

candidates were escorted home by their respective friends; the following of Mr. Stuart being by far larger than that of all his opponents put together. We copy from the *Quebec Chronicle* of Monday:—

"As the parties left, it was quite evident who was the popular man. Mr. Plamondon had more followers than either Dr. Rousseau or Mr. Rheame; but Mr. Stuart's adherents outnumbered all the rest put together, and if walking in single file, they would have extended the whole way from the Court House to his residence in Anne Street. Arrived at his house, Mr. Stuart addressed his friends, as also did Messrs. Evanturel, M.P.P., and Hearn. The declaration of his political creed which Mr. Stuart made, and his avowal on the Separate School question, have undoubtedly, added strength to the cause, and we expect that all who desire to see Quebec fitly represented will rally in their strength, and support him in the ensuing contest."

From this our Catholic friends in the Upper Province will see, that the electors of Lower Canada take a lively interest in the question of "Freedom of Education;" and that it will not be the fault of the Catholics of Quebec, if the minority of Upper Canada be not speedily placed upon an equally advantageous footing with the Protestant minority of this section of the Province. The *Courier du Canada* in an able article over the signature of J. C. Tache, pronounces itself strongly in favour of Mr. Stuart, because of that gentleman's excellent opinions on the "School Question." This is as it should be; for the interests of Catholics are far safer in the hands of an honest Protestant, than in those of a lukewarm, time-serving Catholic. We trust therefore that on the decisive day, the Catholic electors of Quebec will at once place Mr. Stuart at the head of the Poll.

**MEMOIR OF FATHER LOUIS DELLA VAGNA**—late Parish Priest of St. Mary's, and a Capuchin Friar of the Third Order of St. Francis. By a member of the Catholic Press. Toronto.

A gentleman well known to, and honorably connected with, the Catholic press of Upper Canada, has here furnished us with an instructive and valuable memento of a truly great and good man; of one, not great indeed in the eyes of the world, but, exceedingly precious in the sight of Him before Whom the names of His servants are written in a book; and Who, by the voice of His prophet has assured us, that, in the day of judgment they shall be His special possession.—MAL. iii., 17.

The late Father L. Della Vagna was a native of Italy; having been born in 1801 at Genoa, where he received his earliest education at the admirable schools of the "Christian Brothers"—a body of teachers whose name no Catholic can pronounce without respect and affection. In those schools he acquired—a rare thing for an Italian—a perfect acquaintance with the English language, destined to be of great service to him in after life. Destined by his parents for commercial pursuits, he became at an early age the principal of an extensive monetary institution, which for some years engrossed all his attention. But the Lord had marked him for his own; and in obedience to the Divine call, the future Priest of St. Mary's at the age of 24, renounced the world and all its riches, and entered the convent of St. Francis of Assisi; to the severe rules of which he faithfully adhered during the remainder of his earthly career. In the year 1850 he, being then on a mission, fell in with the present Bishop of Toronto, then on his way to Rome for consecration; by whom he was earnestly exhorted to proceed to Canada. It was not however until 1856 that this plan could be realised; and in April of last year the Reverend Father took up his residence in Toronto; where he continued his missionary labors, till the evening of St. Patrick's Day 1857, when His master called him to the enjoyment of that reward which He has prepared for all who love Him.

To those who had the happiness of personally knowing the deceased, this *Memoir* will prove a valuable *souvenir* of one whom they had so many causes to love; by the stranger at a distance from the scene of his labors, it will be thankfully accepted as a tribute well due to the memory of a good and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, and who in heaven will still continue to pray for those amongst whom he labored upon earth.

The pamphlet containing the above sketch of the life and labors of this faithful servant of God, has been issued by Mr. C. Donlevy of the *Miner* office Toronto; and whilst it reflects especial credit both on the writer and publisher, it is highly honorable to the Catholic Press generally, of Upper Canada.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.**—We would call the attention of the charitable to the Concert which this well known Society, intends giving on Monday the 20th inst., in the Hall of the Mechanic's Institute, Great St. James' Street—in aid of their funds for the relief of the poor. The services of most of our distinguished amateurs have been engaged for the occasion; and Mr. Brauneis has kindly volunteered his services as director. The price of tickets will be 2s 6d; and it is hoped that the attendance of a numerous audience may reward the efforts of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and enable them to extend a helping hand to the numbers of poor and infirm persons whom we have amongst us. In a few days, due notice will be given of the Programme which will comprise the most attractive pieces.

**PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.**—This body, adjourned on the 3rd inst., for the Easter holidays; thus giving the members time and opportunity to go to their Easter duties—a chance of which we hope they will avail themselves. The Houses meet again on Monday the 14th.

**The Treasurer of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum** acknowledges with thanks the receipt of nine dollars from a "Friend," credited as a donation in the books of the Corporation.

#### FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

In submitting the first Annual Report to the St. Patrick's Society, under its present organisation, your Committee deem it proper that reference should be made to the prompt and generous sacrifice of personal feelings which must have been more or less strong in the minds of many, (now members of this Society) who were members of the two former Societies, in the dissolution of which this one originated;—that sacrifice and that dissolution so readily made and effected, does great credit to the hearts and minds of those who did thereby forego many of their own predilections, in order to attain to the unity and brotherhood of feeling evinced by the present organization. This is as it should be; and your Committee believe that it will be looked back to with much satisfaction by those who may continue to be interested in the prosperity of the Irish Catholics of Montreal; and your Committee see in it a guarantee for the permanent and progressive prosperity of the Society. Your Committee would not however forget in the present comparatively prosperous state of the Society, that, as in every organization of the kind, any considerable degree of success involves a loss of time and effort on the part of those more immediately charged with the control and direction of the preliminaries and the bringing into active operation the organization of such a Society as a whole; and if this Committee may be said with propriety to have contributed in any degree to the harmonious and prosperous action of the Society, they feel rewarded in that behalf, in the consciousness that those who may replace them will carry out its objects with an energy and a degree of success, the beneficial results of which to our countrymen, generally, will be ample reward to your Committee for any efforts they may have made in managing the affairs of this Society.

Your Committee would beg to report that the amount of debts for which the Society became responsible at its formation was £118 5s.

The number of members enrolled to the 7th of April, 1856, was.....	336
Members admitted since the above date, .....	186
Total number at time of drawing up this Report.....	522

Your Committee, after due consideration, deemed it advisable to establish a Library and Reading-Room for the use of the Society, as directed by Article 8 of the By-Laws; and they would here state that the books have been selected with reference to their moral and religious, as well as to their literary influence; and on the 28th of April, they resolved to accept an offer made by Mr. Flynn to acquire his Library, consisting of 1400 volumes of miscellaneous works, on the following terms—viz., that his library was to become the property of the St. Patrick's Society, and that he would perform the duties of Librarian and Superintendent of the Reading-Room, for the sum of £60 per annum; the said salary to be reduced to £40 on the death of his wife; but should his wife survive him, the sum of £30 per annum to be paid to her as an annuity.

Your Committee are happy to report that the acquisition has met with decided success; as they find, on referring to the Librarian's register, that, since the acquisition of the Library by the Society, no less than 2,764 volumes have been circulated among the members; of these 2,351 volumes have been returned, leaving 113 in circulation at this date; and that the number of members availing themselves of the use of the Library is steadily on the increase. Another gratifying feature your Committee have to report, is the donation of several volumes to the Library by members of the Society.

In reference to the Reading-Room, your Committee would report that it is furnished with the following local papers—viz., *True Witness*, *Herald* and *Transcript*; as also the *Quebec Colonist*, *Toronto Catholic Citizen*, *Ottawa Tribune*, and the following United States papers: *American Celt*, *N. Y. Freeman's Journal*, and *Boston Pilot*.

Your Committee are happy to say that the circulation of the books just referred to, and the attention with which the said papers are read, furnish the very best proof of the propriety and necessity of such a Library and Reading-Room; although this seemed in the minds of some a question of no importance at the time your Committee decided to open and establish them.

