the possibility of opening and constructing a road, and, in the case of a favorable re it is the intention of the try to order the immediate construc

Mr. Dawson-On Monday next Committee to enquire into, and report upon the State of the Lumber Trade of Canada its relation to the settlement of the country, and the action of the Government in dealing with these interests.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Quebec, Feb. 19.
The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock and after routine business,
The House proceeded to wait upon His
Excellency with the address. His Excel-

lency thanked them therefor, and was pleased to hear that house purposed applying themselves with zeal to the discharge of their legislative duties,

On returning to the Legislative Council Chamber, standing committees were struck on the contingent expense of House, on the journals of the past and present sessions,

and on printing.

Hon. M. Ferguson and Blair introduced a bill to amend the act containing certain provisions relating to the House of Parlia-

Hop. Mr. Alexander introduced a bill for the better protection of sheep in Upper

Hon. Mr. Currie introduced a bill lieve tugs from the operation of the act relating to the inspection of steamers; also a bill relating to contracts under by-laws in Upper Canada.

Hon. Mr. Aikin introduced a bill to en

able municipalities in Upper Canada having a surplus clergy reserve promises, to apply the same to educational purposes, under certain restrictions.

In reply to the Hon. Mr. Moore. Mr. Tessier said that the report of the Ottawa Commission was in the hands of the printers, and he hoped it soon would be in such a state of forwardness as would enable its being laid before the House. The House then adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock and shortly afterwards the Hon. J. A. Macdonald took his seat for the first time since his return from England amidst loud clanping of hands by the opposition members. Hon. Mr. Drummond moved that Hon. Mr. Galt, a member of South Leeds election committee, so as to allow the sittings of the committee to take place during the absence of Mr. Galt in England.

After discussion, the Speaker ruled the motion out of order for want of notice. On the order being read for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the address in reply to the speech, Mr. M. C. Cameron mov- missioner street, fell down stairs and was as an amendment to the third paragraph : "While we shall give our most respectful attention to any measure for the more fair adjustment of parliamentary representation which his Excellency may cause to lay before the house, as well as to any bill for the more equitable settlement of the relation be tween debtor and creditor, and to afford relief to insolvent debtors, and to any other measures of public utility in relation to the administration of justice to the registration of titles and to the law respecting patents for inventions which may be submitted for our consideration, we also express surprise that his Excellency has not been advised to Province by which the important fact is established that the population of Upper Canada exceeded that of Lower Canada in the month of February 1862, not less than the taking of the census in 1862, it is evident that the disproportion is becoming greater every year, and that the continuance of a system which gives to two scetions an unequal number of representatives in the legislature is in view of these facts manifestthe peace and good government of the country; we, therefore, deeply regret that his Excellency has not been advised to commend for our adoption some measure for securing to this large population of Upper Canada their rightful Parliamentary repre-

Legislative Assembly.

to the amendment when our report left.

Quebec, February 20.
Last night the debate of Mr. M. C. Cam eron's amendment to the third paragraph of the address in reply to the speech from the throne was debated until a quaater past 11, when the House adjourned. The Speaker took the Chair today a

order of the day was called for the resumption of the adjourned debate on Mr. M: O Cameron's amendment, and no member rising to address the House, the members were called in, and the House divided on the amendment with the following result :-YEAS-Anderson, Ault, R. Bell (North Lanark), Biggar, Bown, Burwell, J. H. Cameron, Matthew C. Cameron, Carling, Clarke, Cockburn, Cowan, Crawford, Daly Dickson, Dunsford, Harcourt, Haultain, Hooper, Jackson, Donald A. McDonald, Mackenzie, McKellar, Morris, Morrison, Mowat, Munro, Notman, Patrick, Rverson. Rymal, Seatcherd, Sherwood, Sleith, Somerville, Stirton, Street, Tett, Walbridge,

Walsh, White, Wright.-42.

