

To a number of our Agents we have sent half a dozen copies of each number, and paid the postage. We shall, for the future, until we hear from them, send them but one copy each, which will be sufficient to exhibit as a specimen, and as they may consider it theirs, they will probably not object to pay the postage. We are trying an expensive experiment, and must economize in little matters. We beg our subscribers, agents, and all others who approve of our enterprise, to remember that it depends upon them whether we sink or swim. Let every subscriber make a point of inducing, at least, one of his neighbors to send us his name, and our list will soon fill up. From the nature of our several occupations, it is impossible for either of the Editors to make a tour of the country, to solicit subscriptions or establish agencies. We must depend upon others, and upon the spontaneous good-will of the public.

EXCHANGES.

A few of our American contemporaries have not exchanged with us. Either they have not received our paper, or they refuse to exchange, or having exchanged, we have not received their papers. If the second be the reason of their non-appearance, will each of them be good enough to send us a copy of their last number with the direction written on the margin, under the wrapper, in red or blue ink? They will oblige us, and at the same time convince us that they can show a little courtesy.

Dr. Smith, the author of the "Canadian Gazetteer," has undertaken to act as Travelling Agent in the Western part of the Province. He has our authority to appoint local Agents in the Villages and Townships through which he may pass, obtain Subscribers, &c. &c. No man is better acquainted with the country than Dr. Smith, as his excellent Gazetteer abundantly shows; and few perhaps have displayed a more indefatigable industry than he has done in the compilation of this useful Work. We trust he will be successful in his labours both for us and for himself.

We may mention, that a young friend of ours, Mr. H. Corson, who is on a visit to London, has also kindly offered to act for us in the same capacity.

News Department.

The Late Murder in the vicinity of Toronto.—On Wednesday last, James Hamilton, the supposed murderer of Noah Heaton, underwent a public examination, before the Mayor, Alderman Gurnett, and Hugh Scobie, Esq., which resulted in the commitment of the prisoner to take his trial, at the next Assizes, for the murder of the said Noah Heaton.

The evidence against him is of a circumstantial nature. It appears that Hamilton, accompanied by one John Brown, went out into the country in a light-wagon, on Saturday, the 21st February. They called at several places on the road, and, at the Cottage of Noah Heaton, amongst the rest. They remained there some time, and the old man asked them to take dinner, which they declined. They left the house together, and proceeded in the direction of the wagon, which was standing at the outer-tyers at some distance from the house; but when they came to a corner of a shed in the yard, Hamilton turned round, and said to Brown that he wanted to have some private conversation with the old man. Brown proceeded on to the wagon, and Hamilton came up about five minutes after. It is chiefly on this circumstance that the suspicion rests. Heaton was found murdered next day. By an agreement entered into some years ago, Hamilton was to pay Heaton £20 a year, for which he was to have the use of a Farm of 200 acres during the old man's life, and to hold it in fee after his (Heaton's) death. Some difficulty had arisen between them, and Heaton had commenced proceedings in Chancery against Hamilton, on the ground that the latter had refused to fulfil his engagement.

The foregoing is an outline of the whole circumstances on which the suspicion against Hamilton rests; and we do not think it advisable, at this stage of the proceedings, to say more on this painful subject.

NIAGARA SUSPENSION BRIDGE.—The Albany correspondent of the Rochester Democrat says the stock for the construction of this bridge is all taken. The capital is \$200,000. Half of it was subscribed in Canada, and the other mostly in New York and Philadelphia. Contractors in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh offer to build a good substantial bridge of wire for \$200,000. It will be forty feet wide; the centre track for cars to connect with the Canadian road through to Detroit, and capable of transporting 300 tons over it at once, at a rate of ten miles an hour. There will be two tracks for carriages, and a foot path. It will have three spans, with abutments 200 feet high. It is supposed that it can be completed in two years, which will make it ready for use by the time the Canada road is completed. Such a bridge, spanning the awful gulf, will be almost as grand as the sublime cataract.—[Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.

A bill for the construction of four rail steamers, to run between New York and Liverpool, has passed the American Senate.

AWFUL CATASTROPHE!—Explosion of the U. States Arsenal, West Troy—seven men badly burned—and 3 of them mortally wounded.—This morn-

ing about 10 o'clock, an explosion took place in one of the buildings at the arsenal in a room devoted to the manufacture of 10 inch fuses for Bombs, which destroyed all the fuse composition, blew out all the windows, and injured nearly all the workmen engaged in that part of the building.

