapel, and held on Thursday and Friday last. The proceeds were to be appropriated for Wesleyan Missions.

Letter bags are making up at the Exchange News Room, for the undermentioned places:—

For London, . . . . . by the *Trenton*.

For Liverpool, . . . . . by the *Glendon*.

For Greenock, . . . . . by the *Canada* and *Cherokee*.

For Belfast, . . . . . by the *Thos. Hughes*.

Two canoes, the last expected this season, arrived at Lacine on Saturday, from the Hudson Bay and Red River settlements.

The steamer *Canada*, after landing her passengers yesterday morning, proceeded to St. Sulpice for the *Monarch* and the *Sphinx*. They would have been yesterday evening had it not blown a gale over the river.

From our Quebec Correspondent we learn that street robbers have become so common in that city, that those who have occasion to travel through the streets at dark, find it necessary to arm themselves in various ways. So great has been the demand lately for pistols, that not one can be got for love or money.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MORNING COURIER.

Sir,—Several inquiries have, since the recent issue of this city, been made, whether the Quebec papers are in any way connected with the late fire in the city. The answer is, that they are not.

The *Chronicle* stated that it fell great credit on the engineer that had the honor to be selected to superintend the works of the new bridge over the river. It is stated that the works were completed, and that the bridge was opened to the public on the 10th inst.

Several destructive snow storms have been experienced in different parts of the neigh-

bouring States, and reiterated their opinion, that at no very distant period this undertaking would be completed. The *Chronicle* stated that since June, Mr. Brunel had been able to proceed with the works at the rate of four and a half feet per week. When he was able to go on at the rate of five feet a week the expense of the undertaking would be less than the estimate sent to Government.—(Hear, hear)—and in a short time he had no doubt but that the work would be proceeded with at the rate of eight or nine feet per week.

The Clerk then read the accounts, from which it appeared that in June there was a balance in hand of £210,000. The *Chronicle* stated that previous to June, Government had advanced them £3,000, and since that £210,000 in addition, and the probability was that another £10,000 would very shortly be advanced. The report was unanimously approved.

At Montreal on the 4th of August, the famous bell, the largest and handsomest in the world, was raised from the ground, where it had long lain. It was cast in 1733, by order of the Empress Anne, by Michael Moore, a Russian metal-founder. Its height is 21 feet, its diameter 23 feet, its weight 12,000 pounds, 480,000 lbs. (32,000 lbs. English weight). The beauty of the form, the barrellike with which it is adorned, the value of the metal, which is a compound of gold, silver and copper, render it remarkable as showing the advanced state of the art of casting in Russia at that period. It was raised by a very ingenious contrivance of M. Montferriand, and is placed for the present in a castle in Russia at that period.

The *Extracts of Austria's Prayer Book*—The Duke of Orleans has just given orders for a superb prayer book to be presented to His Majesty the Emperor of Austria. The book is a brief description of the splendid volumes. The text is to be printed in azure letters, on leaves of white watered silk, and the letters, in gold, and ornamented with brilliantly colored arabesque. Each page is to be surrounded with a wreath of flowers, and the corners of the pages will be formed of delicately colored wreaths of flowers. The volume will be surrounded with fifty rings, or paintings executed by the most able French artists. Each of these paintings will be enclosed within a topographical border printed in gold. The boards will be covered with cloth of gold, and embroidered with double headed eagles. The price will be £500, and the book will be surrounded with a wreath of flowers, and the corners of the pages will be formed of delicately colored wreaths of flowers.

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