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ing been found on the sea shore, led to the belief that he had destroyed himself. This report had been hastily communicated to Edith, and she had broken a blood vessel. —Death followed instantly. In the small church-yard, whose old yews are seen at a great distance out at sea, is an old fashioned monument—it is the vault of the Trevanion family. The last inscription is—

“Edith Trevanion aged 19”

MISCELLANEOUS.

FROM LATE ENGLISH PAPERS.

A fine batque, the *Oreana* of Plymouth, Rowland, master, 400 tons burden, with timber from Quebec bound to Cork, went on shore on part of Biersland. Every effort and exertion on the part of her Commander and crew, Coast Guards &c., was tried to leave her off during the high springs but without effect. She had about 11 feet water in her hold, and must be discharged until for service.

St. Paul's Church, London, is to be opened to the public free of expense from nine till eleven o'clock in the morning, and from three to four o'clock in the afternoon.

The public are also to have the benefit of a great reduction in the admission fee to the Tower. The fee is to be reduced from three shillings to one.

A correspondent of the London Mechanics' Magazine proposes to cover the roofs of houses with india rubber.

DEATH OF ROBERT NICOLL, THE POET.—We regret to announce that yesterday this talented young man departed this life at the residence of Mr. John Johnston, Newhaven. Mr. Nicoll continued editor of the Leeds Times till within these few weeks, when the state of his health forced him to resign a charge, the duties of which he performed with credit to himself, satisfaction to those with whom he was connected, and benefit to the party whose politics he supported. Mr. Nicoll is well-known as the author of a volume of poems, and some beautiful pieces which appeared in Tait's Magazine and other periodicals.—*Edinburgh Observer.*

UNITED STATES.

ASHES.—William Dunont, Inspector of Pat and Pearl Ashes, reports the inspection of 44,970 casks of these articles, weighing 20,878,093 pounds, of all sorts—the estimated value of \$959,324 3/4. Nett fees \$1,630 08.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

Mr. Dunont notices the increase of an inferior quality of pot ashes, caused by the great use of lime, salt, and other deleterious articles used in their manufacture.—*Id.*

SPIRITS.—The New York Inspector General of Distilled Spirits, reports the whole quantity of first proof passed under his notice, at 2,451,000 gallons.—*Albany Daily Advertiser, Saturday.*

Fresh Cod sells at Boston at two cents, at New York ten. The steamboats are making a good business by bringing it to New York, from down east.—*Id.*

The Potomac and James Rivers, were both much impeded by ice a few days since. The former so much so, that the mails go by land. On the 10th, however, the Potomac was again free.—*Id.*

The number of Creeks, comprising nearly the whole nation, who have arrived at their new home west beyond the Arkansas, is 21,400.—*Id.*

We are happy to observe that the political papers, on all sides—even the belligerent presses in New Hampshire agree in one thing—that the winter is one of the mildest in the memory of man.—*Vermont Watchman.*

Three steamboats were destroyed by fire in New Orleans, on the 21th ult. They were along side of each other. The one that took fire was loaded with cotton.

A powder mill blew up near Wilmington, Delaware, on Wednesday of last week.

There are said to be 50,000 squatters on the public lands of the United States.

A man in Baltimore advertises, that he is going to walk up the outside of Washington Monument, like a fly.

A lady in Tennessee has had four husbands all of whom were clergymen. The Boston Herald says, truly she has been devoted to the ministry.

Finn, the comedian, is going to leave the stage and take up the profession of the law, to which he was educated. A funny lawyer.

We heard of a merchant down in Fore street last week who took \$25 cash. His good fortune did not upset him.

UPPER CANADA.

Sandwich, Feb. 10.—On Thursday last, as a man was on his way to this town, through one of the back roads, he was beset by a large wolf which very unceremoniously, and evidently with a malicious intention, jumped into the man's slings, and would undoubtedly have destroyed him, had he not, most fortunately, been provided with an axe with which he managed to overcome the voracious monster. The animal yet maintained his vital heat when he was brought to town. A gentleman of our acquaintance said it was the largest wolf but he ever had seen.—It was exceedingly meagre, and was evidently urged by the cravings of hunger to resort to such an unchristian mode of gratifying its appetite.—We sincerely hope that all savage and bloodthirsty animals, both *biped* and quadruped, will meet with a similar fate.

The Western Herald of the 10th instant, says, “It is now ascertained beyond a doubt that Dr. Duncombe has effected his escape from this Province, and is now in the City of Detroit.”

LOWER CANADA.

