

JUBILEE FUND OF THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY. Previously acknowledged. £187 15 10

QUEBEC CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION. A meeting of the COMMITTEE will be held at the residence of Lieut. Col. Lawrence, St. Lewis Street, on Tuesday next the 9th inst., at 4 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Jeffrey Hale acknowledges, with many thanks, a liberal Donation of Five pounds, enclosed to him this day in aid of the funds of the Sunday School under his superintendance.

The annual examination of the children of the National School took place on Wednesday, 20th ult., on which occasion there were present 115 boys and 84 girls.

The usual Christmas dinner was given on Thursday last, in the National School house, to 165 boys and 144 girls, including the children of the different regimental schools in the garrison.

To CORRESPONDENTS: Received F. E. - S. B. A - A constant &c: we shall give the matter consideration, but think the treating of it just at this time would not do good.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED: Dr. Ardagh, No. 209 to 250; Rev. S. B. Ardagh, No. 209 to 260; S. M. Sandford, Esq., No. 249 to 300.

Local and Political Intelligence.

The arrival of intelligence by telegraph, brought to New York by the Steamship Europa, on Sunday evening, enables us to lay before our readers the following, which sums up advices as far as they had reached Liverpool on the 16th ult.

The steamship Europa, Capt. Loti, arrived on Sunday evening, with 14 days' later intelligence from all parts of the old world.

FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.—Almost every return received from the provinces, shows an increased majority in favour of Louis Napoleon, and no possible doubt can now be entertained that the Prince is returned by much more than the necessary majority of votes.

The following is the official announcement of the number and proportion of the votes, as they had been received in London, on the 15th ultimo:— Total number of votes—2,394,000; for Louis Napoleon, 1,737,000; for General Cavaignac, 516,000.

POSTAGE.—The London Times of the 15th ult. says we have much pleasure in announcing that the basis of postal convention with the United States has been at last finally settled, and a draft of the convention itself will be sent by this day's mail to America for ratification by the Senate of the United States.

There has been a terrible gale on the coast of England and Ireland, in which many American vessels suffered.

FROM ITALY.—According to the latest accounts from Rome, the Pope did not leave his apartments in the Quirinal Palace.

The Emperor of Austria, Ferdinand I., has abdicated in favour of his nephew the Archduke Francis Joseph.

All his holiness' guards were moved, and he was surrounded by persons supposed to be favourable to the new administration.

The Pope left the Quirinal on the evening of the 25th, disguised as a servant of Count Spohr, and wearing the livery of the Bavarian legation; dressed in the character of a footman, he mounted the box of the ambassador's carriage, seated himself by the coachman, and thus absconded from the Quirinal Palace, and was carried off to Gaeta.

On his arrival there, he informed the King of Naples of his flight, and apprised his Majesty that steamers had been placed at his disposal, by the governments of England and France, so that he was ready to depart, if his presence caused the King the least inquietude.

REFORMATION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS.—Queen Adelaide has given £50 to the fund of the Philanthropic Society, for establishing a reformatory school of industry and discipline for youthful offenders.

left by the society in aid of their object are £200 from Mr. Vincent, and £100 from an anonymous contributor, through Messrs. Couits and Co.

CANTON, September 27.—Threatened hostilities.—The new Governor of Canton, who affects a supercilious bearing towards all foreigners, and refused some months ago to grant an interview to the Spanish Ambassador, has continued to get into an awkward squabble with the Minister of the United States.

THE CHOLERA at New York does not present any feature giving occasion to alarm; but at New Orleans it assumes a threatening aspect; the telegraphic despatch in the New York Courier and Enquirer gives news to as far as Christmas Day, on which there were 109 new cases, which is called "a fearful stride in the progress of the disease."

ICE FACTORY.—A company in Cincinnati are about to set up an ice factory. By a recent chemical discovery, they can make the purest crystal ice in the warmest weather, and will furnish it at the low price of one dollar per ton.

HALIFAX AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.—The Halifax Sun of Wednesday last, received by mail last evening, contains the first part of the Report of the Commissioners on the proposed line of Railway between Halifax and Quebec.

The second route, commencing at Halifax, and running to Truro at the head of the Bay of Fundy, thence over the Cumberland Mountains to Shediac, and along the coast from Bay Verte to Shediac, thence by a north-westerly course, crossing the Rivers Richibucto and Miramichi above the flow of the tide, so as not to interfere with the navigation.

The third route, commencing at the harbour of Whitehaven, near Canso, at the northeastern extremity of Nova Scotia, thence along the Atlantic coast to Country Harbour and the valley of the river of St. Mary, thence by or near to Pictou, and along the northern shore to Bay Verte.

