

THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

future the colony is to support its police and garrisons, the building of them and incidental expenses, amounting to 158,000 a year. Emigration, therefore, is to receive no aid from the crown land revenue until this deficit shall be made up. It will be observed that the new charge and the deficit considerably exceed the whole of the actual revenue.

Among the items of the French budget, 16,000 was voted for the preservation of historical monuments, and 46,000 in aid of theatres.

On the 30th July, Lord Brougham gave notice, in the House of Lords, that he should positively bring forward on the 6th Aug. the motion of which he had given notice regarding the administrator of justice in Ireland.

The chivalric fête at Eglintown Castle, has not fallen through; it is to take place with much splendour, on the 28th Aug.

Mr. Arth'r Aston has been appointed British Minister at Madrid vice Lord Clarendon.

A vacancy has occurred in the representation of Aylesbury by the death of G. Praed, Esq. The election commenced on the 30th July, Captain Hamilton (Conservative) and John Ingram Lockhart, Esq., (Whig) are the candidates.

A Glasgow paper suggests to the London thieves that nothing could be easier than to steal away the crown of Scotland, worth 50,000. The small regalia room in the castle is kept by one attendant, and guarded by one old watchman.

Neither Earl Grey nor Lord Durham voted on the education question in the Lords.

Parliament will, it is said, be prorogued in the second week in August.

The guardians of the Sheffield Union have quarrelled with a barber to shave and cut the hair of the paupers at 2d. per dozen!

The number of letters that passed through the General Post Office in St. Martin's le Grand on the 22nd July exceeded 30,000, and the amount of postage was no less than 4,050l.

Nobody thinks of asking Mr. Roebuck to stand, and Mr. Roebuck has no idea of standing for any place but Bath.

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, WEDNESDAY, 28th AUG. 1839.

Our latest New York papers are of Thursday last, received by yesterday's mail there being none due this day.

There has been considerable excitement, and, as the papers say, "almost a riot" in Baltimore, in consequence of the escape of a nun from the Aisquith street nunnery, around which a large concourse of people assembled. The *New York Express* adds:—"The nun effected her escape about noon, (on Sunday, the 18th inst.) and was followed by a number of persons in pursuit. She applied for admittance at one of the houses near by, and was refused, but afterwards found shelter in another dwelling. These facts becoming known a great crowd of people were soon attracted to the spot. Rumours were afloat that the priests were about to compel her to return,—and it is stated that they demanded the surrender of the fugitive, which was promptly refused. A carriage was then procured and the nun removed to Washington College. The excitement now became so intense that apprehensions were entertained of some serious outbreak. The mayor was sent for, and, with the aid of a strong police force, he succeeded in restoring some degree of quiet, but the crowd manifested no disposition to disperse. In the evening the mayor ordered out the brigade of the city guards and towards midnight all became quiet. The only cause assigned by the nun for her conduct was, that she wanted to get out, and had long been watching a favourable opportunity to do so. Her name is Neal, of Charles County, Maryland, about 26 years old, and has been for ten years a member of the Carmelite Order. She is a niece of the late Robert Walsh, and cousin to the literary gentleman of that name, now in Europe.

Destructive Fire.

The Eastern Mail furnishes us with our regular exchange papers, and a slip from the Frederickton Sentinel, of the 19th instant, containing the following melancholy intelligence:—"A dreadful fire broke out in the city of St. John's, New Brunswick, on the 17th instant, at nine o'clock, p. m., and continued until the morning of the 18th. The night

was seen from Frederickton, a distance of sixty miles. One hundred and forty houses, including fifty mercantile establishments, were consumed, and a new ship and several smaller vessels. It began in Nelson-street, in a store occupied by Hugh Irvine Brothers, ship-builders. All the buildings on both sides of Nelson-street, and on Dawson's, Waterby's, Donaldson's, and the North Market, wharves, together with those on both sides of Dock-street, (from the Market-square to Union-street,) on the south side of Union-street, from the new dwelling houses of Messrs. John and James Lawton to the water, including all the erections and Lumber on the Hon. William Black's and on Crookshank and Walker's wharves fronting Adam's slip, and all the buildings on the North-side of the Market-square, with the house of Thomas Merritt, Esq., occupied by Messrs. A. R. Truro and William Stuckland, fronting on Prince William-street (opposite the Commercial Bank), are entirely destroyed, and a great part of their contents either burnt or lost. Only two or three of the buildings were of bricks, the rest wood. A fire of January 15, 1837, destroyed 115 buildings. The total loss by the present fire is estimated at £200,000.

