besiegers, the drawbridge was let down, and at the head of his followers he dashed upon the nearest point of the Scottish army. Deadly was the carnage which for a time they spread around, and as they were again driven back and pursued to the gate, their own dead and their wounded were left behind. Frequently and suddenly were such sallies made, as the falcon watcheth its opportunity and darteth on its prey, and as frequently were they driven back, but never without leaving proof to the Scottish monarch at what a desperate price Wark Castle was to be purchased. Frequently too as they rushed forth the Countess eagerly and impatiently beheld them from the turrets, and as the harvest-moon broke upon their armour, she seemed to watch every flash of their swords, waving her hand with exultation, or raising her voice in a strain of triumph. But by her side stood Madeline, gazing not less eagerly, and not less interested in the work of danger and despair, but her eyes were fixed upon one only—the young leader of the chivalrous band who braved death for England and their ladye's sake. She also watched the flashing of the swords, but her eyes sought those only which glanced where the brightest helmet gleamed and the proudest plume waved. Often the contest was beneath the very walls of the Castle, and she could hear her lover's voice, and behold him dashing as a thunderbolt into the midst of his enemies.

To be continued.

ENGLISH EXTRACTS.

London, March 20th.—A large body of Artillery marched from Woolwich into Northamptonshire. The object is, doubtless, the prevention of outrage in the manufacturing districts. In reply to a question put by the Duke of Buckingham, Lord Melbourne admitted a few days ago, that Government was cognizant of the fact, that the Chartists throughout the kingdom are arming by thousands.

In the House of Commons on the 22d March Lord John Russel concluded his speech, relating to the probable resignation of Ministers, in the following terms:—"He will continue to execute the laws in the manner in which the Executive has been carried on, if the House is pleased to agree to those measures; but if, on the other hand, the House does not approve of this plan, but is willing that it should be abandoned, and other principles be adopted, then there is nothing left but to relinquish into other hands the Government of the country.—(Vociferous cheering.)

The Scotch Judges are to have in future £3000.

We have heard with much satisfaction that Lord Glenelg, whose long public services so well entitle him to it, is to have the pension held by Lord Auckland previously to his appointment to the Governor Generalship of India. The pension, if we mistake not, is £2000 per annum.—*Observer.*

The newly appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, the Right Hon. Baron Fortescue, K. P. has taken his departure for Dublin.

The Queen has appointed Capt. Sir John Ross, R. N., to be H. M. Consul at Stockholm, and has conferred the honour of knighthood on Capt. George Back, R. N.

The Queen Dowager of England, Adelaide, was expected home in April.

At the banquet given to Lord Clarendon at Madrid, upon his departure from that city, the French Ambassador was the only diplomatist not invited.

The Government are on the point of sending out an expedition to the Antartic Circle, for the purpose or making magnetic observations in the southern hemisphere. The ships to be employed on this service are the Erebus and Terror; and the charge of the expedition is entrusted to Capt. J. Ross.

Our latest information from Manchester authorises us to announce the present amount of the Centenary Fund as £183,000.

A grand musical festival will be held towards the end of the month at Dusseldorf, at which twelve hundred performers are to assist. It is to last two days. On the first, Handel's *Messiah*, from his own score, without the accompaniments for wind instruments, which were added by Mozart, is to be executed; and on the second day a grand miscellaneous selection.

The Emperor of Russia has decreed the abolition of lotteries in Poland, because, says the Ukase, they exercise a fatal influence over the poor and manufacturing classes of the country.

LOWER CANADA.

Montreal, April 22d.—This morning, between the hours of 1 and 2, a fire broke out in McGill Street, in the premises occupied by Mr. McHardy, Tavern Keeper. We have not been able to ascertain what amount of damage was done, as the flames were still raging up to the time of our going to press.—*Courier.*

St. Francis, April 19th.—A sportsman requests us to say that a snipe was shot last Saturday on the farm of Mr Aatterson, *by a young lady.* We doubt if any of the Montreal sportsmen or sportswomen have won a similar prize so early this season.

