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QUEBEC, FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1839.

The contents of New-York papers of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, received since our last, are not important. The commercial intelligence of the latest date will be found in another column.

London and Liverpool papers to the 19th ultimo were received at the Exchange yesterday, through the kindness of Captain Robinson of the ship 'Ceur de Lion,' who, but for the arrival of the 'Liverpool,' would thus have furnished us with later intelligence from England. As it is, the papers brought by Captain Robinson fill a hiatus in the files per steam-ship, but we do not find anything new in them.

The paper from the Lower Provinces, brought by the Eastern Mail, which arrived yesterday afternoon in due course, are principally occupied with details of the late calamitous fire at St. John, New Brunswick. We subjoin several extracts, from which it will be seen that the citizens of St. John have requested the Lieut. Governor to convene the Legislature with the least possible delay; and that the conduct of the military has been most exemplary.

The papers agree, substantially, in the following account of the origin of the fire:—

"Originated, as is reported, from the carelessness of a boy, who was drawing ordnance spirit from a cask, and who suffered his candle to come in contact either with the spirit, or with a pile of calum, which was very improperly placed on the top of the cask."

A private letter received in Quebec, states that insurances to the amount of £50,000 on the property destroyed had been effected in the United States and in Europe, leaving a loss to the Province of New Brunswick of £150,000, all accounts agreeing in the estimate of £200,000. The same letter adds, "The loss is well distributed, and it is not supposed will produce any commercial difficulties or failures. There is no appearance of any dependency, and business people are in good spirits."

The burnt district of 1837, being situated to the southwest of the market slip, the fire did not extend to that portion of the city.

At a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the City of St. John, held at the Court House pursuant to public notice, on Tuesday the 20th instant—for taking into consideration what measures would be most advisable to be adopted in consequence of the late calamitous fire: His Worship the Mayor having been called to the Chair, and John H. Gray, Esquire, appointed Secretary to the Meeting—

Resolved unanimously, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to call the Legislature together with as little delay as possible, for the purpose of their taking into consideration the calamitous consequence resulting from the late awful conflagration in this City, and for adopting such measures for the prevention of a like calamity in future, as in their wisdom may be deemed expedient.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER. Gentlemen, I have hastened to come amongst you for the purpose, as well of expressing and evincing the deep sympathy which I feel in the great calamity by which this City has again been visited, as of having it in my power by being on the spot, to make my personal advice, assistance, and good offices available for the relief of the sufferers on this melancholy occasion, in any way which may depend upon me as the Representative of my Gracious Sovereign in this Province.

I will lose no time in consulting Her Majesty's Executive Council upon the expediency of now calling the Legislature together, for the purpose of considering the remedies proper to be applied to the existing state of things in this City, and I will willingly give my concurrence and assent to Legislative relief—(whether by way of loan, subject to such arrangements for ultimate re-payment as may be deemed proper or otherwise,) being afforded to such of the sufferers where circumstances may require it,—but above all for prescribing such conditions as shall effectually secure the reconstruction of those buildings; and the future construction of all others in this city, upon a principle of greater security. This I cannot

but regard as a measure of deep importance to the best interest of this Commercial City, and I accordingly do not doubt that it will be readily acquiesced in by all classes of the community.

J. HARVEY, Lieutenant Governor. Saint John, August 21.

At a Common Council held on the 26th day of August, 1839

Resolved.—unanimously, that the highly exemplary conduct of Major Brookes, the Officers, non-commissioned Officers, and Soldiers of the 69th Regiment, the Officers and men of the Royal Artillery and Engineers during the late awful conflagration on Saturday evening last, in arresting the progress of the flames and in rescuing and protecting property from destruction, deservedly entitle them to the thanks of the community, and that the Common Council now for the first time assembled since that calamitous event, would be doing a great injustice to the feelings and opinions of the Citizens whom they represent, if they did not on behalf of the whole people convey to Major Brookes, the deep sense so entertained of the obligations which they are under for the meritorious exertions of the Military, and request that he will communicate such their opinions to the Officers, non-Commissioned Officers, and men.