Your Committee deem it a matter of much interest to the Society, and congratulatory to its members generally, that all dues and claims upon the members have been, in most cases during the year, met with creditable promptitude; the Treasurer's Book showing a total receipt during the year of £407 8s 4d—(of this sum £25 was the donation of a generous and sincere friend of the Society)—from the various sources of income. This amount is exclusive of monies derived from the Picnic, Lectures, and Soirees, hereinafter detailed. Of the above mentioned sum, £118 was paid to liquidate debts assumed by the Society at its formation; Librarian's salary, rent of Hall, and sundry other incidental expenses, as per vouchers—amounting in all to the sum of £393 13s 4d; leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £13 15s.

Your Committee are happy to say that the Society has already, though not without exertion, attained to a most important desideratum in the early stages of any enterprise, either personal or combined; that is, it is free from debt; and in view of its pecuniary relations at the commencement of the year, this is a most encouraging state of things, and will, no doubt, operate as a strong incentive to the exertions of those who may exercise the executive functions during the ensuing year.

The gross amount realised by the last summer's Picnic, was £205 1s 3d; and after paying the expenses incidental thereto, there was a balance of £65 17s 5d; which sum was handed over to the Rev. Mr. Dowd, for the use of the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum. The proceeds of the winter's Soiree, exclusive of incidental expenses, was £7 18 9d; which sum was laid out in the purchase of flour, and sent to the Rev. Mr. Dowd for the use of the above-named institution.

In reference to the constitutional provision for lectures before the Society, T. D. McGee, Esq., was engaged to deliver for the Society in November last, three lectures, which, your Committee regret to state—owing to the great Railroad celebration, and other unfavorable causes at the time—were not so generally patronised as, under other circumstances, the distinguished talents of that gentleman would lead us to expect;—the proceeds however of these Lectures were handed over to Mr. McGee.

Your Committee also have much pleasure in informing the Society that, in accordance with said provision for lecturing, Mr. Edward Murphy, a member of the Society, delivered a Lecture of much practical interest, and replete with sound information, on the mysteries of the Microscope, which was as creditable to his industry and talents, as it was instructive and beneficial to the Society. And your Committee hope that lectures of such sound practical utility will be continued to be delivered and patronised at proper times by the Society.

Your Committee would suggest, in view of the present, and evidently growing importance of the So-

ciety, and in view of the constitutional provision which authorises it to acquire property, that steps should be taken at the earliest opportunity to effect the incorporation of the Society, as without such incorporation no Society can carry out its organization to any great extent usefully.

From all your Committee foresee, and judging of the future from the past, they have every reason to believe that even moderate perseverance for the year to come will raise the Society to a degree of importance, and lay a foundation of permanent usefulness which will richly reward the exertions and philanthropic intentions of those who have been instrumental in organizing it, as a means of effecting unity and dispensing charity.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

T. C. COLLINS, Secretary.

The following gentlemen were then elected Officers-Bearers for the ensuing year:—

President—Henry Howard, M.D., (re-elected unanimously.)	
1st Vice President.....	Marcus Doherty.
2nd "Do.....	Thomas M'Grath.
Treasurer.....	James E. Mullin.
Corresponding Secretary.....	Thomas C. Collins.
Recording "Do.....	W. Wallace O'Brien.
Assisting "Do.....	James Daly.
Chaplains—The Rev. J. J. Connolly, and the Clergy of St. Patrick's Church.	
Physician—Dr. Angus Macdonald.	
Committee—Messrs. Edw. Murphy, Joseph Cloran, John Murphy, Edward Skiddy, P. Noban, Thomas M'Kenna, John Patton, W. Curran, John M'Elroy, James M'Cann, John Norris, Thomas Brennan, Wm. Maguire, Joseph M'Caffrey, P. Woods, Thomas Rawley, M. Kavanaugh, Daniel Farrell.	
Marshals—John M'Donald, Chief; John Charles, M. M'Shane, John Maher, Jas. Howley, Assistants.	

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS' BANK.

At the annual general meeting of the Patrons and Honorary Directors of the City and District Savings' Bank, held at its office, No. 8, Great St. James Street, on Monday, the 6th day of April, at one o'clock P.M., for the election of a Board of Managing Directors for the ensuing year:—

Francis Mullins, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Mr. Barbeau, the Actuary, was requested to act as Secretary.

The President, the Honorable Joseph Bourret, read the following

**REPORT.**  
The Managing Directors, in presenting their eleventh annual Report to the Patron and Honorary Directors of the City and District Savings' Bank, have again the pleasure to report that the affairs of the Bank have continued to prosper.

