

Of those who arrived, 795 were admitted into the Marine Hospital, suffering with fever, and of whom thirty-five died. The whole number admitted into the hospital with "disease general," was 1,115.

New York papers, of Tuesday, bring a few additional items from Mexico. Six thousand American troops had marched to the city of Mexico—Santa Anna was in Orizaba, preparing with energy for an attack on Vera Cruz. Sickness was prevailing, by the last accounts, among the U. S. troops and volunteers in Mexico, who were dying in great numbers.

Early in 1848 there will be sixteen steamships regularly plying between New-York and Europe, by which means a weekly communication will be kept up with England, France, and other countries in the Old World, independently of the Boston line of Commodore Cochrane.

It is said that there are in Paris four hundred acres of burying-ground for less than one million of inhabitants, while in London there are but one hundred acres for two millions.

The accounts brought by the Levant mail are of a most gratifying character, as they quote a fall of 10 per cent. in the price of grain in Egypt, and hold out expectations of immense supplies from Odessa and the Russian ports, where they have already arrived, and only wait a sufficiency of tonnage to convey them to England. According to advices, all the ports of Ireland are crowded with grain laden vessels, including twenty-one with cargoes from the United States, the produce of the subscriptions generously contributed for the relief of the distressed by our trans-Atlantic brethren. The rice at Mark Lane has been attributed to renewed purchases for shipment to France, in several departments of which the price of grain is represented as on the decline.

CULTIVATION OF TEA IN INDIA.—The Indian papers lately received contain an important dispatch from the Court of Directors relative to the capabilities of the valley of the Dhoon and the adjacent district for the cultivation and the manufacture of tea. As several reports have recently appeared in the local journals of the success attending Dr. Jameson's efforts to introduce the plant in the north-west, the public were, it appears, in a measure prepared for the intelligence communicated through this medium. But the most satisfactory circumstance yet mentioned consists in the opinion given by parties in the London trade, that the sample presented for their inspection was "equal to China tea of a superior class, possessing the flavour of the young peckoe, but more than the usual strength of that tea, while, in other respects, it resembled the description imported under the name of "mong jong." The article, it is stated, is as much esteemed in the district in which it is raised as it is in our own market, for 173 sers of it were not long since sold at Almorah, fetching from four rupees to five rupees the ser— a price equal to the best China produce sold in the capital of Bengal. According to the calculations made by Dr. Jameson, the cost at which it can be raised is so low as to afford considerable encouragement to the application of capital to that purpose. It is estimated that if cultivated on a sufficiently large scale, the leaf could be delivered in Calcutta at a figure of little more than 8 annas per ser, or about one-eighth of the present price. "Supposing, however," it is remarked, "that the cost of cultivation, manufacture, and transport, were to reach double the estimate, a sufficient margin of profit would remain to amply repay for the outlay." The capacity of the mountains of Kinnon and Guriall for the production of tea does not appear to be limited in any degree to particular localities. The last report furnished to the Court intimated that 176 acres were under cultivation, containing 322,579 plants.—Times.

EXPLANATION CONCERNING A PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE SIZE OF THE WITNESS.

The proprietor of the *Witness* has frequently felt it exceedingly desirable to insert more matter of immediate interest, such as important speeches, or articles from leading journals, than can be contained in the space at present devoted to news; and yet he cannot deem it right in any way to diminish the literary character of the paper. The only alternative, therefore, if both advantages are to be combined, is to add an additional page, on a separate sheet, to which the prices current, commercial circulars, shipping list, etc. etc., may be transferred, leaving in the body of the *Witness* one or two additional columns for reading matter, and thereby rendering it more valuable for the family.

This is not, however, the only reason for the addition in question. It is felt that the commercial intelligence should be given more fully than there has hitherto been room for; and it is therefore proposed to extend the prices current, give commercial circulars more frequently or more at length, and add lists of all commissions of bankruptcy, advertisements of dividends, dissolutions of partnership, etc. etc., throughout the province of Canada. The said notices to appear once in the *Witness*, on the Monday following the Saturday on which they shall first appear in the *Gazette* by authority. To these commercial notices will be added any important appointments made, or commissions issued by the government, as well as any applications for acts of parliament, or other legal notices, which may be deemed of general interest.

It will at once be seen that the addition contemplated must involve a considerable additional expense of paper, printing, and labour; and the only way of meeting this increased expenditure will be to insert advertisements; an addition, by the way, which has been desired by many subscribers to the *Witness*, who wish to see advertisements as well as other news.

This addition to the *Witness*, which, it is presumed, will much enhance the value to subscribers, will, it is to be distinctly understood, cost them nothing, either in the way of increased subscription or of postage; and therefore, as the whole that was promised, and even more, will be given in the body of the paper, and the additional page to the bargain, the insertion of advertisements in it cannot be considered, in any point of view, as a breach of faith.

For the reasons above explained, the proprietor now requests the attention of the advertising public to the following recommendations of the *Witness*, as an advertising medium.

First: It has a respectable circulation in the city, and very generally over the country, being regularly directed, in larger or smaller parcels, to 240 post offices. The whole circulation is about 1500 copies.

Second: It goes, generally speaking, into the hands of a highly respectable class of subscribers, among whom are not a few merchants and traders.

Third: As it is not intended to put in gratuitous or underpaid advertisements for the purpose of filling up, it is likely that the advertisements which do appear will be better read than if they were, so to speak, lost in a crowd.

Fourth: The terms will be as customary, namely, 4d per line for first insertion, if over six lines, and a penny per line for each subsequent insertion. If under six lines, 2s 6d for first, and 7d for each additional insertion. But it is to be remarked, that the line of the *Witness* is nearly half as long again as that of ordinary advertising papers, so that in reality its charge is much less.

The terms for all Advertisements will be cash, in advance, or in the first demand, and they must be sent in by TEN o'clock, on Monday forenoon; if from the country, free of postage; and either with a remittance, or an order on some house in town.

The above described change will take place in next number, and parties inclined to advertise in the first number issued on the new plan, will oblige by sending in their advertisements as early in the present week as convenient.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, May 27, 1847.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
ASHES, Fols. per cw 28	0	0	0	0	BEASF,	nominal.			
Pennis,.....	23	0	00	0	BEEF, Primo Mess,				
FLOUR, Canada Su.					per brl, 200lbs.	60	0	00	0
per fine, per brl.					Primo,	50	0	00	0
196 lbs.	37	6	38	6	Prime Mess, per				
Do. Fine,	37	0	37	6	tierce, 304lbs.	90	0	92	6
Do. Extra,	37	6	37	9	PORK, Mess, per brl.				
Do. Middings, ..	none				200lbs.....	92	6	95	0
Indian Meal, 108lb.	none				Prime Mess,	72	6	75	0
Oatmeal, brl. 22 1/2 lb.	34	6	35	0	Prime,	62	6	65	0
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.					Cargo,	00	0	00	0
Best, 60lbs.	8	3	8	6	BUTTER, per lb.	0	0	0	0
Do. L.C. per min.	7	6	7	9					
Barley, Minot, ...	3	9	4	0					
Oats,	2	8	2	9					

May 31.

FLOUR.—The activity of the market has been rather checked by the receipt of less favourable advices from New York. Sales of best brands on Saturday for June delivery at 37s. To-day no sales, and the market nominal, but not less firm.

WHEAT.—Is equally affected; good quality was sold on Saturday at 81 1/2d; to-day nothing has transpired.

FRIGTS.—Not quite so firm, but without change in the quotations.

THOS. M. TAYLOR,
Broker.

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