Montreal, Feb. 20, 1838.—We beg to direct the attention of our readers to a notice in our columns that subscription lists for presenting a testimonial of the gratitude of the citizens of Montreal to Lieut. Colonel Wetherall, are left at the News Room and at Ott's Hotel.—*Herald.*

Montreal, (Thursday,) Feb. 22.—Five prisoners were brought in, we are informed, from St. Denis, on Saturday last. We have not learnt the exact charge against them.—On Monday, thirteen or fourteen were discharged, after examination; among them are M. De Lorimier, Aubergiste, &c., of Crouhnewanka, and a young man named Boreman, late a clerk of Mr. CHAFFERS, of St. Cesaire.

HOLMES & THE CHAMPLAIN AND ST. LAWRENCE RAILROAD COMPANY.—Among the judgments given in the Court of King's Bench on Monday, this case was decided in favour of the Plaintiff. It will be remembered, that Mr. H's. train was destroyed by fire communicated from one of the Company's locomotives.—Damage, by agreement, laid at £100.

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QUEBEC, SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1838

LATEST DATES.

London, --- Jan. 4. --- New-York, --- Feb. 14.
Liverpool, --- Jan. 1. --- Halifax, --- Feb. 8.
Havre, --- Dec. 31. --- Toronto, --- Feb. 14.

By the Montreal Morning Courier, received yesterday, we have received the following important intelligence from Upper Canada:—

Private letters from Kingston, received by yesterday's mail, from a quarter which entitles the information they furnish, to full confidence state that the United States Marshal had just come over from Watertown in New York State bringing information that Mackenzie, Van Rensselaer, Lount and others, were in that vicinity, with a body of 1000 men, whom he stated to be well armed and about to make an attack upon Kingston, with a view to destroy the steamboats and plunder the place. He added, that the authorities of the United States in that quarter were wholly unable to disperse them. Kingston is garrisoned by about 600 militiamen, besides an abundance of arms for all volunteers, they have a strong fortress, and cannot therefore possibly be dislodged by any force the pirates can bring against them. At the same time the expedition may do mischief.—If this sort of business is to go on, unless the United States authorities manage very soon indeed to arrest and punish, or else give up to us for punishment, the settlers up of these freebooting parties be their citizens or refugees, they will soon find the two countries at war. They had better take one course or other promptly. The longer they wait, the more difficult and expensive they will find the experiment.

Lieutenant Inall (15th Regiment) left town yesterday for Halifax with despatches for Sir Colin Campbell. It is said that they contain

instructions for the 93rd Highlanders and all other troops that may have arrived at Halifax to set out for Quebec immediately.

Two companies of the 34th Regiment left Quebec this morning for Montreal.

The grenadier company of the Royals and a detachment of the Royal Artillery left Montreal for Kingston on Wednesday morning.

Capt. Muir, of the Royals left Montreal on Tuesday with despatches for the British Minister at Washington.

His Excellency Lord Gosford, by the recommendation of his medical attendants, has postponed his departure for England to Tuesday next.

Mr. Montzambert, Assistant Civil Secretary, has received instructions to proceed to Montreal, and to take with him the books of the Department. He will leave this on Wednesday, and is expected to be absent about a fortnight or three weeks.

The Fire Companies of Quebec Light Infantry will meet at the House of Assembly on Monday next, at half-past one o'clock, and will proceed from thence, for the practice of battalion drill, to the ice on the River St. Charles.

We understand that ANDREW STUART, Esq. the Agent of the Constitutional Association, will leave town this evening or early to-morrow morning, on his way to England via Upper Canada.

A deputation from the Loyal Victoria Club, this morning waited upon Mr. Stuart, and presented to him the following Address:—

TO ANDREW STUART, ESQ. M.P.P. &c. &c.
SIR,—On the eve of your departure for England to lay before Her Majesty's Government the unanimous desires of the Constitutional Association of Quebec, we on behalf of the LOYAL VICTORIA CLUB, beg leave to tender to you our heartfelt thanks for the readers with which you have obeyed the call of so numerous a body of your fellow-citizens.

To approach you with the language of adulation would be foreign alike to our nature and your own delicacy of feeling. We confine ourselves to the simple expression of our respect for the talents, integrity, and independence which you have manifested during your whole public career. These high qualifications,—which have gained for you the unbounded confidence of your constituents, who have so frequently chosen you as their representative in Parliament,—prominently qualify you for the mission you have undertaken, and encourage us in our just expectations of success.

We have long witnessed your untiring zeal in the Assembly for the general welfare of the Province, and your exertions to overcome the prejudices of a faction which has at length plunged this fair portion of the British Empire into a state of anarchy and rebellion.

On leaving this Province, you carry with you our best wishes for a safe and pleasant passage to Old England, for a successful termination to your mission, and for a happy return to your family and friends, in the perfect enjoyment of health.

