

undertaking, than the respectable gentlemen to whose spirited exertions the Province is indebted for the present Asylum.

It must be confessed that the case which the writer supposes is by no means an impossible one. One of the Physicians in charge of the Asylum might be a Magistrate; he might also be the Medical Attendant of the Gaol, and in his Magisterial capacity might commit to gaol as a vagrant a person whom he would afterwards report to be insane.

Of all the prisoners now in the Asylum, those from the former institution under charge of the "Religious Ladies of the General Hospital" were removed to their present residence by order of the Commissioners appointed by the Government, (Dr. Painchaud, Messrs. J. Neilson, Jas. Gibb, L. Massue and P. Langlois). A large number were received from Montreal and other distant places, and seven were sent from the gaol here, by order of the Civil Secretary.

The release of the patients depends upon their recovery. I am happy to be able to state by the way, as an evidence of the good effect of kind and proper treatment, that one patient from Montreal was discharged a short time since, cured; that another, who was an inmate of the former Quebec Asylum for twelve or fifteen years, has so far recovered that he is allowed to visit his friends, always returning in the evening; and that a confident hope is entertained that this man, along with several others, may soon be discharged.

All the patients at present in charge are Government patients. The Asylum is open to others whose friends may wish to place them there, paying for them at a fixed rate. But in such a case a process must be gone through, similar to that required in England, and entitled, "de lunatico inquirendo."

With these remarks I take my leave of the subject for the present, only adding that one great want is still felt at the Asylum, that of regular religious services. No Clergyman is attached to the Asylum, nor have any yet visited it; and I have the authority of one of the Medical gentlemen for asserting that their visits would be very gladly received, as they have always found such services to have a soothing and beneficial effect.

OBSERVER.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—Received Maria, a Mother; Juvenis Academicus, enclosing \$1. for the Church Society, which will appear in the Treasurer's next monthly statement;—M. W.;—C. B. enclosing a remittance;—Poetry, not had time to read; but our friend, as a constant reader, must know that it ought to be submitted to The Unknown, and J. A. says we are not to let anybody see it. We will let him hear from us again.—G.S.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED.—Messrs. Thomas Tait, from No. 53 to 101;—Wm. Spragg, No. 83 to 131;—Robert Easton, 75 to 101;—Joseph Tiffin, No. 70 to 121.

Political and Local Intelligence.

SEAM LINE-OF-BATTLE SHIPS.—We understand that it is intended to have sixteen line-of-battle ships, and eight or ten frigates, with screw propellers, as block ships for our sea-ports. The armament of the 72-gun ship will be twenty-six 42-pounders, twenty-six 32-pounders, and four 56-pounders. She will have the masts and yards of a 46 gun frigate, and a crew of 568 men, which will include officers, seamen, marines and stokers. Each ship will only take six weeks' provisions and water, and be made to act both offensive and defensive. The engines are to be of 450 horse-power. The 46-gun frigate will have the masts and yards of a 26-gun frigate, and be armed with twenty 42-pounders and three 56-pounders, with engines of 300 horse-power, and a crew of 306 officers, seamen, marines, and stokers. Six weeks' provisions and water will only be put on board. Tenders for machinery are to be advertised for; the other part of the work will be done by the dockyard.—United Service Gazette.

THE LOCUSTS.—Several vessels which have recently arrived report having seen large fields of grasshoppers or locusts, off the Western Islands. By comparing the different accounts, it appears that these insects extended over an area of 800 miles square. Capt. Madigan, of the ship Hercules, from Odessa, fell in with them in long, flat, lat. 36, and sailed in the midst of them, from east to west, for 500 or 600 miles, leaving them only at the distance of 1,000 miles from land. Mr. J. G. Hurd, a passenger on board the ship Sylvanus, Jenkins, from Trieste, gives the same account to us, and adds that there were great numbers of the locusts in the air as well as in the water, and that for several days they had many of them on the masts and sails of the ship. They were drifted about upon the water, sometimes in broad fields, and at others in long windrows, as seaweed is often seen on the outside of the Gulf Stream. The impression of all the gentlemen is that they had been blown off from the coast of Africa.—Hong-Kong Register.

