

The City Bank of Montreal has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

Twenty ships have been built during the winter, and launched this spring at Quebec, amounting in the whole to about 12,000 tons.

Lady Elgin had arrived at Montreal from England.

A great fire had occurred in Toronto, by which thirteen buildings, including Dr. Burn's Free Church, was destroyed. Another fire had also occurred in the city of Kingston, by which some buildings and seven or eight thousand barrels of flour and pork were destroyed; Messrs. Green's storehouses are burned, valued at £12,000, about half of which is covered by insurance.

A letter from Mr. Bourassa, missionary priest on the Ottawa, published in the *Melanges Religieux*, states that there are 6,000 young men, of French Canadian parentage, employed in cutting timber for exportation on the Ottawa. He says that the least sum earned by them, during the ten months for which they are generally engaged, is £50. This makes £300,000, which is annually carried into the rural districts. There are two hundred different lumbering places on the banks of the Ottawa. At 100 miles from Bytown, on the river Gatineau, Mr. Bourassa was surprised to find two settlements of French Canadians, which comprised a population of 250 souls.

Exports of Timber from Canada by Sea,
in 1845 and 1846 :—

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White pine, feet.....	14,392,320	15,828,890
Red pine, „.....	5,206,040	5,182,320
Oak, „.....	1,742,640	1,397,440
Elm, „.....	1,793,320	1,423,920
Ash, „.....	188,960	207,080
Birch, „.....	147,880	183,360
Staves, standard, M.	970	1,407
Staves, puncheon, M.	2,213	3,122
Staves, barrel, M.	273	652
Deals, pine, pieces.....	2,661,260	3,002,015
Deals, spruce, „.....	306,807	527,259
Tamarac, feet.....	771,489	
Lathwood, cords.....	5,007	

Cornwall, with 1,500 inhabitants, sends a member to Parliament. London, with 3,000 inhabitants, sends a member to Parliament. Cobourg, with four thousand inhabitants is unrepresented. We have an immense trade. Our harbour is very good during summer, and will be improved. We have the largest woollen factory in Canada.

We have splendid taverns, elegant shops, wide and excellent streets, and, above all, are the county town; and yet we have no one to take care of our interests in the Legislature. This must no longer be so. Our Board of Police, the most efficient one that we have ever had, should take the first step, and that *immediately*, towards obtaining for us the honour of a representation in Parliament. They will succeed if they act with their usual vigour.—*Cobourg Star*.

The Hon. Mr. Caron had been formerly notified of the revocation of his commission as Speaker of the Legislative Council.

The tolls on the several roads on the Island of Montreal had been let for £6,492. The roads are six in number and the circumference of the island about fifty miles.

Mr. Yarwood had been appointed chief Agent for Emigrants at Montreal.

We are glad to see that a reduction in the postage on letters and newspapers in Canada is shortly to be made.

We have lately received a Pamphlet entitled "Remarks on the Mineralogical Character of the Seigneurie of Rigaud, Vaudreuil, District of Quebec, dedicated to the proprietors, Charles and Alexander De Lery, Esquires, by John P. Cunningham, Esq.," dated "Montreal, 22nd March, 1847."

Several pieces of gold weighing from 30 to 40 and 50 pennyweights, the gold quite pure; 23 carats were found some time ago in the Seigneurie, on a stream falling into the Chaudiere. Mr. Cunningham, who had been employed at the mines on Lake Superior, and who is thoroughly acquainted with the mineral regions in North Carolina, proceeded to visit the Seigneurie, and he reports that the character of the countries are similar in their formation, and concludes, from his personal examination of the parts of Rigaud where the gold was found, that there is a strong probability that the Seigneurie contains valuable gold mines, which might easily be rendered productive. He also discovered on the Seigneurie a valuable and extensive bed of magnetic iron ore.

The letter concludes with a statement of the annual deposits of gold for coinage at the mint of the United States, and its branches from mines in the United States from 1824 to 1846 inclusive. The total