NAYS-Abbott, Archambault, Baby Beaubien, Beaudrea, R. Bell (Russell) Benoit, Blanchet, Bourassa, Brousseat Carron, Cartier, Cauchon, Chapais, Dawson, Debcucherville, Decazes, Denis, Desaulmiers, J. B. E. Dorion, Dostaler, Drum. mond, A. Dufresne, Jos. Dufresne, Dunean Evanturel, Fortier, Fournier, Gagnon, Gaudet, Huntington, Joly, Jones, Kierskowski, Knight, Viger, Labreche, Laframboise, Langevin, Loranger, John A. Macdonald, J. S. Macdonald (Atty. Gen.), McCann, McDougall, McGee, McLachlin, Morin, O'Halloran, Pope, Poupore, Bankin, Remillard, Robitaille, Rose, John J. Ross, John S. Ross, Scott, Sicotte, Simard, Simpson, Starnes, Sylvain, Taschereau, Wilson.

lowing as a further amendment to the third paragraph, that the words "in each section province' in the second line be omitted, and that after the words "Before us" in the third line the following be inserted "Which while providing" for such an in creased representation in this House as is demanded by the increased population of Upper Canada, will also preserve the federal character of the existing union by maintaining an equal number of elected representatives from each section of the Province in the Legislative Council."

The debate on the amendment was pre-

gressing when our report left.

In answer to a deputation from Western Canada, praying for the remotal of the of Government to Toronto until the imment Buildings at Ottawa should be finished, the Ottawa Gazette learns from a private source that Premier McDonald had

Horrible Murder at Brighton.

killing poor Taylor. On Thursday the 29th ult., when Taylor was in a helpless state of paralysis Mrs. Taylor and Sutliff placed him near a hot stove, then set fire to his shirt and a quilt which had been thrown over him; and thus he was left to perish. der; and the lower part of his body was

From the evidence given at the coroner's quest, it was proved that for over a year he prisoners had been in the habit of abusing poor Taylor, he being unable to help himself. In the presence of her husband Mrs, Taylor would act indecently with Stutliff, and together they would retire to bed. Also, that for nearly a whole day they would keep poor Taylor without food but a shirt and one blanket to cover him. Both of these hardened wretches are now in Cobourg gaol awaiting their trial; and we do hope that they will suffer the penalty

they so justly merit. nce given, so far, is of the revolting character; and makes the blood curdle in the veins. The atrocity of the crime exceeds that of the Avlwards, recently executed at Belleville, and even that of Dr. King, who was hung in 1858, in Co bourg .- Whitby Gazette.

A letter from Gaspe Basin, of the 20th here. Persons who are getting out timber say they never saw a better for carrying on their work. Part of Gaspe Bay is taken, and travelling firstrate. There is a great quantity of floating ice in the St. Lawrence The agent of the Oil Springs Company, has bored down a depth of two hundred feet and upwards. He says he never at present. He is now boring with horse

The Montreal Gazette says :- Lieut. Col Pierre Leduc, of St. Timothy, died on the 8th at the age of 70 years. He fought at Chateauguay in 1812, and retired from the militia in 1853. He leaves a very-numer ous progeny-no less than 104 grand-child ren, 40 great grand-children, and one of the liberality in sending home money for the ber. Of course, the condition of the labor fourth generation.

The Montreal Herald says :- About 8 o'clock on Thursday morning, a man named H. Potter, while in a fit of intoxication in the boarding-house of M. Quevillon, Comed seconded by Mr. Morrison, the following severely injured. This is but another to be added to the long list of accidents arising from the excessive use of spirituous liquors.

Berald.

CARLETON PLACE.

Last week we hinted at the proposition made by the Emperor of the French, for mediation between the two contending belligerents of the States. To-dsy, we publish liament. At our latest dates received, up to present; on the contrary, his intention the despatch in full with Mr. Seward's reply, declining to accept the offer. What the next step will be does not yet appear, but it 185,457 souls. As the excess in population in Upper Canada was only 61,773 at ing in the distance, and that it is only a question of time when the Emperor will interfere between the parties.