The District Council of the Huron District, have determined to borrow £19,000, to be applied to the improvement of the main roads in the District. If they go on at this rate they will hardly thank Mr. Gwynne for his railroad.

EDUCATION IN THE ARMY.—The authorities of the War-Office have issued a notification, that a number of young men, who must be unmarried, and not exceeding 25 years of age, are required in the training school, Royal Military Asylum, at Chelsea, for the purpose of being educated and sent out as school-masters to different regiments, both of cavalry and infantry.

The Halifax mail brings news to the 20th inst., from which it appears that a meeting was held at Mason's Hall, on that day, respecting the Electric Telegraph, through the British North American Provinces. It was a large and influential body; a committee of nine was appointed at the head of which they put George Roney Young. They passed resolutions to express a strong opinion in favour of the project, to organize a company with a capital of £4000, and to petition the Legislature for an act of incorporation.

An American paper says, "There are too many gentlemen paupers at the present day—gentlemen who do nothing—who are maintained by the public—by their relations—or by their wives. They are great nuisances."

REAPPEARANCE OF THE POTATOE DISEASE.—The Cork Reporter of Saturday says:—"A gentleman, residing in the neighbourhood of Kinsale, planted in a hot-bed, about three months since, a quantity of sound potatoes of the quarry kind, and on examining the produce yesterday, which by the forced growth had far advanced to maturity, he found them black and diseased."

More than 1100 emigrants arrived in New York, yesterday. The Roscius alone, brought between 3 and 4 hundred, most of them destitute. Among them was a mother with 12 children, penniless, foodless, and homeless.

POPULATION OF PARIS.—By the Census of 1846, it appears that the population of Paris proper was 1,053,907 inhabitants, and of the department of the Seine 1,356,907.

PAINLESS SURGICAL OPERATION.—We have been informed that, on Saturday last, Dr. Nelson, assisted by his son, Dr. Horace Nelson, removed a large tumor, of several pounds weight, from the thigh of a weak, nervous woman. Mr. Webster, an able Dentist, administered the etherial gas to the patient, which in a few minutes plunged her in such a complete state of insensibility, that she manifested not the smallest sense of pain; and when the effect of the gas was over, she stated that she had experienced no pain whatever, nor was she at all conscious of having undergone the operation, of which she had previously expressed the utmost dread. It is said that the Dr. is quite satisfied of the property of the vapour of ether of arresting sensibility and consciousness for a time, but from the effect it has on the nervous system, the deep and heavy breathing that results from it, leads him to think that it might be attended with serious injury if administered in too great a quantity, or breathed for so long a time. It would appear that the "Lætheon" is extensively employed in the London Hospitals previous to all important operations.—[Pilot.

We understand that the military force now in the Canada will in the early part of the summer, be reduced by three regiments. It is said the 52nd, 71st, and 81st will be the three regiments ordered away. There is also a rumour that one or more local corps will be placed upon permanent footing.—[Quebec Mercury.

We understand that the 52nd received orders by the last mail to leave for England on the opening of the navigation.—[Montreal Times.

LEVEL OF LAKE ONTARIO.—At the end of 1845 the water of the Lake was twenty-seven inches lower than in the June, preceding. In Feb., 1846, it fell three inches more. The water then began to rise about three inches a month till June 1st, when the rise amounted to one foot, leaving the surface still one foot lower than in June, 1845. The level continued the same till last July; when the waters began to fall about three inches a month till November—in which month it rose three, and then fell the same in December—so that at the end of 1846 the level was only three inches higher than at the end of 1845, making the level two feet lower than in June, 1845. The snows and rains of last winter and spring account for the rise till the middle of summer, and the changes since are solved by a reference to the greater or less quantity of rain in the different months of autumn. It would appear in the published accounts in the papers of last year, that the Lakes are at a lower level than common through all the Lakes to that of Superior. From this I have seen no statements.—[Rochester Democrat.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.—The extensive storage warehouse of Wm. S. Moon, in Water st. took fire about 2 o'clock this morning, and was entirely destroyed; together with most of its contents, consisting of a large quantity of cotton, sugar, crates of crockery, &c. A small portion of the cotton was saved in a damaged state. The building was owned by James Cullough. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000—\$66,500 of which was insured, at the different offices in this city, and a small amount in the Brooklyn offices. A workshop and store of Hannah & Laura, copper-smiths, adjoining, were considerably damaged. Two small frame buildings, occupied as a sailors boarding house, were crushed by the falling walls;

and another brick building occupied as a grocery, dwelling, &c., was much damaged. Two or three persons were injured, but not seriously.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

We have been placed in possession of the following correct list of the present disposition of the navy, with the names of the commanders:—

IN THE GULF.

