

pondents in a rich and regular stream. At a late monthly meeting a report of the condition of the Montreal Society, and of its proceedings during the past year was read. The report stated that at this fourth anniversary, the institution seems to have surmounted all the difficulties which stifled former attempts of a similar nature, and this result is attributed to the formation of a Museum and Library; new rooms eligible and extensive have been procured for the use of the Society; the report mentions with gratitude donations received from individuals not connected with the society, and from other societies, and strongly impresses the use which sea faring persons might be to such institutions, by their opportunities of collecting specimens in various parts of the world; the number of volumes in the Library is 403, the present number of resident members liable to pay a yearly subscription is 60; the prize essays are alluded to, and a confidence expressed of the utility of this mode of exciting emulation; the outlay of the last year for specimens, apparatus, and books, amounted to £442 5s. 11d. leaving a balance of £121 7s. 4 1-2d. in the treasurer's hands, a great part of which is appropriated; the report concludes by mentioning with gratitude the vote of £50 made by the Legislature to assist the society in procuring a suitable building, and states that the advancement of Natural History in particular, and of Science and Literature generally, are the objects the society are to keep steadily in view.

*Upper Canada.*—The Province is represented as rapidly improving, a number of thriving villages are appearing over the Country. Two new newspapers have been commenced within the last few months: The Hamilton Free Press, and the Halowell Free Press.

*British Essayists.*—The attention of editors in the provinces of British America, has been requested to a prospectus which was lately issued from the office of the Kingston Chronicle, U. C.—The issuer of the prospectus proposes to re-publish the British Essayists, in an order suggested by the opinions of the present times, and accompanied with biographical sketches, prefaces, notes, and commentaries. He requests literary assistance in this task, and dedicates his proposed work to the Princess Victoria; The price will be sixpence a number, or five dollars per annum. each number to contain from four to six numbers of the Essays.—The work will embrace the Spectator, Tatler, Rambler, Guardian, and the other volumes generally included under the term British Essayists.

*New Brunswick.*—Several Captains of vessels have been fined for infringements of the Passenger Law.

*Steam Boats.*—Mr. Whitney's new Steam Boat, which is to ply upon the Bay of Fundy was launched on the 14th July. She is 102 feet long, 32 wide, and admeasures 167 tons burthen. The machinery 50 horse power.