The surplus fund having continued to increase, and the prosperity of the Bank having also continued, the Managing Directors have considered themselves justified in carrying out the intention expressed in their Report of last year, by distributing amongst the Charitable Incorporated Institutions of this City, the sum of five hundred pounds currency; and after distributing this sum, the balance of the contingent fund representing the profits gained on its business amounted, on the first instant, to eleven thousand eight hundred and twenty two pounds, eleven shillings and six-pence currency.

The accompanying statement of the affairs of the Bank, up to the 1st instant, is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH BOURRET, President.

CITY & DISTRICT SAVINGS' BANK, Montreal, April 6, 1857.

Statement submitted at the Annual General Meeting, on the 6th day of April, 1857.

To balance due depositors.....	£132,760	18	6
To balance at credit of interest account, after paying all expenses.....	11,822	11	6
	£144,583	10	0

By amount invested in Bank Stocks.....	£17,902	1	4
By Public Debentures.....	83,154	3	1
By loans on public security with endorsed promissory notes.....	35,867	19	1
By Office Furniture.....	181	17	7
By balance in City Bank, bearing interest.....	6,873	13	11
By interest accrued since 1st January last.....	603	15	0
	£144,583	10	0

E. J. BARBEAU, Actuary.

It was then moved by Isidore Mallon, Esq., seconded by Francis Clark, Esq., and resolved—That the Report and statement now submitted and read, are very satisfactory; and that the same be received, adopted and published.

Moved by Alfred LaRoque, Esq., seconded by B. H. LeMoine, Esq., and resolved—That the thanks of the meeting be given to the President, Managing Directors, and Actuary, for the able, prudent and successful management of the affairs of the Institution during the past year.

Edward Murphy and Joseph F. Pelletier, Esquires, being elected Scrutineers, the meeting proceeded to the election of the Board of Managing Directors, when the following gentlemen were reported and declared by the Scrutineers duly elected, viz:—

Hon. Joseph Bourret,	
Edwin Atwater,	
Henry Starnes,	
Doctor Wd. Nelson,	
L. H. Holton,	
Henry Mulholland,	
Henry Judah,	
Norb. Dumas,	
A. M. Delisle,	
Francis Clark.	

The chair having been vacated, and Alexis Laframboise, Esq., being called thereto.

It was moved by Henry Mulholland, Esq., seconded by Edward Murphy, and Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to Francis Mullins, Esq., for his able conduct in the Chair.

The Board having met the following day, the Hon. Joseph Bourret was duly elected President, and Edwin Atwater, Esq., Vice-President for the ensuing year.

E. J. BARBEAU, Secretary.

At a General Meeting of the Aylmer St. Patrick Literary Society, held at their room on Saturday the 4th of April, after the business of the Society had been disposed of, the election of Officers took place, when the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing term:—

President.....	J. J. Roney, Esq.
1st Vice President.....	Geo. Rainboth.
2nd "Do.....	Charles Devlin.
Recording Secretary.....	Henry Murphy.
Corresponding "Do.....	John Slater.
Committee of Management—George Maguire, Patrick Malarky, Henry Greely, Martin O'Keefe, Michl. Dunn, Michael Foran.	

The following Resolution was passed:—

Resolved—That the Rev. Michael J. Lynch be Patron of the Society, and do take precedence of all Officers of the Society; and that the said Rev. gentleman do act as Treasurer."

#### CITY COUNCIL.—MONTREAL, APRIL 1.

THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

His Worship the Mayor called the attention of the Council to a letter which he had received from R. T. Pennefather, Esq., private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the addresses to Her Majesty the Queen, adopted by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, respecting the Seat of Government. As the letter was of some importance, he would suggest that it be laid on the table, to be taken up and considered at the next meeting which was agreed to.

The letter, of which the following is a copy, was then read by His Worship the Mayor:—

"GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY OFFICE, Toronto, C.W., March 28, 1857.  
Sir,—You are probably aware that the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Canada have addressed Her Most Gracious Majesty to exercise Her prerogative in the selection of a permanent Seat of Government for the whole Province.