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL.

No United States or Upper Canada mail was received this morning.

Our Halifax papers, received this morning, are to the 13th inst. They contain nothing of interest.

The Paris Correspondent of the *New-York American* states, that Mr. Papineau is already engaged in writing for the press a critical reply to Lord Durham's Report on Canadian affairs.

Referring to the Boundary Question the *N. Y. Commercial Advertiser* says,—"We are enabled to state, on what we believe good authority, that such instructions have been transmitted to Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Washington, by the *Great Western*, as will obviate the necessity of sending a Special Minister to London. The seat of negociations for the final adjustment of the Boundary question is transferred to Washington; and those negociations will be pressed to a definitive conclusion."

The *Montreal Courier* of Monday, states, on the authority of a letter received from a respectable gentlemen in Toronto, that Sir George Arthur has been recalled from the Government of Upper Canada.

Between 40 and 50 of the best houses in Ogdensburg were destroyed by fire a few days ago. The amount of loss is so great, that it is feared the Insurance Offices will not be able to meet the claims upon them.

The *Montreal Gazette* of Saturday last, mentions on the authority of a letter from Prescott, dated the 17th April, that the steamer *United States*, on her first trip this season from Ogdensburgh, while in the middle of the river, was fired at from Prescott wharves, without the shots however reaching her.

On Monday, J. Patton, Esquire, called a meeting of the Magistrates of Prescott, for the purpose of endeavouring to discover who it was that had committed this breach of the law of neutrality; but as no one could tell, the court adjourned to a future day.

The letter also states that some American officers came to Prescott in an armed steamer, whose decks were covered with troops, and had an interview with Col. Young. Their business was conjectured to be connected with the above matter.

The steamer *Canada* was to leave Montreal for Quebec to-day, and may be expected to arrive to-morrow afternoon. The *John Bull* left for Montreal yesterday forenoon; the *Charlevoix* starts this morning at eleven, and the *British America*, it is expected, will leave to-morrow at noon.

The Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this District opened on Monday last. There are no trials of particular interest expected

Baron Frattelin was liberated from prison on Saturday last, on condition of his immediately leaving the Province, and a sum of money was given him to defray his travelling expenses. The only political prisoner now remaining in jail is Mr. Hunter, and it is expected that he will be liberated in a few days.

The *Canadien* of Monday asserts that the report of the reinstatement of Judges Panet, Bedard, and Vallières, is positively confirmed. No officicial despatches in regard to it have however as yet been received.

The Exchange Register states that Dr. Holmes, accused of the murder of Mr. Taschè, has at length been given up to the authorities in Canada.

Yesterday, being the anniversary of England's Patron Saint, the St. George's Society went in procession with their splendid banners and headed by the drums and fifes of the Coldstream Guards, to the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, where an appropriate discourse was preached by the Rev. Henry Sewell, A. M., and a grand musical service was performed under the direction of Mr. F. H. Andrews; after which a collection was made in aid of the charitable fund of the Society. After divine service the Society walked in procession through the principal streets of the Upper Town, the band playing suitable airs.

In the evening, a party of nearly a hundred gentlemen sat down to a dinner at the Albion Hotel, as sumptuous and substantial as any ever prepared in Quebec. William Patton, Esq., President of the Society, was in the chair; and after the removal of the cloth, the following toasts were given:—

1.—THE QUEEN.—God bless her!—Four times Four.—BAND—*God save the Queen.*

SONG—"The Queen, God bless her."

2.—The Queen Dowager and Royal Family!—Applause.—BAND—*The Queen's March.*

3.—THE DAY—and all who honour it!—Four times Four.—BAND—*St. George's March.*

4.—His Excellency the Governor General—Four times Four.—BAND—*Grand March.*

SONG—"The Old English Gentleman."

5.—Major General Sir James Macdonnell and the Garrison of Quebec.—Three times Three.—BAND—*The Highland Laddie.*

GLEE, 5 voices—"Merry Row," &c.