The Basle Gazette publishes intelligence of the shipping of a mountain in the Grisons on the 7th Oct. It occurred at Buschlaws, and carried away an entire forest of young trees.

On the 14th another catastrophe of the same nature occurred; immense masses of rock were rolled into the valley, the inhabitants of which fled in the greatest consternation. The damage done is estimated at 400,000.

RISE FROM THE DUST-YARD TO ARGYLE-SQUARE.—Edward Riley, living with his family in Hadlow-street, Burton-crescent, having been proved next of kin to Major-General Riley, who recently died at Madras, leaving property to the amount of 50,000l., to the whole of which he has become entitled, has, within the last few days, amused the neighbourhood by his conduct. From having been but a workman in the dust-yard in Maiden-lane, he has now become a man of independence. On Thursday he called in his cab on a tailor, in Seymour-street, and taking him to the dust yard desired him to measure the whole of the men in the yard for a suit of clothes, which being accomplished, he ordered them to go to a hoolmaker's, where they were all served. On Sunday he ordered a butcher to supply each of them with a joint of meat. Riley has taken a house in Argyle-square, and upon entering it he purposes giving a dinner to all the dustmen in London, and illuminating the front of his house.—English Paper.

Mr. Alfred Tennyson, the author of "Locksley Hall," the "May Queen," and some other beautiful poems, has just received a pension of £200 per annum from Her Majesty. Sir R. Peel made the intimation very delicately through Mr. Hallam, the historian.

It has been determined to erect a monument in Westminster Abbey to the memory of Sir Thomas F. Buxton, by public subscription, limited to two guineas each.

MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.—Recent arrivals from the former country announce that the Mexican Government is desirous to renew diplomatic intercourse with that of the United States, in the expectation of effecting an amicable arrangement with regard to Texas. The democratic journals in the United States, the organs of the party the President favours, are still blustering upon the Oregon question and, if they only were to be consulted, war would be inevitable. But it is pleasing to find that many respectable journals strongly oppose this wholesale denunciation of the British right to Oregon, and condemn the policy which, for party purposes, would plunge the nation into a war. The Honble. Daniel Webster, in a speech which he lately delivered before a public meeting in Boston, upon this exciting topic, rebuked with severity this grasping and overhearing spirit. The following extracts deserve attention:—

"But, gentlemen, in this point of view is this a subject upon which it is proper by popular appeal, or by loud representations of patriotism, or by a sort of stormy defiance of the power of a great nation on our side,—is it proper on the other side by cries about the maritime ascendancy of England, the great wealth, the dignity, the power, the martial prowess of England, is it a question on which, by entries of this sort on either side of the ocean, these two great communities are to be embroiled and plagued in all their commercial and friendly relations,—or to be compelled to run into the horrors of war? No, gentlemen! the spirit of the age is against it."

"Now, gentlemen, who is the man at the head of either government who will take upon himself the responsibility of bringing on a war between two nations like Great Britain and America, upon a question of this kind, until he is prepared to show that anything and everything that he could do, has been done to avoid such a terrible and ultimate result?"

THE ICE TRADE.—The Boston Shipping List gives the following account of the ice trade from that port the past year:

Table with 2 columns: Destination and Tons. Includes Hong Kong (600 tons), Calcutta (510), Port Spain (150), Rio Janeiro (240), St. Thomas (218), Demerara (42), New Orleans (1,630), Charleston (120), New York (200).

Summary table for October and previous four months. Total for October: 3,740; Previous four months: 9,993; Total for five months: 13,733.

MONTREAL PROVIDENT AND SAVINGS BANK.

Table showing deposits and withdrawals. Amount due to Depositors, 30th June, per statement: £111,117 15 7. Increase this quarter: 11,857 2 3.