It is said that he has taken the unusua

step of publishing the text of M. Drouvn ly unjust, and fraught with great danger to de L'Huys' despatch to M. Mercier, containing the proposition for a conference be tween the American belligerents with a view to peace, in advance of its receipt by the party to whom it was addressed. The i tention of this course undoubtedly was sentation, and their just influence in the Government. Mr. Cameron was speaking secure the approbation of the French peop for the act of the Emperor, and to prepare them for such further steps as he migh think proper to take, in case of the rejection of his proposal by the Federal Government The Emperor's proposition has been favorably received by the French press, which generally argues that it prepares a way for accommodation between the belligerent 3 o'clock, and after routine proceedings, the without sacrificing the dignity of either Some do not hesitate to say that, if rejected the proper course for France will be to re cognize the Southern Confederacy, and in tervene by force to put an end to the war It is observed that those journals which are most inimical to the North, and most favorable to immediate recognition of the South. if the Emperor's proposal is not accepted. are those which are most directly under Government control. In diplomatic circles in Paris, it is generally believed that the unequivocal rejection of the proposition the Emperor will be the signal for the recognition of the Confederate States by

> busy in discussing the probable result of Mr. Seward's rejection of the Emperor's sugges tion; and, at the latest accounts, some anxiety seemed to prevail. Some laud Mr Seward's saucy tone while others are opinion that he has committed a great error, which will be sure to precipitate the impending difficulties of the Union. The News says that while opinions are thus divided on Mr. Seward's diplomacy, Washington and New York are affected with rumors of the most important concern. The New York Times, in its issue of Thursday last, gave circulation to the impression that forcible intervention of France is close at hand, "We have come reluctantly to the conclu sion," says the Times, "that the French Emperor has determined to open our ports for cotton before the first of April." conclusion is based upon the persistent effort of the French Emperor to obtain cotton, and to terminate the war upon the tone of the French and English newspapers, by the correspondents of American journals. United States are exceedingly delicate and pared to show that they are quite ready to may be ruptured at any moment, is scarcely open to any question, but any precise date which may be set down for events of such importance as given out by the New York Their hotel accomposation, they will gravely lotted sphere in life with credit.

The American press and public are both

About a year ago a Mrs. Taylor and her paramour, a Mr. Sutliff, were tried for an attempt to poison Mrs. Taylor's husband. They were, however, acquitted, as the evidence failed to convince the jury of their guilt. Trusting to the same good fortune these two fiends took a more sure method of billing near Taylor. On They were the finds of the Ratenavers, which was held a suite suit a petropoison. They can, on ten minutes' notice, tall where to find a build-ing suited for every purpose required to accommodate the General and the Legislating suited for every purpose required to accommodate the General and the Legislating to the same good fortune these two fiends took a more sure method of the Ratenavers, which was held a suite suited for every purpose required to accommodate the General and the large province, the proprietors of the Pembroke attempt to poison Mrs. Taylor's husband. The Council being unwilling to assume the thought the same good fortune these two fiends took a more sure method of the Ratenavers, which was held a suite suited for every purpose required to accommodate the General and the Legislating to the same good fortune these two fiends took a more sure method of the Ratenavers, which was held a suite suited for every purpose required to accommodate the General and the Legislating to the same good fortune t We mentioned in a late issue that a peti- best in the provi largely attended by the inhabitants from the out of the way place. Whether Toronto or ed in the neighborhood of Franktown and men, who, losing it themselves, may undercould be drawn out filed his sppearance in in a few days. The Mercury, I am told, is they had done wonders when they had se- of the Queen's printers are disposed to cared its defeat. We noticed several who grumble. It is alleged that a confidential rehave no lands to be taxed or property liable port of that sort ought to be given only to the to seizure to pay their debts and will never Queen's printers, and a comparison is made pay a dollar in their lives for any public im between this case and the case last session provement. They were led on by a half- when Cauchon printed an Ottawa blue-book witted biped, whom they lustily cheered, at his own Journal office. The comparison whenever he succeeded in disturbing the does not hold good, for the reason that the meeting and interrupting the speakers. Mercury is not the property of a Cabinet This conduct was allowed throughout the Minister, so that the wrong, if wrong there the free discussion of the question but ren- instance." dered the whole proceedings disgusting to the large number of intelligent frecholders who were present on both sides-who are

During the intervals which occurred, in the noise and confusion, the objects of the petition were very well explained and set factory work-people, and the colony itself forth by A. McArthur, Esq., Reeve, and has offered the most handsome assistance, by Messrs. McNeely, McDoneld, and others; It is likely that a number of families will and we believe, had good sound sense prevailed and the matter been properly understood at the meeting, it would have carried factory population willing and possessed of almost unanimously. As it was, it was the means to emigrate, but so long as the only lost by a majority of about ten votes.