Commodore David Connor, Commander-in-chief.	
Frigate Raritan, (flag ship) Capt. Forrest	44 guns.
" Potomac, Captain Anlick	41 "
Sloop Albany, Captain Breese	20 "
" John Adams, Com'der M'Chimey	20 "
" St. Mary's, Captain Saunders	20 "
Steamer Mississippi, Commodore Perry	10 "
" Princeton, Commander Engle	9 "
" Vixen, Commander Tatum	3 "
" Vixen, Commander Sands	3 "
Brig Porpoise, Lieut. Com'ding W.E. Hunt	10 "
S. Ship Relief, Lieut. Com'ding Bullus	8 "

In addition to the above, are the schooners Reeser, Petrel, Bonito, and the store ships Supply and Freedom. The number of guns is uncertain, but may be placed at..... 30 "

Total..... 221 guns

IN THE PACIFIC.

Commodore W. B. Shubrick, Commander-in-chief.	
Razer Independence, (flag ship) Capt. Lavelle	54 guns
Frigate Savannah, Captain Mervine	44 "
" Congress, Captain Stockton	44 "
Sloop Portsmouth, Commander Montgomery	20 "
" Levanat, Commander Page	20 "
" Warren, Commander Hull	20 "
" Cyane, Commander Dupont	20 "
" Dale, Commander M'Kean	16 "
" Preble, Commander Shields	16 "
Schooner Shark, Lieut. Commanding Howison	10 "
Store Ship Eric, Lieut. Commanding Turner	8 "
" Lexington, Lieut. Com'ding, Buley	8 "
" Southampton, Lieut. Commanding, Theoburn	6 "

Total..... 286

BRAZIL SQUADRON.

Commodore Rossen, Commander-in-Chief.	
Frigate Columbia, flag ship, Commander Ritchie	44 "
Brig Bainbridge, Lieut. Commanding, Pennington	10 "

Total..... 54 guns.

AFRICAN SQUADRON.

Commodore Read, Commander-in-Chief.	
Frigate United States, flag ship, Captain Simot	44 guns.
Sloop Marion, Commander Simonds	16 "
Brig Dolphin, Commander John Pope	10 "
Brig Boxer, Lieut. Com'ding Bishop	10 "

Total..... 80 guns.

EAST INDIA SQUADRON.

Commodore Biddle, Commander-in-Chief	
Columbus, flag ship, Capt. Wayman	75 guns.
Sloop Vincennes, Capt. Paulding	20 "

Total..... 95

From the above it will be seen that we have,

In the Gulf.....	221 guns.
" Pacific.....	286 "
" Brazil squadron.....	54 "
" African.....	80 "
" East India.....	95 "
Total.....	736 guns.

In addition to this, we have a steamer on the Lake of one gun, and the "On-kah-ee" in the packet service.

Among the vessels preparing for sea, are the

Ship of the line Ohio, Capt. Stringham	74 guns.
Sloop Decatur, Commander Pickney	16 "
Steamer A'leghany, Lieut. Commanding, W. W. Hunter	4 "
" Polk, Lieut. Com'ding, Ozden	5 "
" Scourge, Lieut. Commanding C. G. Hunter	5 "
" Scorpion, Com'der Biglow	5 "

Total..... 109 Guns.

New York Herald.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Legislature of Prince Edward Island met on the 26th ult. Mr. Pope was re-elected Speaker His Excellency, among other things, congratulates them upon the improvement of the Public Revenue of the Colony.—[St. John (N.B.) Courier.