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—The Treasurer of this useful institution acknowledges the receipt of £50 cy. from the Executor to the Estate of the late Mathew Struthers, Esq., of Montreal, being a bequest of that gentleman.

ST. LAWRENCE AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD.—A call of £3 16. cy. per share, has been declared upon the capital stock of this Company, payable at the Bank of B. N. America in Montreal, on or before the 31st Dec. 1845. This, with the deposit made on subscribing, will complete the first instalment of £4 16. per share.

HUMANIZING TENDENCIES OF THE TURF.—It is stated, in a full account of the New York Hurdle Race, at which one of the riders lost his life, as mentioned in the last number of the Berean, that when announcement had been made of the critical state in which the unfortunate man was, and the Judges had determined upon interrupting further progress of the race, the owner of the horse Black Douglas—from Montreal, it is said—directed his jockey to ride around the course, with the idea of claiming the purse, as if his horse had won the race. How foolish it must have seemed to that individual, to make so much

of a man's life, compared with the disappointment of the spectators in having the sport interrupted!

GOVERNOR GENERAL.—The last bulletin, under date of the 11th inst., reports His Excellency's health as steadily improving.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.—ALBION LODGE, No. 4.—On Thursday last the above Lodge held its first anniversary in the Lodge room, Chateau St. Louis. Most of the members were present, together with a number of ladies and gentlemen who attended upon the invitation of the members. At 8 o'clock the Noble Grand, E. L. Montizambert, Esq., took the chair, and soon after for the choir, accompanied by the fine organ belonging to the Lodge, at which Br. F. H. Andrews presided, sang the opening Ode to the air of the national anthem. During the evening other pieces of music were performed and addresses were delivered by E. L. Montizambert and P. Sheppard, Esquires, explanatory of the objects of the order. They are given at full length in the Mercury of Saturday, and from its report we gather the following particulars as to the foundation and increase of Odd Fellowship here and elsewhere.

In 1813, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, of the Province of Canada, was established at Montreal under a charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States. There are now there Queen's Lodge, No. 2, and Commercial Lodge, No. 5, besides Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3, at St. Johns, and Albion Lodge, No. 4, at Quebec, Victoria Lodge, No. 6, at Belleville, and Oriental Lodge, No. 7, at Stanstead, all under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada at Montreal. There are also several lodges in different parts of Canada which hold their charters more directly from the Manchester Unity. There are besides Hochelaga and Stadacona encampments.

Albion Lodge, Quebec, numbers 215 members. In the United States the Odd Fellows are said to have 50,000 members, and in England nearly half a million.

FIRE.—There was an alarm of fire last Thursday. It proved to be in the barns at Belmont, between four and five miles from town, on the Ste. Foy road, belonging to Sir HENRY CALDWELL. Only that to the west was burned, and the other saved. There were destroyed about 2000 Bushels of Oats, and 2000 Bundles Hay, three Cows and a Pig.

The Gazette mentions that the fire was caused by the carelessness of a servant who placed a candle near some combustibles, and makes some very proper remarks upon the necessity for extreme caution on the part of servants and masters. Many fires originate in this manner.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—At the Quarterly Meeting of this Society held on Friday before last, the following gentlemen were elected Officers for the ensuing year:

- President—John Thomson. Vice-Presidents—Jas. Dean and Jas. Gibb. Treasurer—Duncan MacPherson. Secretary—Thomas A. Clark. Assistant Secretary—Robert Mitchell. The funds are said to be in a prosperous condition, and eighteen new members have been added during the past year.

THE QUEBEC MEDICAL BOARD, on the 4th inst. admitted to practice:—M. M. Tett, of Quebec, and M. Masse, Robichaud, McCallum and Gernon, of Montreal; and to the study, M. M. Dussault, Lebel and Blanchet.