Halifax, August 26th.—Arrived last evening, Transport Barque Valleyfield, Goffs, Cork, 34 days, ordnance stores. Passenger, Capt. G. B. Whalley, Ens. G. E. Atkinson, W. G. M. Clibborn, A. M. A. Bowles, 123 men, 37th Regt. Capt. Ashmore and Hiers, Ensign Abbott, and 52 men, 36th Regt. Assistant Surgeon A. Browne, and 1 man 23d Regt. Exchanged signals 7th inst., at noon, lat. 43.35, long. 46.14, with steamer British Queen, 6 days 2 hours out—1450 miles; exchanged signals at 8 o'clock A. M., on the 8th, with a British frigate, bound east, probably the Paque or Madagascar.

The steamer Liverpool sailed from New-York on Saturday, with sixty-six passengers. In the list we observe the names of Mr. W. W. Linn, Montreal; Mr. Arnold, Toronto; Mrs. Harvey, and Alexander Harvey, Esq., Upper Canada; Miss Scott, Toronto; Hon. J. P. Bouvier, England.

We find that the st. Lawrence is not, as we had begun to imagine, monopolizing steam boat accidents this season: the De Witt Clinton and Rochester, came in contact on the 23d instant, near New-York, and the bows of the former were stove.—The Express says, "There is no country in the world like ours for boundary questions." The Governor of Iowa has now issued one in relation to a disputed territory between Iowa and Missouri.—The following does not convey a very satisfactory idea of the financial state of the "only country where a man can be a man in the true sense of the word."

"Government Protests.—A government draft for \$10,000 on the Custom House in this city, was protested this morning for non-payment; it is stated other small sums have been also protested. For some time past drafts upon the Post Office in this city have been protested—the amount (we are told) in aggregate over \$20,000."—Mobile Chronicle.

The alleged relationship between R. Walsh, Esq., and the refugee nun is denied.

The New-York papers have had the good fortune, since the news by the Liverpool was "used up" to obtain another "Long, low, black schooner" story. Of course such a wind-fall is made the most of, and the exciting details are served up after the most approved fashion. Thus runs a portion of a long paragraph:—

Another Long Low Black Schooner.—A vessel was discovered off our coast on Wednesday under very mysterious circumstances. The Pilot boat La Fayette, about ten o'clock on the morning of that day, while off the Woodlands, about twenty five miles from this city, fell in with a Baltimore built schooner, painted black with a green bottom, and with the arrangement of having been at sea about three months. She had two long top-masts, and on her stern were two gilt stars. The pilot boat Blossom was in company with her.

On approaching the vessel a number of negroes, twenty-five or thirty, were seen on deck. Some were almost or quite naked, some were wrapped in blankets, and one had on a white coat. The Blossom had previously

attached a tow line to the schooner, but she, perceiving an intention on the part of the blacks to haul up the boat to their vessel. The stowage crew on board were armed with muskets and cutlasses. One of them had a belt of dollars round his waist; another, called the captain, had a gold watch. They could speak no English, but appeared to talk in the negro language.

A bit of lynching at Buffalo is chronicled by the Commercial Advertiser in this manner:—

"A family of practical amalgamationists, occupying a tenement on the island, opposite the foot of Main Street, were obliged to vacate their dwelling on Tuesday night. It was razed to the ground, and the household furniture of the family much damaged."

The steamer Eagle arrived yesterday at 11 o'clock, bringing the Montreal papers of Wednesday, which are exceedingly barren of news.

The Lady Colborne was to leave this morning at six, but a fog has been very nearly applied on Wednesday.