6.—ST. GEORGE AND MERRY ENGLAND! Generous, enlightened and Free—the acknowledged origin and example, to which every rising nation looks for Laws and Constitution!—Four times Four.—*Hurrah for Merry England.*

SONG—"Old England is the land we love."

7.—THE SISTER SOCIETIES.—Our contemporaries in the cause of Charity!—Three times Three.—BAND—*Hurrah! for the Bonnets of blue.—Erin go Bragh.*

8.—The Army and Navy!—Their glorious deeds shall ever be "Familiar in our mouths as household words; and in our flowing cups freshly remembered!"—Three times Three—BAND—*British Grenadiers.—Rule Britannia.*

GLEE, 5 voices—"Every bullet has its billet."

9.—The Volunteers of Lower Canada!—BAND—*Britons Strike Home.*

SONG—"The merry month of May."

10.—THE BRITISH EMPIRE!—Peopled by more than One Hundred Millions! On this vast dominion the sun never sets!—Three times Three—BAND—*Hearts of Oak.*

11.—OUR GLORIOUS CONSTITUTION!—Combining the freedom of a Republic, with the stability of a Monarchy!—Three times Three—BAND—*Honest John Bull.*

SONG—"The brave old Oak."

12.—The Heroes, Statesmen, and Poets of our own Native Land!—Three times Three.—BAND—*When order in this land.*

13.—The land we live in! May it again become peaceable, happy, and flourishing.—Three times Three.—BAND—*A la Claire Fontaine.*

GLEE, 3 voices—"Row Brothers row."

14.—His Excellency Lieut. Governor Sir George Arthur, and our loyal and gallant fellow-subjects of Upper Canada.—Three times Three.—BAND—*The Martial Borderers.*

GLEE, 5 voices—"Bold Robin Hood"

15.—Our Sister Colonies of Nova-Scotia and New Brunswick: they generously tendered aid to us during our troubles; climate has no terrors for those whom warmth of heart unites!—Three times Three.—BAND—*We'll fight and we'll conquer again.*

16.—Immigration! Its stream fertilizes and nourishes the soil through which it flows.—Three times three.—BAND—*Speed the Plough.*

GLEE, 5 voices—"The Farmer's Joy."

17.—The immortal memory of Shakspeare!—Silence.—BAND—*Shakspeare's Dirge.*

18.—The Reverend Preacher of the day.—BAND—*A Solemn Air.*

19.—WOMAN! lovely Woman! Beautiful as pure,—Three times Three—*Here's a Health to all good Lasses.*

SONG—"Nine cheers for the girl we love."

20.—THE SONS OF ST. GEORGE! And the Societies, who are this day doing honor to our Patron Saint in every Quarter of the Globe!—Applause—BAND—*Ye Gentlemen of England.*

21.—The Earl of Durham, the first life member of the Society;—may he carry out the British reforms that commenced with his administration of the Affairs of this Country.

22.—The independent, brave, and loyal Colonel Prince—we look upon his honorary connection with this Society with pleasure and pride.

23.—To our next merry meeting!—Applause—BAND—*When shall we three meet again.*

In the course of the evening, numerous excellent speeches, songs, and volunteer toasts, were given; and "the feast of reason and the flow of soul" were kept up till an early hour this morning.

On Monday afternoon an individual named John Lunny, residing in St. Eustache Street, Saint Lewis Suburbs, committed suicide by hanging himself to a ladder reared against his house, during the absence of his wife. The body was discovered by some children, who gave the alarm. Medical aid was promptly obtained; and every effort was made to restore life, which was not quite extinct when he was cut down. An inquest was held on the body yesterday, and a verdict of "Temporary insanity" returned. The deceased was an old commuted pensioner, and latterly a serjeant in the Highland Company of Volunteers. He has left a numerous family entirely unprovided for. The deceased was subject to temporary fits of insanity, and some time ago he made an ineffectual attempt to destroy himself.