Monday's Gazette contains a notice, signed Chas. Roger, of his intention to publish a political paper entitled the "Quebec Observer," provided sufficient subscribers can be obtained to secure its continuance for one year. The day of publication is not named, nor the period for the issue of the first number.

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.—The Treasurer has received the following sums since the last statement:—Subscription of Hon. Wm. Smith £50 0 0 Rent of Barracks 4 10 0 Collection in the Congregation of the Church of England in the Mission of Port Neuf 3 2 0 Contribution of the Rev. C. Morris, Missionary there 2 10 0

POST OFFICE.—We are glad to find that our interpretation of the clause in the new regulations, copied in our number of Oct. 30, is correct: English newspapers may now be re-posted, after being taken out of the Office and opened, between any two places within British North America, at the charge of 3d. only.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Montreal, 15th Nov., 1845. His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:—William Burns Lindsay, the younger, Esquire, to be Barrister, Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor in all her Majesty's Courts of Justice in that part of the Province of Canada heretofore Lower Canada.

The Canada Gazette, published by authority, November 15th, contains a proclamation proroguing the Provincial Parliament, to Monday, the twenty-ninth day of December, now next ensuing.

Also the following Railway notices:—Application for an Act to incorporate a Company to construct a railroad from Kingston to Montreal. Signed by J. A. MacDonald, M. P. P. and nine others, and dated Kingston, 8th Nov., 1845.

Application for an Act to incorporate the Toronto, Cobourg and Kingston Railway Company, also the Kingston and Montreal Railway Company. Dated Toronto, 8th Nov., and signed by W. H. Boulton and five others.

Application for an Act to incorporate certain persons to construct a railway from Hamilton to Toronto. Dated Hamilton, 10th Nov., and signed by Sir A. N. Macnab and nine others.

ENGLISH MAIL.

LETTERS for the above Mail will be received at the Quebec Post Office, on TUESDAY, the 25th NOVEMBER, — PAID Letters to THREE o'clock, and UNPAID to FOUR, P. M.

PORT OF QUEBEC.

No arrivals from sea. 29 square rigged vessels and 5 schooners yet remain in Montreal and Quebec, to clear.

MARITIME EXTRACTS.

Loss of the new Clyde-built Ship European. "Boy of Mile Vaches, 4th Nov. 1845.

"Yesterday morning the ship European, Capt. McBride, was driven on shore, her masts are cut away to keep her from rolling over, 3 lives lost. She is loaded with Flour, Ashes, &c. Mr. Auld and Lady, and Miss Goddard, daughter of Mr. Goddard, of the 14th Regt., passengers, are on shore and in good health. The ship will be a total wreck, but the cargo may be partly saved. There is also a ship laden with deers on shore at L'Islet Basé, below Esquimaux River."

WRECK OF THE REAPER.—Capt. Seaman, of the bark Reaper, which sailed hence on the 25th ult. for Poole, returned here on Saturday morning, and reports that his vessel was driven ashore near Mile Vaches, (a few miles above the wreck of the European,) on the 4th instant, during an easterly gale, which was accompanied with snow, and it is feared she will go to pieces. The crew and part of the materials, have been saved. Captain Seaman also reports that the European was breaking up.

The name of the other vessel ashore below Mile Vaches, has not yet been ascertained. The ship Charlotte, which returned from below with loss of masts had a now set and has again sailed.

The man who was saved from the wreck of the schr. Gaspe Packet, arrived here on Saturday and reports that the number of lives lost in the unfortunate Schooner, was seven. Capt. Brulotte, was washed overboard about twelve hours before the vessel was wrecked.

A letter from the keeper of the light house, on Green Island, reports that on the 5th inst. a small schooner, nearly new, with the name Margaret, P. E. Island, on her stern, drifted ashore a complete wreck, and went to pieces. No persons were on board and it is feared the crew must have lost their lives. A good deal of the materials of the vessel and part of the cargo were saved.