The Halifax papers speak very favourably of the state of the crops throughout their respective districts. The Falmouth July mail has arrived at Halifax in forty two days.

LATE FROM JAMAICA.—The *New York Commercial Advertiser* acknowledges receipt of copious files of Jamaica papers to the instant. From the extracts given by the Commercial we compile the following summary:—

Several Baptist missionaries, Messrs. Oughter, Philipps, Palmer, Castello and others, in actions of slander brought by various persons have been mulcted in damages to the tune of, in some cases £2000—in some £1000—and in some £2500. The slanders it is believed were in some way connected with the slavery question.

The removal of Sir Lionel Smith, does not appear to be known at the latest dates, but it was anticipated.

A very severe shock of an earthquake was felt at Kingston, on the 29th July it occasioned great alarm, but it was not known that any damage had ensued.

There had been disturbances in the Spring-hill parish, particulars of which have not transpired; but it seems that 50 men of the 2nd W. I. regiment, had to co-operate with the civil authorities, by whom six of the rioters were apprehended. They were subsequently tried and convicted of an outrageous assault on the magistrates; three were sentenced to two years and the other three to twenty months imprisonment and hard labour.

Some commotion was excited at Kingston, on the 1st of August, by the appearance of a Haytien (negro republican) sloop of war in the harbour,—the day being the anniversary of the final emancipation.

Major General Macdonnell returned from Montreal on Sunday last, where he had been on a visit for the purpose of being invested with the Order of the Bath by His Excellency Sir John Colborne. The following account of this interesting ceremony we copy from the Montreal Herald of Monday last:—

Montreal, August 26.—Yesterday at two o'clock, a numerous company of officers and civilians assembled at the residence of His Excellency Sir John Colborne to witness the investiture of the most honorable the military order of Knight Commander of the Bath on Major General Sir James Macdonnell. A considerable number of ladies and gentlemen from the United States were also present. About half past two o'clock, His Excellency, accompanied by his Staff, entered at the top of the room, and took his seat on a chair placed to represent the throne. Behind him on either side, were the colours of the 71st Regiment of Highland Light Infantry, in compliment to Sir James as a Scotchman; and in front, on either side, were the colours of the Grenadier Guards, the battalion commanded by Sir James at the ever memorable battle of Waterloo. Each colour was guarded by a sergeant of the Regiment to whom it belonged. Sir James Macdonnell entered by the door leading from the lower end of the hall, passing through the crowd, and bowing three times to His Excellency as he advanced; after which Major Goldie read the warrant from Her Majesty for

His Excellency investing Sir James with the order. His Excellency rose and, in a highly complimentary address, alluding to the services of Sir James in Egypt, the Peninsula and at Waterloo under the Great Captain of the age, he stated that he was highly gratified at having been deputed and commanded by Her Majesty to perform the pleasing duty he was about to perform of investing him with a distinguished mark of Her Majesty's sense of his valuable services as a soldier and a faithful subject. Sir James then knelt and Sir John placed the red ribbon, to which the order was suspended, round his neck, after which Sir James retired backwards in the same manner as he entered, bowing three times to His Excellency. A superb collation was prepared for the occasion, which was partaken by the parties present. The Hussar band was outside of His Excellency's residence, and played during a portion of the time previous to, and after, the ceremony of the investiture. One of the pipers of the 71st Regiment was in the hall, and played some appropriate Highland airs, though the music might have been more appreciated had it been played at a greater distance. A company of the Grenadier Guards formed a guard of honor on the occasion.

