## NEWS.

CANADA.
In Canada, business still continues dull, but we trust the late snow has so far rendered the roads fit for travel that buyers and sellers will be able to get to market, and thus be the means of giving some stir to trade. - The sleepers for the St. Lawrence and Allantic Railroad have been all laid as far as St. Hyacinthe, and the road is about to be opened. - By the Vermont Central Railroad, passengers can go from Montreal to Boston in 31 hours, and to New York in 42 bours.-A serious dispute has arisen brtween the Corporation of Montreal, and eight of the Fire Companies. The Corporation dismissed two of the raptains, and the companies, in consequence, tendered their resignation. This has arisen from the corporation is uing an order that no racancies in the Fire Companies should be filled up without the sanction of the corporation being first obtained -The Montreal Board of Trade have memorialised the Queen in favor of the repeal of the Navigation Laws; throwing open the navigation of the S. Lawrence ; for a duty of 5 s on foreign wheat colonial to be free.-On the 14th instant, an attempt was made by three men to rob the Quebec Mail. It was abnut six in the evening, and near Montreal. They attempted to shoot the driver, but, fortunately, the gun did not go off; he then urged the horses forward, and got safely away.The Municipal Council of S. Hyacinthe has adopted a petition for presentation to parliament agaiust the signioral tenures.-A Grist Mill at Riviére du Lompe, belonging to Col. Gugy, was burned lately. Loss $£ 2,000$. There was no insurance. -The following verdict was returned by a jury in Dundas, in an inquest held there on the baily of a drunken woman:" That the deceased, Ruth Crane, rame to her death by blows and ill treatment inflicted upon her by her F ushand, Adam Crane, while deceased and her said husband were in a state of intoxication." Moderate drinkers, behold the end!-A bed of Coal is said to have been found near the village of Preston, in the Welling'on District.

## great britain and thf continent.

From England, the news may he said to be of some importance. They contain the melancholy tidings of the death of Lord Melbourne and Charles Buller, Esq., M.P. Cholera seems to be on the de rease, but from all accounts the victims already carried off "ure either of filthy or intemperate habits. Another reason in favour of teetotalism.-Ireland is again suffering from a scarcity of food, and deaths from starvation are recorded. Emigration continues, even in as great nambers as in the most fovorable senson of the year.

In France, Austria, Italy, and other places on the continent of Europe, matters seem so unsettled, that no hope can be gathered, as yet, of future quiet. The most important intelligence lately brought was the revolt at Rome, when the Pope was so closely hesieged and threatoned, that he was compelled to yield to the mob, and declare a new ministry. It was rumored that he had escaped in dissuise to France, but as there was no intention of harmir.g him in person, the ramor was not credited.

## MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. PRIZE ESSAY.

A SILVER MEDAL will be awarded by the Mercantile A Library Association of Montreal, for "" the best Essay on the Infuence of Mercuntile Libiary Assoc,otions in elconting the manral and social condition of the Mercantule C asses," n the event of at least two Essays being submitted. The competition is open to the Public. Each Essay must bar a Motto. and should be accompanied by a sealed note, having the same Motto on the outside, and cuntaiinatg the author's hathe and audiess. All Essays must be sent to the Chairman of the Class Committee, M.. E. Lusher, previous to the 1st of March next; and, if en closed by post, postage must be paid.
W. R. M•DIARMID, Rec. Sec.

## PLAN OF APPOIWTMENTS,

for mr. R. D. Wadsworth, in the midiand district.
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Collections will be tuken up after all the above Lectures, to aid the fundy of the Mid'and District Temperance Society. The fripnds of the cause will ald in carrying Mr. Watsworth to his apprintment.

ISAAC B. AYLSWORTH.
Sec. Mid. Dis. Tem. Society.
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