"In the event of Her Majesty complying with the prayer of these addresses, His Excellency is anxious that Her advisers in England should be enabled to place before Her a full and fair statement of the claim of each separate City which may be considered a candidate for the honor of becoming the future capital of Canada.

"As a matter of course, the final selection must depend on a comprehensive survey of the interests, not of any one place, but of the whole Province, as part of British North America.

"The claims, however, of each City are likely to be stated by the person most interested in supporting them, better than they would be by any other party.

"His Excellency, therefore, invites the Corporation of Montreal to cause to be prepared a paper setting forth the reasons which, in their opinion, favor the claim of that place to be selected by the Queen.

"With every wish to afford full time for preparing these statements, His Excellency desires that it may be in the hands of the Colonial Secretary by the first week of July in the present year.

"You will please, if you see fit to comply with his Excellency's desires, to address the packet to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, and endorse it with the words 'City of Montreal, Canada.'

"I have, &c.,  
(Signed) R. T. PENNEFATHER.

**THE FRENCH BURYING GROUND.**—His Worship the Mayor said that he would call the attention of the Council to a fact that had come to his knowledge.—It was in reference to the manner in which the work had been proceeded with in the Roman Catholic Burying Ground. Several complaints had been made to him to the effect that no time had been thrown on the graves, and that the coffins were exposed to the public view. He had sent the City Surveyor to enquire into and report on the subject, and he was satisfied that there was no neglect either on the part of the gentlemen of the Seminary, or the Chairman of the Road Committee. He wished to know, however, when the time would be thrown on the graves, and when the coffins would be burnt?

Councillor Valois said that the coffins were not dry enough to be burnt, but in a few days they would be. It was intended to cover over the burying ground with gravel, so as to make a road.

We understand that orders have been given to have the coffins burnt immediately.—*Herald*.

**SEAT OF GOVERNMENT QUESTION, QUEBEC.**—A Meeting was held on Thursday last at Quebec, the Mayor in the Chair, to consider the propriety of naming a delegate to proceed to England to represent the claims of Quebec as the Seat of Government. The Governor General's Secretary's letter, similar to that sent to our Corporation, was read, and after several speeches the following resolution was passed:—  
Moved by Mr. Lelievre, seconded by Mr. Joseph, and Resolved:—That a committee of seven be named to draw up, conjointly with the City Council, the statement called for by the Governor General, in His Excellency's Circular of the 28th March, and that said statement do set forth the claims of the Ancient Capital of Canada to be restored to metropolitan honors.

The meeting was then called upon to select seven gentlemen, in accordance with the Resolution passed, and Messrs. F. R. Angers, A. Gugu, S. Lelievre, U. J. Tessier, C. Stuart, G. E. Faribault, and L. G. Bail-Lorge, being nominated, and having the show of hands in their favor, successively, were chosen to form the Committee.

Moved by Mr. Marsden, seconded by Mr. Leaycraft, and Resolved:—That the Corporation and the Committee now appointed be authorised to name one or more delegates to proceed to England to lay before the Imperial authorities the claims of the City of Quebec to be the Permanent Seat of Government."

The impression of the Meeting appeared to be unanimous in favor of deputed Col. Gugu to represent the claims of the ancient Seat of Government, Quebec.

**THE BAR.**—It gives us pleasure to learn that C. H. R. B. Vallieres de St. Real, Esq., was, after a very successful examination, admitted Tuesday last to the Bar of Lower Canada. The examiners on the occasion were Messrs. Cassidy and Ouimet on the *Coutume de Paris*, and Mr. S. Bethune on Commercial Law.—*Argus*.

**IMMIGRATION.**—T. P. French, Crown Land Agent, Mount St. Patrick, and who is also agent for the land to be given in free grants on the Ottawa and Opeongo roads, has favored us with a copy of a pamphlet, entitled "Information for intending settlers."

We agree with the *Brookville Recorder* when it says the contents of the pamphlet will prove of much service to those for whom it is intended, provided means be employed to place the information within their reach. Mr. French states that he has not colored or distorted his information, and after reading the pamphlet, we think we can fully express our conviction that Mr. French has rather under than overdrawn the work, and the likely results of three years operations in the bush, under the free grant system. Industrious, sober settlers, may become independent. Means should be taken to spread copies of the pamphlet far and wide in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.—*Montreal Pilot*.