We believe this is the first instance of the military honor of the Bath having been conferred on this continent, and it naturally excited considerable interest both among the military and civilians in town. It is a very rare circumstance indeed that such a ceremony takes place out of London, although we have heard that one did take place at Malta about six or seven years ago. One thing is certain that nothing could be more imposing than to witness a war worn hero like Sir John Colborne, covered with wounds, and wearing numerous stars and orders as the rewards of his heroism, being the means of bestowing a mark of Her Majesty's favor on one who had with him opposed, and triumphed over, the gigantic power of Napoleon. There was a moral fitness in the *toute ensemble*, which could not but strike the most casual observer, and we trust that both the gallant veterans may long live in health to wear their honours.

In our last we gave such particulars of the collision between the steamers *Lady Colborne* and the *Britannia* as we gathered from people on board the latter vessel. We have since received the Montreal *Courier* containing the following version of the accident, which, it will be seen, throws the whole blame on the *Britannia*:—

STEAMBOAT COLLISION.—On Saturday night, between 10 and 11 o'clock, while the *Lady Colborne* was on her way up, about half way between Three Rivers and Port Saint Francis, she was met and run into by the *Britannia*, with such tremendous force, that had she not been a new boat, she certainly would have been sunk. The head of the *Britannia* struck her opposite the opening for the gang way on the starboard bow, carried away the guard, stanchions, stay, and part of the deck, and stove in her side till within a few inches of the water. Although the *Britannia* had no light, she was seen running direct for the *Lady Colborne* by those on board, and hailed to alter her course, but to this no attention was paid.

After the collision, and before the extent of the damage could be ascertained, the *Britannia* was again hailed and requested to stop in case of need; to this, also, she paid no attention, but proceeded on her way, leaving part of her figure head on the deck of the *Lady Colborne*. As soon as it was ascertained that the hull was not damaged beyond water mark, she came on to Port Saint Francis, and lay there all night. To prevent the water from running into the hold when she leaned to that side, a few boards and blankets were nailed on, and she arrived in port yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. It is expected that it will not require more than three days to complete her repairs.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Concert.—Last night, Mr. and Mrs. Seguin assisted by Mr. Latham, gave a concert at the Theatre Royal and delighted a fashionable though not very numerous audience with "sweet sounds." The concert opened with the "Indian Drum," a trio in which the splendid voice of Mrs. Seguin harmonized with the magnificent bass of Mr. S. We have not time at present to enter into full details of the concert, but we can assure all who were not present that if they do not go to-morrow

night—when it will be seen by an advertisement in this Transcript a second concert will be given—they will lose a treat which it may not be in their power to enjoy in Quebec at a future time. Of the fourteen pieces in the programme no less than nine were enthusiastically encored, including the irresistible comic effusions of Mr. Latham—"The King of Otaheite's toe," and "Taking tea in the arbour." A new romance arranged expressly for Mr. Seguin, founded on the following legendary ballad of 1663, made a decided impression on the audience; nothing in fact could exceed—at all events nothing has ever equaled in Quebec—the clearness with which this charming singer executed the most difficult passages:—

"A Gallie Maide, of Lowe Degree,
"Became a Corsaire's prize;
"Enchanted he did bend the knee,
"Enslaved by her sparkling Eyes.
"His costly gems and love she spared,
"Although of Lowe Degree,
"Her virtue awwd the Lovely Lord,
"Who quick restored her—Libertie."

We perceive, by handbills in the street, that Miss Davenport will make her first appearance in this city, on Monday evening next, at the Theatre Royal. The characters she is to sustain on this occasion are not mentioned.

Miss Shireff and Mr. Wilson, from the Theatres Royal Drury Lane and Covent Garden, have advertised a concert to take place at Rasco's Hotel, Montreal, this (Wednesday) evening. These vocalists, previous to leaving Toronto came forward in the most handsome manner, and volunteered a concert for the benefit of the House of Industry of that city.

The following members of the theatrical profession arrived at New York, on the 26th instant, in the packet ship *Gladiator*, from London; P. Thomas and Lady, Theatre Royal, Covent Garden; C. B. Maivers and Lily, and Miss Maivers of Theatres Royal, Drury Lane and Covent Garden; J. E. Shaw and F. Salter, Theatre Royal, English Opera House.