In the Criminal Court at Montreal, indictments have been preferred against Robert Wright, John Griffin Youngman, Andrew Egan, Jules Bourgeois, Juli e Gregoire, Ovarine Gagnon, Francois, Eliot Cite, and Julien Brousseau, for inciting soldiers to desert; John Delany, for highway robbery, Joseph Thompson and William Lennon, for Larceny, were tried and found guilty.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Mr. and Mrs. Seguin's second concert takes place to-night, and we predict a full house. We were led into error in our last, by the Mercury in stating that the concert was to take place on Thursday.

To-morrow evening Miss Shirreff and Mr. Wilson, of whom we spoke in our last, give a concert. The provincial papers have been loud in their praise of these talented vocalists.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr. & Mrs. Davenport, with their highly talented young daughter, arrived here in the steamer Eagle, from Montreal. It will be seen by an advertisement in this day's Transcript, that Miss Davenport will appear, at the Theatre Royal, on Monday evening next, in the character of Richard III., in Shakespeare's celebrated tragedy of that name, and subsequently will personate some characters in the invaluable play of the Manager's Daughter. The acting of Miss Davenport has been most enthusiastically praised by the Montreal press, and in making over some files of English papers, we find that our contemporaries in the old country are equally as warm in their commendations of this surprising juvenile actress. "The Thunderer" of the English press, the London Times, says of Miss Davenport's acting, that it "surpasses all that can be imagined of juvenile talent. Her representation of Richard III. is a finished performance; her elocution is beautifully chaste; her readings new and intellectual. For a female of the tender age of Miss Davenport (11 years) to study and actually to repeat the part of Richard III. is no commonplace task; but to deliver the text with that appropriate emphasis and discretion, to enter into the just conception of the character, and to personify it in the manner in which Miss Davenport did, must at once excite our admiration and wonder. Her excellence in the dramatic art is the effect of natural genius, for she identifies herself with the characters she undertakes in such a manner as cannot be the result of mere imitation."

We anticipate a crowded and fashionable audience for the reception of Miss Davenport, on Monday night.

From the Montreal Herald of Tuesday. Miss Davenport's Benefit last night was crowded. We have not seen such a House for many years, and richly she deserves it. When she made her appearance alone on the stage, we trembled for the consequences, not deeming it in the scope of possibilities that a child of twelve years of age could rival Matthews; but she aptly states in the address, she had "Nerve at will."

This extraordinary juvenile actress has done more than ever was before in Montreal. We are credibly informed she has cleared 4000 dollars; indeed she must, for during the three weeks she has been here, she has not had a bad house; so it ought to be, talent should meet its reward; and we feel great gratification that our chubbie "lassie" has roused the dramatic feeling in our fair city. May every happy feeling attend her. Citizens of Quebec look to your hearts.

The Quebec races commence on Tuesday next, and much sport is anticipated. "Maria," "The Nun," "St. Isaac," and a number of others belonging to Quebec gentlemen and officers of the G. A. S., have been training for some time past. The course has been improved, and we perceive that the steward's stand has been magnified to twice its original dimensions, an improvement that was greatly needed. We have not heard any horse having as yet arrived from Montreal, but we suppose some are forthcoming.

We have much pleasure in laying before our readers (on the last page) extracts from the John Colborne's despatches recommending an extension of the powers of the Special Council, to which reference has frequently been made in debates in the Imperial Parliament. In the despatch dated 31st July, 1839, it will be seen that Sir John has, with admirable conciseness, pointed out the most important remedial measures required for rendering the Province "British in fact;" but, if we remember rightly, the Lower Canada Bill has been so amended since its introduction that the Special Council will not have the power to alter the tenure of lands. This is to be regretted, as with the enlightened views of Sir John Colborne, the Special Council armed with sufficient powers might be enabled to do more in a single session towards the improvement of immigration than was effected by the Provincial Parliament from 1792 to the period of its demise.