Company Serjeant Patrick Gallagher has been presented with a handsome silver medal and chain, bearing an appropriate inscription, in testimony of their high respect and esteem for him, by the men of No. 1 Company R. Q. V. Artillery.

From the Quebec Mercury of yesterday.

On Sunday evening, at six o'clock, the steamer *British America*, Captain J. D. Armstrong, arrived in Port from Montreal, with the barges *Alceus*, *Meagara*, and *Perseverance* in tow. The British America left Montreal at half-past three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and experienced no difficulty in getting through the Lake—the channel being perfectly open. The whole of the barges and steamer were deeply laden with merchandize for the Quebec market.

The *British* had twenty-five cabin passengers, among whom were the following:—Honorables John Stewart, Dominick Daly, Messrs. De Lery, Ryland, Lindsay, Faribault, Cary, Duchesnay, Wicksteed, George Black, and Cummings, of Quebec, and Mr. G. Joly, of Lotbiniere.

Mr. Justice Rolland, who is come to sit in the Court of Appeals, come on board at Three-Rivers.

The *Charlevoix*, Captain Chénier, also left Montreal on Saturday afternoon, with a schooner in tow, and arrived early on Monday morning. She was detained several hours in the Lake by the ice on Saturday night and Sunday morning, and the schooner got part of her bulwarks carried away. No other damage, however was sustained. The Charlevoix and schooner have also full cargoes.

We understand that the St. Lawrence and Tow Boat Companies intend running the following boats this season:—John Bull, Capt. D. Vaughan; British America, Captain J. D. Armstrong; Canada, Captain Walter Douglas, and St. George, Captain Charles Armstrong. The steamers will arrive at Gibb's (formerly Goudie's) Wharf, and leave from Gillespie's. The Eagle remains at Sorel, and it is not expected that she will run this season.

The *Charlevoix*, Captain Chénier, will run, as last year, as an opposition boat, and will arrive and depart from the Napoleon (formerly Queen's) Wharf.

The *Lumber Merchant*, belonging to Mr. McKenzie, will not ply this year between Quebec and Montreal; but will be employed as a tow boat for ships, rafts, &c., in the harbour of Quebec.

The barge *Neptune* left this morning, with the wind, for Montreal, with a general cargo.

Commercial.

IMPORTS.
April 21.

Per Steamer *British America*, from Montreal:—200 bags pease to W. H. Roy—256 do. do. to Wm. Price & co.—2 casks nails, 130 kegs paint, 31 bars iron, to C. Wurtele.—40 bars iron, to John Wilson—56 bbls. Oatmeal, 2 casks blacking, to J. H. Joseph & co. 1 box to H. J. Forsyth—15 bbls. oatmeal, to John McLeod—200 bbls. flour, 8 kegs butter, 2 casks hams, to B. Latham—4 boxes to Musson & Savage—62 bbls. pease, 56 bags biscuit, to C. A. Holt.—40 bags pease to Gibb & Shaw—200 bbls. pork, 1 case to D.A. Com. Gen. Wilson—2 casks brushes to Wilson—85 bags pease, 81 do potatoes——145 bags pease, 60 bbls. 1 chest, 2 hhds. to Isaac Christophe—80 bags pease, 82 bbls. 2 chests to M. Saunders—112 bags pease to M. Clapin—1 horse to M. Charleton—50 bags flour, to John Young—a lot of luggage to E. Douglas—Do. do. to A. Paterson—2 parcels to R. Middleton—1 dispatch box to the Military Secretary—1 box to H. S Scott—10 cases to James McShane.

22nd.

Per steamer *Charlesvoix*, from Montreal:—34 rolls leather to C. F. Pratt and Brother—rolls leather to J. B. Audette—4 rolls leather to Joseph Louis—48 bbls. flour, 3½ do. pork to C. A. Holt—75 bags wheat, 62 bags pease, to John Thompson & co.—3 casks hams, 72 bbls. biscuit, 40 bbls. pork, 50 bbls. pease