OF THE COMBINED ROUTES, two are pointed out. The first, combining the Halifax route through Nova Scotia, and the direct route through the centre of New Brunswick, the distance by which would be 593 miles; the other, combining the Whitehaven route through Nova Scotia, with the Eastern or Bay Chaleurs route through New Brunswick to Quebec—the distance being 692 miles.

THE COMMISSIONERS consider the intervention of the Bay of Fundy as fatal to the first route. The report goes on to state that "as it will be seen in the end that only one of the lines, viz. the second has been explored and carried out successfully on its terminus on the Atlantic quiet through to Quebec, it may perhaps be considered superfluous to enter upon the discussion of rival lines."

THE REPORT is understood to have been received by the Executive in each of the Colonies interested in the Railroad, and is accompanied by a Despatch from the Colonial Office, stating that the money to carry on the work is ready in England so soon as each Province guarantees its proportion of the interest of the outlay at five per cent. annuum.

FRENCH CANADIANS IN THE WESTERN STATES.—A Correspondent of the Sherbrooke Gazette, writing from Rockford, Illinois, states that the emigration of French Canadians to the Western States is not to be considered as a new and sudden movement on their part; that they settled Illinois, and also were the first settlers in Iowa and Wisconsin; in Illinois, he says, there are at present 5000 native Canadians; and that the recent emigration, which has been remarked upon in public papers, is to be accounted for by the favourable reports which are given by those who have gone before.

TITHES TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CURÉS IN LOWER CANADA.—At a meeting of from 300 to 350 proprietors in the parish of St. Mary de Monroir, held on the 13th ult., resolutions were passed, to the effect "That Tithes, as actually levied, being directly a tax on agricultural industry, prevent the cultivator from effecting those improvements which farming requires to render it profitable."

"That Tithes are an obstacle to good intelligence between the Clergyman and his Parishioners, evidenced by the suspicions of infidelity which attach without ceasing to the latter, being the sole judges of the dues which they have to pay, and the difficulty which the Curé sometimes finds in collecting them."

"That the surplus of that sum, which it is necessary that the Curé should be paid annually, would be advantageously employed by the farmers in the education of their children, and the payment of other public imposts."

"That we see with pain, and we disapprove, the speculations that have been made in Tithes, in demanding for these six months past, two measures for one that was due."

"That, with the intent to amoroiate the actual state of the cultivators of this Parish, this Meeting is of opinion that it would be more advantageous to remunerate the Curé by a fixed and liberal salary, than by the payment of Tithes."

"We do not find any resolution stating the mind of the meeting as to the source from which the fixed and liberal salary is to be drawn, and how to be secured."

DON'T SPOIL THE BARLEY.—Father Chiquiquy on Beer-Drinking; Longueuil, November, 1848.—I could not read without painful feelings, in the English edition of the Agricultural Journal for this month, that the worthy editor of that useful publication wishes our labouring men in Canada to use beer.

There are two shillings spent by this man in a single day; there remains then, only sixpence to clothe his family, buy wood, pay rent, or repair his house, pay for education and books, and to make the necessary savings to support him during sickness, bad weather, or when he earns nothing, when all must eat as usual.

Presented the 90th Report of the Fire Committee, stating amongst other things that the chimney tax which produced formerly from £1000 to £1100 will scarcely attain £600 this year, and recommending several retrenchments by allowing one engine only to each Ward, with one hose and one Hook and Ladder Company for the city, and withdrawing the allowance granted to the two junior companies added to the department last year, with a reserve to pay them if the means of the Corporation increases.

Presented the 63rd Report of the Police Committee, recommending against the power exercised by the Magistrates over the Police force paid and supported by the Corporation, whilst the fines collected through their assistance are paid over to the Provincial Government; and recommending that the Police force be reduced to twenty men, and that the salary and wages of the officers and men be reduced.

Presented the 109th Report of the Road Committee, which suggests to suspend all new works or works not immediately indispensable, limiting its expenses to the cleaning and repairing of the streets, markets and drains, and to the payment of claims still due for the widening of certain streets, estimated altogether by the Road Treasurer to £2200 for the year 1849.

Presented the 89th Report of the Market Committee, asking an appropriation of £300 for next year, for the purpose of planking St. Paul's market.

