

NEWS.

**MONTREAL, Jan. 19.**—His Honor the Mayor of this city, John E. Mills, Esq., has, in a letter addressed to the President of the Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association, very handsomely offered a donation of £150 in aid of a permanent fund to be vested in the Corporation, for the purpose of relieving any of the Firemen who may be injured or disabled while in the performance of their duty, or for assisting the widows and children of any who may be killed.—*Courier*.

**THE PORTLAND RAILWAY.**—We are happy to find that the suggestion we throw out in our last number, as to paying interest upon the capital stock of this Company as paid in, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, in semi-annual dividends, has been promptly adopted by the shareholders. We congratulate the Company on this decision, and we trust the Legislature will promptly and unhesitatingly grant the alteration in the Charter which it is understood to require before the decision can be acted upon.—*Economist*.

The citizens of Quebec are proceeding with the scheme of an electric telegraphic communication with Halifax with great spirit, and a large portion of the stock is already subscribed for.—*Id.*

**ALARMING.**—We have almost been ashamed to publish the statements of arrests by the Police at Montreal and Quebec, during the year ending on the 31st December last. 4376 at Montreal and 3983 at Quebec, is about every twelfth resident of these Cities respectively! It must be supposed, however, these numbers include persons coming to the Cities on temporary business. Indeed at Quebec 649 are admitted to be seamen, and the great increase of arrests, nearly triple in the summer months, seems to show that many of them were strangers to the cities. We should like to know the number of arrests in the "District of Quebec" out of the city. We should still hope that when we get into the country, we are in Canada, such as it was before "the march of intellect," "civilisation" and "le progrès," of which we hear so much. Of Quebec and Montreal we have nearly lost all hopes. We read in a Washington paper of the commencement of the present month an opinion formed on an alleged insulated fact, "that Canada must be a very immoral country." We felt indignant at the assertion, and were preparing to contradict it; but what shall we say now, when we, ourselves, have published that in Montreal, the Seat of Government, 2689 were taken up in one year for drunkenness in public, and about half as many at Quebec, with populations of about fifty and forty thousand souls?—*Quebec Gazette*.

We regret to say that the small-pox has found its way into some parts of this city. The city "Board of Health" should be on the alert, and inoculation for this pestilential disease ought in no case to be either practised or allowed.—*Kingston Chronicle & Gazette*.

The United States appear very unfortunate just now in their maritime affairs. A store ship laden with barges for service in Mexico was driven ashore and wrecked at Bristol during the storm of last Thursday week.

**FATAL DISASTER!**—About ten o'clock on Saturday evening, a sudden and tremendous gale passed over the lower portion of Troy, N. Y., blowing down the west wall of the Clinton Foundry. At the time there were 18 moulders at work in different parts of the building, three of whom were killed, and seven wounded.

We learn from the Philadelphia papers, that a locomotive exploded on the Reading Rail Road, on the 11th instant, by which seven persons were killed. The report was heard four miles off.

The citizens of New Orleans have opened a subscription for swords to be presented to the English and French officers, who so nobly exerted themselves, in the face of most imminent danger, to save the crew of the United States brig *Somers*, capsized in a sudden squall off the city of Vera Cruz.

**SLAVERY.**—Capt. Ross, near Fort Gibson, Miss., some years ago, trained his servants (170 in number) for freedom, and finally by his will conferred it upon them, with the endowment of almost his entire large estate, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to their benefit, on their voluntary establishment in Liberia. Ten years have elapsed since the decease of Captain Ross; his will has been sustained by the decision of the Supreme Court of that State—and yet his people remain in slavery. Surely Justice, not less than humanity, demands that the rights of these people should no longer be disregarded. The character of the State of Mississippi is deeply concerned in this case, and we trust it will be speedily vindicated.

**SLAVERY.**—Our attention has just been called to the will of the late John Woodward Esq., of this city, formerly Consul General of the Republic of Texas, by which it appears that the entire estate of this gentleman is left in trust to the Mayor, for the time being, of this city, to be applied exclusively to the education of free persons of colour. Mr Woodward expresses his preference that they should be educated in Africa. At the time of his decease, Mr Woodward held titles to vast bodies of land (some 2,500,000 acres) in Texas, and the value of the estate will depend upon the validity of these claims, which doubtless the executors will endeavour to turn to the best advantage.—*Journal of Commerce*.

**THREE PECKS OF SNAKES.**—At Birmingham, Conn., on Tuesday of last week, some young men while hunting in the woods, discovered a den of crawling reptiles counting seventy-six in number, and measuring three pecks dry measure. They were too much chilled to be harmful, and were put in a box to be sent to the New-York "market."

New York, January 15.—A slip from Norfolk of yesterday's date, received here by steambat *Oscola*, reports that the steambat *Mississippi* had just arrived there from Anton Lizardo, 29th ultimo. On the 20th of December, Com. Perry, with several vessels, took possession of Laguna, and destroyed all the enemy's guns and munitions of war found in the forts and the town. Com. Sands, with two vessels, was left in charge, off Alvarado. The *Mississippi* captured a Mexican schooner, called the *Amelia*, and sent her to New Orleans for sale. Purser Crosby was killed by falling from aloft on board the *Vixen*.