It is only a few weeks since we had to tary assistance, it is to be expected that give the Township of Beckwith credit for these colonies will secure the greater numrelief of the poor in England. To-day, we publish the accounts of the Township, shewing large balances on hand and to the credit of the Corporation.

We trust, for the good name of the town ship, that before another meeting of the Ratepayers is called, suitable seats will be provided for the Town Hall, so that gentlemen can sit down comfortably and behave themselves like civilized, enlightened Christians. It is rather amusing just now to se nothing but a few shingle blocks standing around, on which crazy loons can perch Wednesday. February 25, 1863 themselves to give disturbance to the meet-

> ceeding on the answer to the address. The address, itself, was published in our last issue and the reply is nothing but an echo.

> by members on different sides of the House and of every shade of politics. From what appears to us the Representation question is likely to be a trial of strength to the parties and may prove, to ministers, the most em barrassing one of the session.

Judging by the "Notices of Motions" the session is likely to be one of busy work paper through mere buncombe and are never ntended to go any further. The Hon. J. A. Macdonald has just arrived from England to that we may soon expect the battle of parties to commence in earnest. We make a few extracts from the correspondent of the "Globe", which may be interesting :--

"Mr. Burwell promises a bill to provide for the "election of Justices of the Peace in Upper Canada," This measure will, I presume, be but an extension of the principle apon which Reeves, Deputy Reeves, Mayors, Aldermen, &c., are now allowed to act in the magisterial capacity. Well, some change is certainly wanted on the present system. Some limit ought certainly to be set to the number of magistrates in any municipality -not more than ninety per cent. of the adult male population should be magistrates at one time. Perhaps, also, it would be an improvement if persons raised to the magisracy were required to be able to read and write. Under the present plan, Members of Parliament supporting the Government of the day send in long lists, including their for at the end of my history I would find

excite as much talk here as one might ex- acters of all descriptions, quondum editors, pect, and there is apparently little appre- Elihu Burritts in a reversed telescopic view, prehension that it will prove as formidable and a multitudinous variety of scribblers of given out that forty French members will ous description which might emanate from Credit Froncier, it is by no means certain advertisements say) would be so fearfully that the whole party are committed to the criticized that he would be fain to find re impudent proposal that the province shall fuge in the walls of a Toronto Asylum, or notice paper is not yet burdened with any the shape of an semetic.' However, sir, otices upon the subject. I may be mistakabsurdity of the proposition of Messrs. De

Boucherville & Co. will effectually kill it." "The question, where will the next Sesgood deal of attention. The Ottawa people nected with the government of the country.

meeting of the Ratepayers, which was held removal to Ottawn will I fa ney, be suffion the twentieth instant, and was very cient to prevent any longer sojourn in this ly into the bosom of its mother stream front and middle of the township. We be- Ottawa shall win depends upon circumstanlieve the matter was very thoroughy canvass- ces"--perhaps on the votes of the Quebec along the front of the township, and through take to exercise an influence in deciding besome misconception of the proper motive tween Toronto and Ottawa. The report of embraced in the petition every man that the commission is in type, and will be out opposition to the measure, and felt that doing the work a fact at which the friends entire proceedings, and not only prevented is, is by no means so flagrant as in the other

Emigration reports state that one hun dred and fortune Lancashire operatives sailed for Queensland in the 'Hannah More' lovers of law and order and would like to see from Liverpool on the 16th of January. It public business carried on in a proper spirit. is also said that funds are being raised to send out a thousand operatives. New Zealand is also said to be attracting the cotton leave Lancashire never to return. It is believed that Canada will derive a share of the Australia colonies are disposed to vote monemarket is different in Australia from what it is in Canada. Australia requires laborers, male and female, of every aptitude. Canada requires laborers, but it would be nore to her interest to encourage the em gration of small farmers who would reduce our uncleared lands to the condition of pro-

The Globe denies that Mr. Brown has acented the nomination for South Oxford vated by Mr. Justice Connor's appointment to the bench : but says that when a deputation of influential gentlemen from Oxford waited on Mr. Brown, and urged that if he would not offer as a candidate, he would at any Nothing of much importance has occurred rate sit if elected. Mr. Brown replied that in the House since the opening of Parlia. he had no desire to enter Parliament at come. But if the electors of South Oxford. without solicitation on his part, should de sire his services in the Legislature, he would Several amendments are being proposed deem it a very high honor, and would not feel at liberty to decline the trust.