Yesterday, about mid-day, the following communication was received, by means of the Telegraph, from Hamilton:—"To the High Constable, Toronto.—Barney Farley, teamster, has committed felony, and left here for Toronto, has a box of stolen property with him, containing five dozen and a half sides of upper leather, and about £20 in cash. If in Toronto, please detain him 14 5/8, 2m. high, dark complexion, black hair; is in company with J. Dimond, supposed to be going to Gearey's Works, below Toronto. Dimond is a lame man; one eye, peck-marked. Supposed he will sell the leather in Toronto. Let me know if arrested. Warrant out for him here.—T. MURPHY." Immediately on his receipt, our very active High Bailiff took steps for his capture; and having learned that a person was offering leather for sale at Shepherd's yesterday, he, with constable Trotter, proceeded on search, and within ten minutes from the time Mr Allan was apprised of the robbery, he captured the party at Michel's tavern, on Church street, having the leather with him, and about £16 5s in cash. Farley was then in the act of putting his span of horses to the cart, with the view of proceeding eastward. The activity, with the strict surveillance under which strangers are now kept by the police, does the force and its head great credit. We trust it may not be necessary to put the telegraph often to such a purpose; but when this becomes imperative, it is pleasing to see how much it aids those to whom the preservation of the peace is committed.—[Colonist.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK MARKETS. Tuesday Evening, 9th March, 4 past 7. Flour inactive and rather heavy. The low sales reported were made at \$6.34. Sales of Meal at \$5 to \$5.12 1/2. Wheat is selling at \$1.49. Ashes \$1.87 1/2 to \$1.91. Sugars 1 cent lower. Freight heavy: Flour shipped at seven York shillings.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

The Relief Committee of New York have received contributions to the amount of \$75,000. One ship is already laden with corn, meal, clothing, &c., and others are loading. Santa Anna and the enemy's troops marched to the interior. It is pretty certain that Santa Anna is now at Saltillo; and it is even reported that he has engaged in a conflict with General Taylor, but the latter is not believed at Tampico. General Taylor, with General Briggs and Thomas Bates and the second Mississippi regiment, arrived at Saltillo on 2nd February. There is but little doubt but that General Minou will give General Taylor considerable trouble. An arrival at New Orleans brings the intelligence that the British Mail Steamer Tercel, was lost on the 12th February, north-east of Cardeas. Sixty persons were drowned. A company of Traders from Santa Fe, which place they left on the 18th January, and state that Col. Donihon with 600 men was met by miles this side of El Paso on the 25th Dec. 25 about 1100 Mexican Chahuhala, when a Lieutenant from the enemy's ranks came forward waving a black flag, and halted within a hundred steps of our line. Donihon's interpreter went to meet him, when he demanded that our Commander should come into their camp and speak to the General. This modest request being declined, the Mexicans told him to prepare for a charge saying, we give no quarters and ask none. The Mexicans immediately made an attack, and the engagement lasted about half an hour, when the enemy broke lines and fled, leaving arms, baggage, and stores, and 30 dead on the field. Colonel Donihon lost not a single man and had but seven slightly wounded. He took eight prisoners, six of whom have since died.

Latest News by Telegraph.

New York Markets, March 12, 7 p.m. ASHES—Pots at \$4.87 1/2. firm. Pearls mostly \$6.31 1/2.

Flour Market quiet, and parcels on the spot cannot be quoted over \$3.87 1/2 for Genesee. Sale of 1,000 to 1,500 barrels. Fair inquiry for flour to arrive.

Pork is up about \$1 higher than the previous lowest point; sales 300 to 500 at \$12 to \$15 for old prime; \$15.50 for new. 300 bbls. best hams at \$15. 3,000 bbls. hams at 9c. per lb.

The rumour of a battle having taken place between General Taylor and Santa Anna is generally disbelieved.

Toronto Market Prices.

March 12.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour, per barrel, 196 lbs....	22	6	a	26
Oatmeal, per barrel, 196 lbs....	22	6	a	25
Wheat, per bushel, 60 lbs....	4	6	a	5
Rye, per bushel, 56 lbs....	3	0	a	3
Barley, per bushel, 48 lbs....	2	4	a	2
Oats, per bushel, 34 lbs....	1	8	a	1
Peas, per bushel, 60 lbs....	2	6	a	2
Potatoes, per bushel.....	2	6	a	3
Onions, per bushel.....	0	0	a	0
Beef, per cwt.....	18	9	a	25
Beef, per lb.....	0	24	a	0
Pork, per 100 lbs.....	22	6	a	26
Mutton, per lb., by the qr....	0	24	a	0
Veal, per lb., by the qr.....	0	0	a	0
Bacon, per lb.....	0	3	a	0
Hams, per cwt.....	0	0	a	0
Lard, per lb.....	0	34	a	0
Hay, per ton.....	40	0	a	45
Straw, per ton.....	25	0	a	30
Timothy, per bushel, 60 lbs....	5	0	a	6