Presented the 142nd Report of the Finance Committee, stating that the number of the active officers of the corporation is eleven, receiving altogether for salaries an annual sum of £1936 12s. including four pensions payable to old officers, and recommending,

- 1. That the allowance of £150 to the Mayor be abolished.
2. That the duties of the Road Surveyor and his deputy be filled by one person at £250 a year.
3. That the office of Inspector of beaches be abolished, the corporation's jurisdiction not extending below the high water mark of the St. Lawrence and St. Charles.
4. That the revenues of all the markets of the city, as well as of St. Paul's market wharf, be sold every year by auction to the highest bidder.
5. That the new bill of incorporation containing an enactment for entering the Chimney Tax in the assessment books, it is unnecessary to make any recommendation on the collector of the chimney tax, whose office will be abolished by the passing of the bill.

MONTEREAL FIRE COMPANIES.—We are happy to inform our readers that the difference in the Fire Department seems again in a fair way for being brought to a satisfactory conclusion. After a somewhat lengthy discussion, Councillor Bell stated that he believed he had been able to arrange with the rest of the Fire Committee a method that would put the difficulty in a fair way of adjustment; on his motion, therefore, three separate resolutions were carried; the 1st affirming that the order of the 6th May last was in accordance with the by-law of the Council; the 2nd, reinstating Captains Muir and Fletcher; and the 3rd requesting the Fire Companies to meet the Officers of the Department in conference, with

a view to the amicable arrangement of the dispute.—Herald.

FIRE IN THE MILITARY PRISON.—At half-past twelve on Thursday morning, a fire broke out in the Military Prison, St. Helens.—It spread rapidly, and the building was soon reduced to ruins. Great praise is due to the activity and intrepidity of the Governor of the prison, who opened each cell with his own hands, and afforded means of escape for the prisoners; no casualty, consequently, occurred. The prisoners were brought over to the city for temporary accommodation, until some fitting place be found for them.

TIGHT LACING.—An inquest was held on the body of Sarah Griffith, a young woman aged about eighteen years, employed as a servant in the family of the Rev. Mr. Rogers, Military Chaplain at St. Helen's Island, opposite this city. The fate of the deceased ought to act as a warning to other young females: she died suddenly of an affection of the heart, also of other internal causes, said to have been brought on by tight lacing. Her body was opened, and a verdict in accordance with the above returned. The deceased bore an excellent character. She was to have been married at an early date.—Herald.

LACHINE RAILROAD.—The cars on the Railroad, between Montreal and Lachine, discontinued their trips for the Winter, on Saturday week.—Pilot.

APPOINTMENTS.—We learn that the vacancy in the Receiver General's Department, created by the death of Mr. Turquand, has been filled up by the appointment of Mr. C. E. Anderson to be Confidential Clerk. Mr. Dufort has been appointed First Clerk.—Pilot, Saturday.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to call to the Legislative Council JOHN ROSS, of Belleville, JOHN MERRITT, of the Parish of St. Croix, and JOSEPH ORDE TROTON, of the Parish of Terrebonne, Esquires.

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL. 29th DECEMBER, 1848. Present:—His Worship the Mayor; Messrs. Gingras, Tourangeau, Pierre, Bellet, Duran, Maquire, Lloyd, Dinning, Brew, Hall, Sewell, Rhéume, Tessier, Guay.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Presented a letter of Noah Freer, Esq., Cashier of the Quebec Bank, in answer to one of the City Clerk, and stating that the Board regret exceedingly that they cannot upon the present occasion afford any assistance to the Mayor towards the loan for £7500 he was authorized by the City Council to negotiate.

Presented a telegraphic communication from Mr. T. Amiot, of Montreal, informing the Mayor that the Government had issued a warrant in favour of the Corporation for £1176 for arrears of assessments.

Several petitions, letters and papers were then presented and referred, amongst which a letter of Messrs. Moffatt and LaRogue, Chairman and Secretary of a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of Montreal, transmitting the Resolutions adopted on the subject of the Repeal or modification of the Navigation Laws of the United Kingdom in so far as relate to Canada, and the opening of the river St. Lawrence to the vessels of all nations, and requesting the concurrence of Quebec, and informing also the Council that petitions to the Imperial Parliament on the subject are now receiving signatures in Montreal, to be transmitted to England.

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Mr. Tessier then gave notice that he will move at the next meeting of the council, seconded by Mr. Maquire, That with a view to meet the engagements of the Corporation and pay the debentures of the Corporation falling due on the 1st of January next, the City Treasurer be instructed to lay aside one half of the revenues of the corporation, as a sinking fund, to pay the debentures falling due on the 1st January, 1849, with the interest thereon.

Adjourned. The French and other English papers of this city are requested to reprint the above proceedings.