THE LATE COLLISION.—From a gentleman who was on board the Lady Colborne when the collision took place, and in whom we repose confidence, we have obtained a copy of the following statement, which we are assured can be corroborated by a dozen persons who witnessed the whole transaction. This statement has been made before the Notaries:—

Between the hours of 11 and 12 on Saturday night the 24th instant, having left Timbuctoo, we observed the sparks from the chimney of a steam-boat, apparently about the miles ahead. The Pilot being on the look-out, the Master went down to the lower deck to change his clothes, and desired the Pilot to keep good look-out. He had not been long at the lower-deck, and being in conversation with the Engineer, when the pilot rang the large bell for the Engineer, the Master immediately ran on the upper deck, and the Engineer in his engine. On arriving on deck, he observed the other steamer to be steering to the north; he ordered the helm to be put a-port, and bailed the other steamer to hard-a-port her helm, but receiving no answer, and finding she did not alter her course, he ordered the helm of the Lady Colborne to be put to starboard, and rang the bell for the Engineer to stop the engine, which was promptly attended to, when to his great surprise, they observed the Britannia steamer coming full speed into the starboard fore-gangway. The Master hailed them to stop their engine, which they did not until she drove into the Lady Colborne, cutting away the guard and the hull of the vessel to within two feet of the water's edge. The Britannia then reversed her engine, and bore away. The Master of the Lady Colborne hailed them to stop, but to all his repeated calls they made no answer, and kept their course to Timbuctoo.

The Lady Colborne, besides suffering much damage, had one cask and one barrel of oil stove in, and one barrel lost.

The Ship Roger Stewart, which arrived here on Wednesday from New York, brought a quantity of Flour which, it will be seen by the advertisement is to be sold at auction this day.

A letter from Riviere du Loup mentions that Mr. Milliken, D. A. C. G., and family, have arrived at that place.

The bark Monarch, which arrived at this port lately, from Glasgow, brought the portrait of the late Earl of Dalhousie, for the Quebec Literary and Historical Society;

The Criminal Term of the Court of King's Bench, was opened here this day, by the Honourable Judge E. Ke, Rolland and Gale. Mr. Justice Pyke presided, and delivered the charge to the Grand Jury, of whom John Tetreau, Esquire, is Foreman. We understand that the calendar is a very heavy one. We also understand, that during the term, Jalbert will be put upon his trial for the murder of Lieut. Weir.—Montreal Gazette of Tuesday.

On Sunday afternoon open Mr. Breckanridge's funeral, disappointed as we are of the safe which they contain any. All the booty couple of old coats.—M

Toronto, Aug. 29th in another fire was destroyed whence order Monday night. The extinguish it however was for it raged till it had destruction. The house Mahon, and the greater house adjoining to M building belonging to stables in Newgate str F. Collins, were all con course is very considerable is insured. There is no was the work of an insect Archdeacon Strachan, deacon Spencer, of Bern sacred Bishops, the Bishop of Toronto, and of Newfoundland. The place on the 3d inst. a Palace of Lambeth.—T

COMING

ASHES.—The animated notices in our last, has attracted the subsequent transactions bids' until at 85, the price continue the same, both a man; the sales were again at 86 3/4.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Sin has continued to present rare transactions, though been almost exclusively, receipts having been very light that as well as other descriptions, have continued to from our previous quantities of Western, from new with first the season) but mostly 87, for fancy brands. The brands, Canal, at 65, 50 @ Ohio, via canal, 86, 50; 66, 75, the latter for the cl

GRAIN.—A parcel of Wheat was disposed of a quantity of handsome Man appeared. Some cargoes of ad to arrive, were also without meeting purchase

PROVISIONS.—There has demand for Beef, which in price as before noticed. ever, for some days past. Pork, and we have advance for both Mess and Prime 3

EXCHANGE.—The trans last were to a fair amount today. The purchases u 8 1/2 per cent. the fore the latter for United States Abstract of the Trade ending Dec. 31. 1838— 245,225 tons, 14,93 men Exports in 2000 ships, 23 value £917,999 9 4.

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