The new ship Eliza, Morrison, which sailed on Sunday morning, for Liverpool, had the greatest cargo of Flour that had ever, we believe, been cleared from this port, 8725 barrels flour.

The vessel reported ashore on the Manicouagan shoals, by the steamer St. George, proves to be the bark Elizabeth Atkinson, J. Meldrum, hence on the 27th ult. for Plymouth, with a cargo of timber. She was stranded on the Morning of the 4th inst., during the late violent gale from the east. The vessel and cargo will most likely be a total loss. Capt. Meldrum, and crew have arrived in Quebec.

The Schooner Celina, came up from the bark Reaper, which was wrecked near Mile Vaches, with part of the materials saved from her, which, with the hull, and cargo, were sold on Tuesday, for the benefit of the Underwriters. The hull brought £18, and the cargo, consisting of White and Red Pine, Deals, Staves, &c. £60 Ship European.—The passengers (Mr. and Mrs. Auld, and Miss Goddard) and crew of this vessel came up from the wreck, on Tuesday evening, in the schr. Lady Bagoa. Capt. McBride remained below, to save what he could.

Vessels cleared outwards at the Custom House of 3rd Novem. from the 16th of October to the 3rd Novem. 1845:—Oct. 15—Argyle, Drueury, loaded at Mitis, 597 tons. "23—Stakesby, Richards, "Trois Pistoles, 437 tons. "Somersetshire, Dempster, "Isle Verte, 449 tons. Nov 3—Barbadoes, Greig, "Isle Verte 333 tons.

The Mountaineer, Cary, and Christiana, Brownston, sailed without clearing. The Camden is loading at Trois Pistoles.

BIRTH.

On Sunday morning, Mrs. George Irvine, of a daughter. In Montreal, on the 5th inst. Mrs. Samuel Ogden, of a daughter.

DIED.

On Sunday last, at the Citadel, Lieut. H. F. Stirke, 14th Regiment of Foot. On Tuesday last, Mary Hamon, relict of the late Mr. Jno. Codville, aged 26 years. In Montreal, on the 15th inst. at the age of 30 years, Robert Paterson, Esq. eldest son of Alexander Paterson, Esq. Irvine, Scotland, and partner in the mercantile house, of Gillespie, Moffatt and Co. On the 7th inst. after a short and severe illness, at Oshawa, Canada West, aged 22, Alice Webster, wife of Henry Atkinson, Esquire, and daughter of Mr. Joseph Webster, of Montreal. In Bytown, on the 29th ult. after a short illness, Eliza, the wife of Christopher Armstrong, Esq., Judge of the District Court.

QUEBEC MARKETS.

Corrected by the Clerks of the Markets up to Tuesday, 18th Nov., 1845.

Table of market prices for various goods including Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Veal, Pork, Eggs, Potatoes, Maple Sugar, Oats, Hay, Straw, Fire-wood, Cheese, Butter, Pot Ashes, and Pearl do.

NOTICE.

All those persons whose statements of loss by the fires of the 28th of May and 28th of June last, were given to the Committee of Distribution for the mere purpose of affording Statistical Information, and not with a view to obtain relief, are severally requested to forward their names, with the names of the Streets in which they resided at the time of the fires, to the undersigned in order that their names may not be published with those of the applicants for relief.

EWD. H. BOWEN, Secretary, Parliament Buildings, 7th November, 1845. Distribution Committee.

N. B. The publishers of all Newspapers in Quebec, both French and English, are requested to publish the above Notice in three successive numbers, and in the languages of their respective Publications.

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NATIONAL SCHOOL, Nov. 1845.

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M. G. MOUNTAIN, No. 13, Fabrique-st. Quebec, 15th Oct. 1845.

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THE FORCEPS, 11th Dec., 1844.

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Other Testimonials can be seen.

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NOTICE.

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DANIEL MCGIE,

Quebec, 7th July, 1845. Hunt's Wharf.

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R. M. HARRISON,

Agent for Canada. Quebec, August, 1845.