It is said that a decision of some impor tance has recently been made by the Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, to the effect, ticular line they follow; a number of them that foreign steamships running from New hung their principles on George Brown's York to Sanfrancisco, via any of the trans- 'Globe,' although when questioned they are it routes across the Isthmus of Panama does opposed to Western Grit influence and in not fall within the prohibition forbidding favor of Ottawa improvements, and filling other than United States bottoms from engaging in the coasting trade. This, it is said, will permit British capitalists to run a undoubtedly men of intelligence, considering line of steamships on the New York and the limited sphere in which they have ac- and that Spain resolved that she would and is said to be in good health and spirits, California route, and the competition will quired their information; the most of them break down the monopoly of the Vander- are earnest readers, especially the Sector builts and others of New York, who have portion, and exercise their reflective powers run steamships and charged high rates for passage and freight, thereby realizing immense fortunes at the cost and comfort of the travelling public. The cheaply managed British screw steamers will get all the freight business and much of the passenger and newscapers of various kinds are comtraffic, into their own hands. This commercial policy marks an era in the progress of free trade that will be well appreciated of the English population, and whose manin Britain. It is after all a tardy and but a partial reciprocation of the boon conferred to Americans, and all the world beside, by the repeal of the English navigation laws.

To the Editor of the C. P. Herald.) SIR-To enter into a full and particular

account of the village of Renfrew, domestic social. Municipal and political, in all their endless bearings would be a task of Sysiphus, supporters who have a fancy for the honor, and so, I doubt not, would your readers, and they are put through almost without that I would require to recommence the task once more, and as the Municipality "The Credit F-oncier scheme does not contains within its boundaries literary charas has been supposed. Though it has been all grades and complexions, any compendivote for the establishment of a Bank of the humble pen of the undersigned (as the \$20,000,000. A few petitions have been in the shape of an 'obituary' that he had presented in favor of the scheme, but the died of a "literary surfeit" administered in "time tells tales," and in few places are there I descended the bill to "Wright's Hotel" sion of Parliament be held, is exciting a worthy landlord in the full prime of life and

There does not appear to be any new man ufactories, as the titles to the lots along the water power are not very well defined, and onsequently this deters capitalists from investing their funds in a section of country which would certainly yield a splendid return for their investments. The waterpower and the ease with which it can be controlled cannot be surpassed.

The village proper consists of one long,

gentle descent, with a very irregular des-

cription of buildings ornamenting its sides;

here a stone building, there an old primi- week. tive log building disguised in the new habiliments of clapboards, so as to keep pace with the times, here a store with closed shutters with an elevated gable and portico steps mournfully reminding the passer-bye that its best commercial days are past, and that the rats have taken possession of the deserted tenement, here a sleigh manufactory, gorgeous in the front with fanciful painted cutters, and double sleighs, now a row of small one-story buildings, there a Bakery and follows :confectionary, 'Ginger Pop' and cakes ad libitum and actually feminine, vending he wares, Tin-shop, Shoe-shops, non-descript shops, where the observer never can make out what is the particular line of business stores, saloons, small stores, groceries, with two or three half barrels of Herrings glorying in a superabundance of salt, warranted to stand any climate any length of time. small cottages with poplars in front, tailor's shops and shoemaker's shops and taverns. with their several attractions to the frozenup traveller : churches on the hill, a graveyard on the plain, a Town Hall with an abundance of windows, rejoicing in whitewash, within the walls of which the Municipal orators of the corporation periodically thrill the admiring public with their Denosthenian bursts of immortal fire. Long may ye spout your ideas in the ears of the common herd, ye learned Blacksmiths! and ambitious Shoemakers! Long may ye exhaust your financial knowledge on the com olicated corporation accounts, ye wealthy Grocers! and Dry Goods vendors! for to tell ye the plain truth there is nothing like the Democracy for looking after the interest of the Ratepavers. Men who have not risen from the lower step of the ladder are