Mr. Wallace, Charles Kean, and a whole host of theatrical ladies and gentlemen came out in the Liverpool, to fulfil engagements at the Park and National Theatres, among whom we notice the names of Mrs. Fitzwilliam, Mrs. Martyn, (who it seems has recently taken that name in exchange for that of Miss Inverarity,) Mr. Martyn, Miss Inbolton, &c. &c.

We are pleased to find that the hope we expressed some time since respecting Sally's celebrated full length portrait of Her Majesty the Queen is in a fair way of being gratified, as in the Montreal papers, we observe an advertisement to the effect that the portrait painted by Mr. S. expressly for the St. George's Society of Philadelphia is daily expected in the sister city. We take it for granted that the persons in charge of the painting will, with the valuable article entrusted to them, pay a visit to the capital of British North America, where, from the well known loyalty of a large portion of the inhabitants, combined with the fact of the painting being exhibited for the benefit of a society of old countrymen in its adjoining republic, a handsome sum may be reckoned on.

A new daily paper with the bombast title of the "Spirit of '76" has made its appearance in Detroit, under the editorial management of no less a personage than the convicted and refugee pirate Theller. It is published by H. H. Snelling and, in course advocates the cause "patriotism" or in plain Saxon English, murder and robbery.

The following is a precious specimen of the "editorial" of this vile print:—

Mr. McKenzie.—This persecuted Patriot is still confined in prison, but not, we are confident, for any length of time. Measures the most effectual have been, and are being taken, to have the *sovereign people's will*, laid before their public servant the Executive of the United States. We feel confident that he is a good Democrat, and will act on the people's instructions. *Nous verrons.*

The *Canadian* of Monday last has the following piece of nonsense:—

"Mr. T. S. Brown has addressed us a letter from Charleston in which he complains, as being an injustice to him, of the remark which we made some time ago, in saying that the surgeons had been abandoned by their general. Time, he says, will show that he wanted neither courage nor devotedness (dévouement)

but the interests of the C. from speaking for the pr

We learn from the *Gazette* that E. Bedard, the Court of King's Bench returned to Quebec.

Yesterday evening, Donoghue, of St. Roch, opposite side of the River, bathing. The water was deep; but having fell in he was drowned before he was procured. He was at

The Police, on Saturday, a portion of the te Lower Town and also ob number of skeleton keys they were enabled to en in the Lower Town.

Three persons have the charge of being cone and three others; water of the latter are Neron, 4 tier. We are assured or no store was broken in, quietly effected by men above alluded to.

It is reported that His Honor General will short Excellency's departure will probably not take place in spring; at least, not received by the Liverpool so far as we are informed his successor, or any other, to bring out a new Mercury.

A NEW TRADE.—A cargo arrived at Charleston, France, and it is said to have yielded a great profit.

Among the names of packet ship *North America* for Liverpool, on observe the following:—regiment, British Army Captain Brander, British

Among the Durham are called, we notice a have been publicly belittled. Now we can see that a gentleman, at wh of the said meeting did not know one sing till after it was over, which Durham meeting about.—*Coburg*, (U. I.)

Montreal, 26th August instant, at about 5 p. m. native of Dublin, a Mr. J. D. Gibb, was struck with a dog chain the hay loft. The dog down and medical aid extinct. It is not known may have urged him as a stranger in Montreal his situation on Tuesday to be quite happy; pated in the amusement joked with a fellow previous to his decease returned a verdict of "temporary insanity."

His Excellency Sir James Macdonnell has issued a proclamation declaring that he has ceased to exist in criminal term commencing, and the calendar on almost any previous Herald of Monday.

COMM

Extract from Messrs. circular dated

Montreal, Saturday.—"We have nothing revival of business—travels, occasionally, speculative operations articles, of which we mention—Tea and Su

"The former article @ 4d per lb since the the steamship Liverpool has not been affected formation, and appear the advanced rates no "Preparations are for an active Fall but still sanguine, notwith