Gas Light.—On Monday night, the 1st January, 1849, our principal streets as well as

some public buildings and private residences, were for the first time lighted with gas. This event, we hope, may be considered as the commencement of a new era and an omen of better times for the ancient and renowned city of Quebec. Spoiled by a tortuous and time-serving policy, of all the privileges and advantages that she formerly enjoyed, and that her loyalty and devotion ought permanently to have secured to her, as the seat and strong-hold of British empire in America, she must now look only to her geographical position, her natural resources, and the energy and patriotism of her citizens, to reconquer the proud rank she ought to hold as the queen of the St. Lawrence; and reconquer it she will: we have an earnest of it in the many public improvements and private enterprises now in contemplation or in course of execution.

The gas appears to be of the purest kind, and the light, though mild, is sufficiently brilliant; it is considered superior to the Montreal gas light.

Some impatience was manifested at the delay that has taken place in furnishing the gas, but no allowance ought to be made for the untoward circumstances and the local difficulties which the company had to contend with.

Quebec will be all the better for depending upon none of those privileges of which the policy of a new holding a brief authority has in its power to deprive her.

STEAM-BOAT-BUILDING.—We announce with pleasure that Capt. Ryan, who amonx us merits the sobriquet of Dogon in steam opposition, is about to construct a suitable small Passage Steamer in T. C. Lee, Esq., ship-yard, its use gratuitously proffered by that gentleman. This boat at this particular period will offer additional employment to our work people, and we hope it will realise Mr. Ryan's expectations, as he says, a "Living out of steam". We are of those who think his views of state—ultra, in steam all will admit he has done service; instance, the passage rate in 1841, 20s. Cabin and 5s. Steerage, and the rates since. The New Scrip (Our Line), boat's name Cosmopolite, a specimen seen at our office, is as low as two dollars. The New Scrip cabin passage 5s. We wish him every success.—(Communicated.)—Mercury.

THE LATE FIRE IN ST. PAUL STREET.—A member of No 5 Fire Company, in last Friday's Chronicle, states that it was not Engine No 1 that was the first to throw water on that occasion; but that Engine No 5 threw a continued stream of water on the fire, from a large well in Mr. Boswell's brewery, for the space of at least half an hour before any other Engine threw water at all.

A house belonging to Mrs. Roy, in St. Valier Suburb, opposite to Freeman's Tannery, was burnt down on Wednesday of last week. The exertions of the Firemen prevented the further spread of the conflagration.

ELECTION OF City Councillors and Assessors, one each for the St. Lewis, St. John, Palace, St. Rochs, St. Peter, and Champlain Wards is to take place on the 5th of next month.

Hugh Murray, Esq., has consented, upon a request addressed to him, to be a candidate for the representation of St. Peter's Ward.

It is understood, says yesterday's Gazette, that a requisition will be presented to Capt. Boxer, R. N., C. B., to allow himself to be put in nomination as City Councillor for St. Lewis Ward.

ENGLISH MAIL.—The letters by the Europa arrived at the Quebec Post Office at 8 o'clock this morning.

THE WEATHER, since the commencement of the year, has been very cold, the sky clear, and altogether as one would wish it to be at this season. On Tuesday, at 8 in the morning, the Thermometer was 6° below zero. It was just at 0 this morning at the same hour.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE.

The next Mail for ENGLAND, (per Express to Halifax) will be closed at the Quebec Post-Office, on FRIDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1849. PAID letters and Newspapers will be received to FIVE o'clock, P.M.

UNPAID letters to EIGHT o'clock, on SATURDAY MORNING.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE. LENT TERM commences on the 20th of JANUARY.

Candidates for Matriculation will be examined on FRIDAY the 19th, and are requested to give immediate notice to the Principal, of their intention to present themselves.

Further information may be had from the Revd. J. H. Nicolls, Principal, Lennoxville, the Revd. A. W. Montanari, Quebec, and the Revd. J. Irwin, Montreal.

December 21st, 1848.

NEW BOOKS.

The subscriber has just received by the ship 'Favourite,' a considerable addition to his stock of Books, by which he is now enabled to offer for sale upwards of

ONE THOUSAND VOLUMES, CAREFULLY SELECTED WORKS, the whole of which will be disposed of at the lowest possible prices.

Also, by the 'Douglas,' from London, A SUPPLY OF THE

PSALMS AND HYMNS, USED IN TRINITY CHAPEL, GILBERT STANLEY, No. 4, St. Anne Street, Quebec, Nov. 2, 1848.

BUCK WHEAT AND INDIAN CORN MEAL.

The Subscriber has received his usual FALL SUPPLY of the above.