The political parties in the Village of Renfrew are generally of the Reform stamp except in the case of "Cayley" when nost of them became powerfully conserva tive for a while. Their political views just now would be difficult to define, and I think that most of them cannot define what parshore of Lake Huron. Mand of them are ly engaged in the Brazilian trade. on most occasions, except when St. Andrew's night or New Year's Day furnishe John Barleycorn with an excuse to cloud the intellect with the fumes of his infernal cauldron. They have a respectable library mon among them; a great many English papers are received, owing to the increase ner, more polished by contact with the European world, has a good effect on the others. (Now don't fire up at this, thou Celtic chivalry of Irish and Scottish lineage you possess your own high, glorious traits.) Yours &c..

very apt to undervalue money and launch

into extravagance, although this opinion is

Renfrew, 14th Feb., 1863.

Renfrew Provisional Council To the Editor of the C. P. Herald. SIR—This august body met within the Town Hall, Renfrew, on Tuesday last, Mr. John Rankin in the Chair. Eighteen Reeves being present and two, including he Warden, being absent. They adjourned from the forenoon to evening, when the Auditor's Report was brought up and read. and caused a debate of some hours-Mr. McAdam insisting that it should not be adopted, Mr. Ross, one of the Auditors, was heard at the Board. The vote being taken the Report was adopted by a large ntroduced and several By-laws were read a first time, the Council adjourned to ten o'clock next day. Agreeable to adjournment the Council met, when Mr. R. R. Smith laid before the Council the Report of the Finance Committee, which was debated endorse the speculators to the amount of leave a record in the columns of the 'Herald' upon for some two hours, Mr. McAdam as usual being spokesman for the oppo Mcssrs. Smith and Hickey for the Tr Benches. The lie was hurled from one si of the table to the other repeatedly, and other language and insinuations, such as dulged in, which afforded some slight amusement to the lookers on. At 12 o'clock the Council adjourned to 1 o'clock; but lo and behold! when the hour arrived the opposiand entered the sitting room, I saw the tion, or Pembroke Reeves, eight in number including the Chairman, Mr. Rankin, head manhood, and, ore a few short days, I skedaddling down the street at a furious companied his remains to the grave. I am always averse to stir up the ashes of the dead, but I think it just to his memory to add that from a long acquaintance with him, I have always found him filling his at the dead and the princess clothilde were found in the part of the Pembroke Reeves and the Princess Clothilde were present to the grave. I am cavalcade strongly reminding us of the Yan-kee Bull Run. The consequence was that for want of a quorum the remaining ten gether by means of a diamond comb. Her for want of a quorum the remaining ten gether by means of a diamond comb. Her she is supposed to have frozen to death was highly reprehensible and the Princess Clothilde were present. add that from a long acquaintance with him, I have always found him filling his allotted sphere in life with credit.

Neeves could not proceed to business. Such Majesty did not dance. Prince Napoleon and the Princess Clothilde were present. The number of guests was about 600. At midnight dancing terminated by a cotillion, when supper was served, and the party on Wednesday night, the 11th inst. It is have an idea of what shame is.

They can, on ten River in Renfrew, the features of a few another meeting will be called for next week

Company Attention!

The Carleton Place Rifle Company are equested to meet for drill on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 71 o'clock. Each man is to call at the armory for his rifle, and to be promptly on hand at the sound of the bugle. No spectators will be allowed to en er the drill room without on order from the Captain, and Riflemen who are behind time will not be admitted.

The Financial Report of the auditors appointed by the Provisional Council of the nagnificent street, so far as width and a County of Renfrew will appear in our next issue-also some communications which came to hand too late for insertion this

Montreal, February 19th.

The 'Gazette' and 'Witness' printing offies were destroyed by fire this merning.