Official Mexican accounts had been received of events at Los Angeles, on the Pacific. In the action of 24th September, at that place, 27 Americans were made prisoners and three wounded; one Mexican was killed, but no Americans. The conquerors then laid siege to the city of Angels, and on the 30th September, the town capitulated to Flores.

**FROM CENTRAL AMERICA.**—Advices from Guatemala to 14th ultimo, state that *Malespin*, who had appeared in arms at the head of a body of malcontents, had been met by a force from San Miguel, when a battle ensued, in which *Malespin* was killed, and his party totally routed.

The Honduras *Observer* of the 12th, also has more particulars of the revolution in Yucatan. It states that the revolution is in consequence of Merida proclaiming in favour of Mexico, and Campeachy for the United States. The people of Campeachy wish to depose the government of Merida, and establish the seat of government in their own city.

**Albany, January 16.**—The news from the seat of war is favourable. Three days later, from Brazos shows that Gen. Wool, with his division, had reached Saltillo. Thus reinforced, Gen. Worth will bid defiance to any Mexican force which can be brought against him, and that anything very formidable was advancing upon him, was not certain, or even probable.

Santa Anna has been elected president of Mexico. The Mexican congress had taken no action on the war question. The Mexican papers transfer the future battle ground to San Luis Potosi.

**LEAD MINES AND TRADE OF THE WEST.**—Dr. Owen, who has been appointed by the Government to make an examination of the mineral lands of Iowa and Wisconsin, states, as the result of his inquiries, that the region produces at this moment nearly as much lead as the whole of Europe, with the exception of Great Britain, and that it has indisputable capacities of producing as much lead as all Europe, Great Britain included. The arrivals at New Orleans, annually, have been as follows:—

1838.....	pigs,	183,712	1839.....	pigs,	251,733
1839.....	.....	146,203	1839.....	.....	295,634
1830.....	.....	254,805	1840.....	.....	317,596
1831.....	.....	151,251	1841.....	.....	434,467
1832.....	.....	122,933	1842.....	.....	473,556
1833.....	.....	180,662	1843.....	.....	571,946
1834.....	.....	203,109	1844.....	.....	639,269
1835.....	.....	211,773	1845.....	.....	732,125
1836.....	.....	295,611	1846.....	.....	785,494
1837.....	.....	211,090			

The lowest price paid for lead sold in New York, within ten years, was 2½ cents, twelve months credit, and the highest 8 cents, sixty days; the former in 1830, and the latter in 1833.

**DECREASE OF CRIME IN ROME.**—It is worthy of remark, that since the accession of Pius IX. in June, the number of crimes committed against the person, as well as against property, in the district of Rome, has diminished in the most extraordinary ratio—the month of June offering about 500 cases, July, 310, August 230, September 200, and last month's calendar falling to 112; the old admirers of the red tape system, coercion and routine, can make nothing of it. It seems to them a sort of witchcraft.

**Monies received on account of People's Magazine:—**  
 Ayr, R. G. 1s 3d; J. H. 1s 3d.—Barric, W. G. 5s.—Bytown, Private C. 5s.—Dickenson's Landing, Mrs H. B. 5s., G. M. 2s 6d; J. N. M.N. 2s 6d; C. M. 1s 3d.—Dundas, R. E. sen. 5s.—Eaton, S. A. H. 5s.—Front Village, Rev H. M. 5s.—Hawkebury, T. T. M.C. 5s.—Holland Landing, W. B. T. 2s 6d.—Lacolle, S. S. 5s.—Lachine Road, J. B. 2s 6d.—Norman-dale, I. W. 5s.—Oakville, Mrs G. 5s.—Oshawa, W. R. 5s; E. T. 3s 9d.—Onslow, A. W. 1s 3d; A. K. 1s 3d.—Owen Sound, Rev R. J. W. £2 10s.—Sand Hill, I. L. 5s.—Seneca, J. J. jr. 5s; J. B. 5s.—Zone Mills, Mrs V. A. 5s.

**PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, Jan. 27, 1847.**

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.		
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	23	0	a	23	6	BEEF, Prime Mess,					
Pearls, .....	23	0	a	23	6	per brl. 200lbs.	47	6	a	0	0
FLOUR, Canada Su-						Prime, .....	42	6	a	0	0
per fine, per brl.						Prime Mess, per					
196 lbs. ....			Nominal.			tierce, 304lbs.	00	0	a	00	0
Do. Fine, .....	26	0	a	27	0	PORK, Mess, per brl.					
Do. Sour, .....			none			200lbs	72	6	a	75	0
Do. Middlings, .			none			Prime Mess, .....	55	0	a	60	0
Indian Meal, 168lb.	15	0	a	00	0	Prime, .....	50	0	a	52	6
Oatmeal, brl. 224lb.	25	0	a	00	0	Cargo, .....	40	0	a	00	0
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.						BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a	0	7½
Best, 60lbs. ...	5	0	a	5	3	CHEESE, full milk,					
Do. L.C. per min.	4	6	a	4	9	100 lbs., .....	40	0	a	50	0
BARLEY, Minot, ...	3	0	a	3	3	LARD, per lb. ....	0	5	a	0	6
OATS, " .....	2	0	a	0	0	TALLOW, per lb. ...	0	6	a	0	6½
PEASE, .....	3	10	a	4	0						

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