To this Address Mr. Stuart replied as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—I return you my unfeigned thanks for this expression of your good opinion and for your kind wishes towards me. The present epoch in the public affairs of this Province is indeed an important one. I cannot flatter myself that I shall bring to the subject, the ability which its importance calls for, and which your friendship attributes to me. All that I can promise with confidence is that neither zeal nor industry shall be wanting in the fulfilment of the trust with which I have been honoured.

INDIAN FESTIVITIES AND INSTALLATION OF CHIEFS.

The following interesting account is copied (with some slight alterations) from the Quebec Mercury of Thursday:—

The Indian Village of *La Jeune Lorette* has been a scene of great festivity for the last two days, in consequence of the celebration of a wedding and the installation of Lieut. Vivian, A. D. C., and Robert Symes, Esq., J. P., as Chiefs of the Huron Tribe. The united attraction of these important events was the means of assembling at the village, yesterday in particular, a large amount of the “beauty and fashion” of Quebec, who entered into the spirit of the different amusements that prevailed, with much glee. Distinctions of rank were laid aside and matrons and spinners of the city were to be seen in the same set of quadrilles with the sweethearts and wives of the Huron Indians. The whole scene presented, to those who witnessed it, a most pe-

vel and striking appearance. The large number of different uniforms of the Voltigeurs mixed up with the dresses of the Indians, was a means of heightening in a great degree the picturesque nature of the scene. Blanket coats were decidedly at a premium, as may be imagined from the circumstance of numbers of the Rifle and Queen's Own Corps being added to the *capots de concert* of the Indians and Squaws.

The first cause of all this festivity occurred on Tuesday morning when a Mr. La Rue, grandson of Mr. William Fairclair de St. Ambroise, led to the hymeneal altar Madeleine Isabella Bastien, the fair and accomplished daughter of Isaac Bastien, Huron of La Jeune Lorette. From the period of the nuptial knot being tied nearly every one of the principal residences of the chiefs and others of the tribe, became a species of “open house,” in which fiddles, fifes and tambourines set heels and toes in perpetual motion. “All went merry as a marriage bell,” and the “village belles” made the best possible use of time in “driving dull care away.” This went on uninterrupted with the exception of two occasions, of which more will be said during the whole of Tuesday, yesterday, and is, no doubt, going on at the present moment, the period fixed for its termination being tomorrow evening.

The first of the interruptions to the dancing and feasting, to which we have above alluded was caused by the installation of Lieut. Vivian who was created a Chief of the Hurons, and vested with the name of “Sharenec,” signifying in French “un grand arbre,” or in English, an overspreading tree, under whose leafy branches the weary traveller finds repose. This event of course created excitement: “Monsieur Vivian a pris son nom,” was the first piece of information that greeted the ears of a stranger on entering the village until the morrow when “Monsieur Symes” became substituted in place of Monsieur Vivian. The installation of the worthy Magistrate became a matter of much greater importance than that of his predecessor, from the circumstance of the news of Tuesday's proceedings having reached town and induced the town-folk to the number of some two hundred or so to get themselves conveyed to Lorette. The consequences were such as we have already stated; and the recollection of yesterday will remain in the minds of all the visitors, no doubt, for some time hence.

A majority of the visitors had been informed in town that 10 A. M. was the hour at which Mr. Symes would take his degree, but the event did not take place until 1 P. M.—The intervening hours, however, were not lost upon the Quebecers, who spent them in paying visits to all the houses, and dancing. One of the dances of the Indians created much amusement, being a novelty to many who joined in the fun. It is called “*La danse ronde*” and is a sort of “follow my leader.” The dancers join hands and follow the leader like through different rooms of the house for some time when, without warning the foremost dancer goes out into the street, and his “tail” like that of a celebrated personage, consisting of from thirty to forty joints, as in duty bound, follows. To those who have doffed their head gear this proceeding is not very pleasant and they wonder what the leader is dreaming of. Their astonishment is by no means abated when that personage enters a house in which a large party are assembled at dinner, and without saying a word to any one, conducts his mute and passive followers around the table and then walks out on his way back to the place whence he made such a strange egress.

As the hour of one approached, great preparations were making at the house of Andre Romain in which Mr. Symes was to “take a name.” The principal Chiefs were there to be seen donning their finest dresses and bringing to light, their silver bracelets, armlets and the gold and silver medals presented to them by their late Majesties George III. & George IV. Having arrayed themselves to the best advantage, and the clock having struck one, they issued forth in quest of the candidate for Chief's honours who was awaiting the summons at another house in the village.—After a short absence the Chiefs returned, bringing with them their brother who was attired in full costume and looking very like an Indian certainly, followed by a large concourse of persons who filled the installation apartment almost to suffocation. Order having been obtained with some slight difficulty, the ceremony commenced by a peroration in the Huron language from the head Chief, Nicholas Vincent, accompanied by interjectional excla-