In another column will be seen the fir mnortant division in the House of Assem bly since the commencement of the session and we are pleased to find the members for North and South Lanark voting for Mr. Cameron's amendment which reads as

"While we shall give our most respectful attention to any measure for the more fair adjustment of Parliamentary Representation which his Excellency may cause to be laid before us, as well as to any bill for the more equitable settlement of the relation between debtor and creditor, and to afford relief to insolvent debtors, and any other measures of public utility in reation to the administration of justice, to the registration of titles, and to the law respecting patents for inventions which may be submitted for our considerationwe must express our surprise that his Ex cellency has not been advised to make allusion to the recent census of this Province, by which the important fact is estabdished that the population of Upper Cana-da exceeded that of Lower Canada in the month of February, 1861, by not less than 285.427 souls: that as the excess of population in Upper Canada was only 61,773 at the taking of the census in 1852, it is evident that the disproportion is becoming greater every year; that the continuance of a system which gives to the two sections an equal number of representatives in the Legislature. is, in view of these facts, manifestly unjust and fraught with great danger to the pcace and good government of the ountry o that we therefore deeply regre 'that his Excellency has not be advised recommend for our adoption some measure for securing to this large population is Upper Canada their rightful share of the

Arrival of the Canada.

influence in the Government.'

Parliamentary representation and their just

. Halifax, Feb. 21. on the 7th, via Queenstown on the 8th, rived at 11 o'clock this morning. Her dates are one week later than the

already to hand The Canada has 18 passengers for Boston and 159 Lancashire operatives, sent out by Miss Burdett Coutts, The Canada passed on the night of the

10th instant a steamer, supposed to be the China. The following is the latest news via Queenstown :-

The Polish insurrection was spreading Wengrow had been taken by the Russians after a sanguinary battle. The insurgents

The U. S. Consul at Cardiff writes that no Confederate steamer is lying there as represented. The vessel in question former belonged to Baltimore, but is legitimate It is asserted that France had asked Spain send back her troops to Cochin China

respect the treaty she had concluded with

that country. The health of Garibaldi is improving His letters from Caprera, addressed to hi resolution to appoint a Committee to draft a memorial to the Legislature not to grant the friends, declare that his wound is rapidly

healing, and that his rheumatism has nearly The probable successor to Admiral Milne as Commander-in-chief on the North American and West India station, will be Rear-

Admiral John Elphinstone Erskine. Some of the French papers look on the leath of the Viceroy of Egypt as a sad discouragement to the Suez Canal project. The advent of Ismail Pacha is considered favorable to English interests.

Mrs. Sheridan Knowles, formerly Miss Elphinstone, and now the widow of the late elebrated dramatist is likely to receive a pension for life, on the recommendation of

Blondin has accepted an engagement to erform his feats on the high and low rope at Edinburgh, and is to receive the enormous sum of £100 for each performance.

On Friday morning, the ceremony of con-rming the election of Dr. Thompson, Bish-p of Glouchester and Bristol, to the Archshopric of York, took place in the parish Church of St. Jame's, Piccadilly.

The Woodstock Times says :- The writ of election for South Oxford ceived by Mr. Sheriff Carall. The nominan has been set down for the 25th inst and the polling for the 4th and 5th March. On Tuesday last, a lad named Michael Connors was wounded so seriously, by being crushed between a car and a locomotive whilst coupling them, that he died the ensucrushed between a car and a whilst coupling them, that he died the ensuing day. The accident took place on the Grand Trunk line, near the freight house, London.

London.

Montreal the other day, between two sol-

drunkenness, one night last week, was found dead in the morning. From the position of the body it is thought he was sufficiented.

At the second private ball of the Empress Eugenie, on Monday night, her Majesty wore a white dress of light texture, trimmed

Meeting of the Provisional Council.

Renfrew, Feb. 17th., 1863. Pursuant to adjournment the Municipal Provisional Council of the County of Ren-frew met in the Town Hall at noon this day. The Roll having been called by the Clerk, the following members of the Council were present, the Warden being absent:—Thos. Whelan, Samuel Hamilton, Felix Devine, John Mollongey, Robert R. Smith, Thos. Hickey, Wm. Burton, Donald Stewart, Wm. McAdam, Thomas Murray, James Airth John Rankin, Wm. Brown, Robert McConnell and Wm. J. Warren.

Moved by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Warren, that Mr. Rankin do take the chair.