**ROBBERY OF A RETURNED CALIFORNIAN.**—At the Police Court on Saturday, Martin King, a Carter, was charged by Alfred Loisele of St. Jean Baptiste, lately returned from California, with having robbed him on Tuesday last of Gold to the amount of £125 17s 4d. The prosecutor came to Montreal to sell his gold, and King was hired by him to take him to Jewellers Stores; being unsuccessful in obtaining a purchaser, the two went to a tavern and drank together. The prosecutor either drank too much or was drugged, and wanted to be taken to an hotel, but the carter drove him up to the Priest's farm, where he pulled him out of the cab, robbed him, and having struck him several times with the handle of his whip, drove off and left him. Loisele stupified with what he had drunk wandered back of the mountain, and remained in a house near the Catholic Cemetery for the night. The next day he came into the city and gave such information as led to the arrest of King by detective O'Leary. King acknowledged his guilt, and told where he had secreted the gold in the ground beneath the floor of his stable, whence it was recovered. O'Leary deserves great credit for his promptness and energy in detecting and capturing the robber.

**DR. DORON.**—The *Transcript* says:—"that the Sheriff has received instructions from the Judge who presided at Dr. Doron's trial, to stay for the present his commitment to the Penitentiary, Drs. Nelson and Beaubien having reported that, such is his state of health, to carry out the sentence would be dangerous. Exertions are being made to have the sentence commuted.

**MAN SHOT.**—Sunday morning a young man named John Stuker, aged 21, who lives at No. 14, St. Charles Borromeo Street, was shot by a comrade of his named Charles Miller. It appears that about half-past eight in the morning the two were quietly conversing together in their room, in the upper part of the house. A double barreled pocket pistol, belonging to Stuker, was lying upon a chest, when Miller took it up, and while in the act of examining it one of the barrels went off, and the contents were lodged in the abdomen of Stuker. Dr. David was sent for, who took out the ball, which had gone through the body. Miller was arrested yesterday afternoon by the Coroner, and handed over this morning to the Inspector and Superintendent of Police, who purposes this afternoon taking the declaration of Stuker. The wounded man lies in a very precarious state. He stated yesterday that it was purely an accident, and entirely exonerated Miller, who, he said, was his best friend.—*Pilot*.

**QUEBEC ELECTION.**—Mr. Stuart's success is almost certain; but his friends must not be, as at the last general election, too confident. His rivals have been canvassing personally for several days, and might possibly outmanoeuvre, if requisite exertions be not made, their unsuspecting opponent and his too easy friends. Mr. Stuart's manly declaration with regard to Separate Schools, and his declared detestation of sectarianism in its true sense should secure him the liberal support of the Franco-Canadian and Hibernian sections of the population. This was the rock on which Mr. Noad struck; and we must confess (notwithstanding the commendation of the *Toronto Globe*) we cannot appreciate the scruples of our worthy fellow-citizen. We advocated the expediency of the separate system before the question assumed its present importance, and must rejoice to see the progress which it has made.—*Morning Chronicle*, 7th inst.

**MELANCHOLY LOSS OF LIFE.**—Five Persons Drowned.—The *Kingston News of Thursday* says:—Yesterday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, the ice boat employed in carrying mails and passengers from Kingston to Wolfe Island, left this shore at the foot of Shaw's wharf, shoving the boat on the ice until they approached the "open channel," about a quarter of a mile from land, when the boat having considerable impetus, and the passengers hastily jumping into it as the boat passed over the edge of the ice, the bow dipping in water, and simultaneously the frail bark swamped, and all were submerged in the water. The conductor of the boat, J. S. Hunter, and a person named James Tranor saved themselves by swimming to the ice and clambering upon it, and seven other persons were rescued by some young men from the shore who saw the occurrence and hastened to give assistance at considerable personal risk.—Having taken a small boat with them, they succeeded in saving the mail and some baggage which was floating at various distances from the ice. One of the persons saved, an American, supported himself in the interim by clinging to his trunk until taken up.—The following are the names of the persons said to have been drowned: James M'Donald, James Mitchell, (both belonging to the Island), Wm. Dempsey, stage driver on Long Island, Wm. Sanders, seacock, and John Buggy, sailor. The accounts about the streets were very conflicting, but the above is the most reliable we could obtain. Seven o'clock P. M.—We have just learned that the bodies of James M'Donald, Wm. Dempsey and W. Sanders, have been recovered and were placed in the dead house.