ON HAND—Lobsters, in tins hermetically sealed. Salmon and Mackerel do do. North Shore Herrings, No. 1. Mackerel, in 4 lbs., No. 1. Preserved Oysters do. Kamouraska Butter. Winter Apples—Greenings, Spitzenburgs and Pippins. Virgin Honey—Tamarinds in Jars. Sperm, Belmont Sperm and Wax Wick Candles. Solar Sperm, and Pale Seal Oil. Solar Lamp Wicks and Chimneys.

AND—GENUINE HIGHLAND WHISKEY, in Wood or Bottle.

M. G. MOUNTAIN, Quebec, 30th Nov. 1848. 2 m

A BUILDING LOT FOR SALE, IN ST. JOACHIM STREET, ST. JOHN'S SUBURBS; Inquire at No. 15, St. James Street.

JUST PUBLISHED, AND FOR SALE AT THE BOOKSTORES, A COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL SACRED MUSIC. BY F. H. ANDREWS. Quebec, October 1848. 3m

BOOK AND TRACT DEPOSITORY OF THE Church Society, AT MRS. WALTON'S, OLD FELLOWS' HALL, GREAT SAINT JAMES STREET, MONTREAL.

WHERE PRAYER BOOKS, TESTAMENTS, RELIGIOUS BOOKS and TRACTS are on SALE. Montreal, May 26, 1848.

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING.

The Subscriber begs to thank the Military and Gentry of Quebec and the public generally, for their very liberal support with which he has been favoured since he commenced business, and he confidently hopes by a constant attention to his business, to meet with a continuance of their patronage.

The Subscriber also invites an inspection of his stock of Double Milled West of England KERSEY CLOTHS, BEAVERS, DOES, KINS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c., &c., having just received per "Douglas," from London, a general assortment of those articles, all of the very best quality and latest fashion, which he will make up in his usual style, at moderate charge.

H. KNIGHT, 12, Palace Street, Quebec, November 1848.

THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

Established 21st August, 1847. CAPITAL, £50,000.

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THIS COMPANY is prepared to effect INSURANCE upon Lives and transact any business dependent upon the value or duration of Human Life; to grant or purchase Annuities or Reversions of all kinds, as also Survivorships and Endowments.

In addition to the various advantages offered by other Companies, the Directors of this Company are enabled, from the investment of the Premiums in the Province at a rate of compound interest much beyond that which can be obtained in Britain, to promise a most material reduction of costs; guaranteeing Assurances, Survivorships or Endowments for a smaller present payment, or yearly premium, and granting increased ANNUITIES whether immediate or deferred, for any sum of money invested with them. They can also point to the local position of the Company as of peculiar importance to intending Assurers, as it enables such Assurers to exercise control over the Company, and facilitates the acceptance of healthy risks, as well as the prompt settlement of claims.

Assurances can be effected either WITH or WITHOUT participation in the profits of the Company; the premiums may be paid in half yearly or quarterly instalments; and the HALF CREDIT SYSTEM having been adopted by the Board, credit will be given for one half of the first seven premiums, secured upon the Policy alone.

Annual Premium to Assure £100, Whole Term of Life.

Age. With Profits. Without Profits. Half Credit.

Table with 4 columns: Age, With Profits, Without Profits, Half Credit. Rows for ages 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60.

The above rates, for Life without Participation and Half Credit, will, upon comparison be found to be lower than the similar table, of any other office at present offering to assure in Canada, while the assured with participation will share in three fourths of the whole profit of that Branch of the Company's business.

Tables of Rates, Prospectuses, Forms of Application, and any further information respecting the system of the Company or the practice of Life Assurance, can be obtained of the Secretary, or from any of the local Agents. Agents and Medical Officers already appointed:

Brantford.....William Muirhead.... Cobourg.....James Cameron.... Colborne.....Robert M. Boucher.... Dundas.....

London.....Dr. James Hamilton..... George Scott,.... Dr. Alex. Anderson. Montreal.....Frederick A. Willson..... Dr. S. C. Sewell.... Paris.....David Huchan.... Port Sarnia.....Malcolm Cameron.... Quebec.....Welch and Davies.... St. Catharines.....Lachlan Bell.... Toronto.....Edmund Bradburne.... Dr. Geo. Herrick.... Woodstock.....William Lapointe.... Dr. Samuel J. Stuart-ford.

By order of the Board, THOMAS M. SIMONS, Secretary, Hamilton.

Forms of Application, together with any additional information, can be obtained by application at the Office of

WELCH & DAVIES, AGENTS FOR QUEBEC, No. 3, St. James Street. MEDICAL REFERRE, J. MORRIN, Esq., M. D.

NOTICE.

THE BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY having reduced their rate of Premiums, the subscriber is prepared to receive proposals according to the new scale.

R. PENNISTON, Agent, India Wharf, October, 1846.