Mr. Rankin returned thanks to the Conr for the honor conferred upon him, The minutes of last meeting of Council were read, approved of, and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman appointed the following

ommittee, according to the 39th rule Council, to appoint the standing committees:
Messrs. Devine, Murray, Stewart, Warren and Airth. Mr. Hickey gives notice that he will dur.

ing this session of Council introduce a By-law to provide for and authorise the payment of monies

Mr. Smith gives notice that he will during this session of Council introduce a By-law to provide for the borrowing of money to meet the necessary expenses of this cor poration, until the ordinary rates or revenue of the County is sufficient for that purpose, Mr. Devine brought forward and read the

report of the committee appointed by the Chairman to select the Standing Committees and on motion of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. McAdam, the report was put and

adopted.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr.

McAdam, That this Council do now adjourn antil 7 o'clock P. M. Carried.

The Council met again pursuant to adjournment. The Roll was called—all the members of the Council whose names were before set down this day were present, except Mr. Devine, who was absent and two additional members of the Council who were present, Messrs. Harrington and McSourley the first named being Reeve of Arnprior and the later Reeve of Head and Maria.

Mr. Ross, one of the auditors appointed at the last meeting of Council to audit the accounts of the Council for the past year. submitted his report and read the same Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Harrington, That the auditor's account now submitted to this Council by Messrs. Ross

and Thompson be adopted, and that the same be published in the counties' news papers.
Mr. McAdam moved in amendment, onded by Mr. Murray. That whereas the charge of James P. Moffatt just now read in the auditor's report be struck out and one

hundred and twenty-five dollars be inserted in lieu thereof. Lost. The original resolution was then put and

Mr. D. Stewart brought forward and read the report of the Finance Committee, and on motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Burton, the report was put and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Airth, That the By-law authorizing the payment of monies be read a first time

The By-law was accordingly read a first

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by ington. That the By-law providing for and authorising the borrowing of money be now introduced and read a first time. Carried. The By-law was accordingly read a first

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hickey, That this Council do now adjourn until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Car. The Council then adjourned.

Renfrew, Feb. 18th, 1863. The Municipal Provisional Council of the County of Renfrew met this morning pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Town Hall; present Messrs. Harrington, Whelan, Hamilton, Devine, Mollonney Smith, Hickey, Burton, McSourley, Stewart, McAdam, Murray, Airth, Brown, McConnell and Warren. Mr. Rankin in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting of Council were read, approved and signed by the

Mr. Smith gives notice that he will at this session of Council introduce a By-law to appoint an Executive Committee to look after and protect the interest of the munici pality during the recess of Council. Mr. Burton gives notice that he will at the present meeting of Council introduce a

prayer of the inhabitants of Arnprior, Mc Nab, Bagot and Blythefield.

Moved by Mr. Hickey and seconder by Mr. Devine, That this Council do new adjourn for one hour. Carried.

Pursuant to adjournment, at the hour be fore mentioned, the clerk called the roll; a quorum not being present the council ad journed sine die. Certified a true copy,

JOHN HICKEY,

County Clerk.

A NARROW ESCAPE-ADRIFT ON THE ICE.—Between eight and nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, when the ice in front of Quebec was beginning to move, three per sons—a priest and two farmers—who hap pened to be crossing at the time, got adrift on one of the detached pieces of ice. The fragment on which they stood separated from the other masses and floated up the river past the city. They remained in this perilous position until they had gone above Diamond Harbor, when Captain Richard Ellis, of the "Lady Monck," with his crew, start ed out towards them in a canoe, and succeeded in rescuing them from the great danger in which they stood. The coolness and courage displayed in saving the lives thus exposes to risk deserve the greatest, praise.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE. -The "Spectator says :- Mr. Samuel Torsythe, a respectable farmer, well known in Hamilton and neigh on his lips that he had "lived long enough, A fight was arranged to come off near and proceeded down his lane leading Montreal the other day, between two soldiers of the Grenadier Guards; but much to the disappointment of about five hundred "roughs" who had assembled, the police and the picket guards prevented the "mill."

A soldier of the 15th regiment, named Christopher Hutson, who was confined in the guard room or "black hole" of the barracks, at St. John's, New Brunswick, for drawkenness one night last week was found.

A man named Allan Cook, a native of Montreal, committed suicide in San Francisco on the 9th ult., by shooting himself with a revolver.