**THE ZIMMERMAN BANK.**—A meeting of the managers of all the principal Banks in the Province, was held in this city on Friday last, for the purpose of considering among other things, the condition of the Zimmerman Bank. The cashier of the bank, together with one or two of Mr. Zimmerman's executors, were present, and gave every information. The examination was satisfactory, and it was resolved to accept the bills issued by the bank. The intention, we believe, of the executors is to call in all the outstanding bills, and by the time this is accomplished, the affairs of the deceased will have been more critically examined, and it will probably be then decided whether there will be a re-issue or not. In the meantime, the bills are perfectly good, and will not be refused at any bank.—*Toronto Globe*.

**NARROW ESCAPE.**—On Tuesday last week while an aged gentleman was examining a mill wheel in the vicinity of the Suspension Bridge, his foot slipped and he fell headlong into the Niagara River, which at this point has a very rapid current. For a distance of about 200 yards, the poor old fellow was whirled downwards in the hissing waters, in view of numerous spectators who assembled on the Bridge to witness his struggle for life. After passing under the Bridge, he was carried by the eddy towards a rock, which he succeeded in clinging to. There arose another difficulty, that of getting the individual to the main land, which is some 200 feet higher at this point than the spot where he had found a resting-place. A rope ladder was let down, and descended by a courageous German, who offered to assist the deluged curiosity-seeker to ascend, but the old man although 57 years, and completely chilled from the duration of his bath, refused assistance, and nobly mounted the swinging cords until he placed his foot on terra firma.—*Pilot*.

**HAMILTON.**—The Grand Jury of Hamilton complain of the crowded state of the Jail in that city, which they say tends very materially to produce sickness, and to enhance its evils when produced.—*Toronto Colonist*.

**ANOTHER VICTIM.**—Mr. John McCallum, who received severe injuries on the occasion of the recent fearful accident at the Desjardins Canal, died on Wednesday night last week at the Phoenix Hotel, Hamilton, where he has been lying since the 12th ultimo.

**SENTENCE COMMUTED.**—James McGarry, the boy murderer, convicted and sentenced to be executed at Guelph, for the murder of William Cull, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life in the Provincial Penitentiary.

**ASTOUNDING DISCLOSURES.**—Yesterday morning the inhabitants of the usually quiet village of Yorkville were thrown into a state of consternation by the intelligence that a number of human bodies had been discovered, interred a few inches below the surface, in the yard attached to Dr. Rolph's Medical School, and a large number of people assembled in the vicinity to ascertain the truth of the rumour. From inquiries made on the spot, we learn that, for some time back, the inhabitants living in the neighborhood of the Dissecting House used by the students of the Rolph school, were annoyed by an effluvia arising from that quarter, which they regard as not being very conducive to their health. They, therefore, called on the Reeve to instruct the Village Inspector to see to the cause of the annoyance. The search by that functionary resulted in the discovery of some bodies, placed a short distance under the surface of the ground, in the yard of the dissecting room, among which were the body of a full grown man, tied up in a sack, and that of a negro boy about three or four years of age. There were also several barrels found, in which heads, legs, arms, &c., were nicely preserved. On their discovery, the inhabitants became quite incensed, and a slight scuffle ensued between them and the students, the former persisting in forcing their way into the dissecting room and the latter being as strenuously determined to prevent it. Coroner Philbrick was sent for, but after a while the wrath of the villagers, which at one time assumed a formidable aspect, was somewhat appeased by the authorities of the School having pledged themselves to inter the bodies immediately, and so to purify the premises as to remove all occasion for future annoyance. We understand that the subject will be brought before the Village Council, on Thursday evening next.—*Toronto Colonist* April 1.

**Birth.**  
In this city, on the 3rd inst., Mrs. T. C. Collins, of a daughter.