

Among other marks of the growing improvements in our country we have to notice a handsome small Steam Boat which has been built at Lachine with the design of playing between that place and St. Andrews, and we understand will be ready to commence running in the course of a fortnight. This Boat is called the *St. Andrews*, Packet about 80 feet long on deck, 26 feet breadth of beam, has an Engine of 20 horse power upon the most approved construction made by Bennet & Briggs. We have heard she is to make three trips a week, and to stop at the intermediate settlements, which will be of very essential service to that part of the country.

On Monday the 9th an elegant steam-boat, called the *Canadian*, belonging to J. B. Raymond, Esq. was launched at Laprairie.

A slight accident occurred owing to the shallowness of the water, which caused her to rest on the ways; she was however, with a little exertion floated next day, and will be towed down this morning by the Montreal to Mun's wharf, where her Engine, (built by Ward) is to be put on board. She is intended to ply between this city and Laprairie.

A Man was observed on the 1st going on a raft, near Mr. Hardy's Potash manufactory, with a child in his arms. He lay down apparently to sleep, and after some time, was observed by the same Person who had seen him at first, coming away without the child. Other persons having then assembled, the man was seized and questioned; he either was or pretended to be silly, and would say nothing but that the child was swimming. A search was made for the infant, to no purpose. The man, we hear was taken before some of the proper authorities.

An Indian and his squaw lately came into town, on their way to the Upper-Country. They had with them a beautiful female child, 12 or 14 years of age. We have heard that a few nights ago the child and some blankets disappeared. An anxious search has been made for the girl, in different houses, but without effect.

A sad accident occurred at the Island of St. Helen, on the 2d. A young girl who had gone into service a day or two before, fell from the garret window, broke her leg, and it is supposed her arm; it is also feared she is inwardly hurt, as she threw up a great deal of blood. She had got up in the window to shut it, and held by a hold fast, which, being rotten, gave way. She has been brought to the Hospital.

The body of a man, another of a woman, were, it is said, found last Sunday 30th on the Mountain. They were discovered, rumours says, by hunters, and were put into a hole without reporting to the Coroner. It is supposed that they belonged to a gang which last summer seated themselves in the wood at the back of the Mountain; but how they came by their death no one at present can conjecture.

On the 1st two men working in the Ship-yard at the foot of the current, being intoxicated, had a quarrel, when one of them struck his comrade on the head with a stick for making hoops and killed him on the spot. The inquest assembled yesterday, Dr. Stephenson opened the head of the deceased and found his cranium fractured.

About 8 o'clock in the morning of the 7th inst six or eight robbers disguised and armed with pistols, clubs, and other weapons surrounded the house of Mr. Gamelin, an honest and wealthy inhabitant of the village of St. Francois in the district of Three Rivers, and having forced their way in imposed silence upon the people, and by their gestures and menaces, they seized and carried off a sum in Silver of between five and six hundred pounds.—It is supposed that amongst these robbers were the persons, who escaped lately from the jail of Montreal.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of this district, dedicated on the 13th the new Hall in Rascoe's Hotel, to the purposes of Masonry.

*Interesting Spectacle.*—We witnessed on the 27th a sight of no small degree of interest, namely the arrival by the ship Niagara, of a body of fine Highland peasantry in number about 150 as settlers for the McNab Township on the Ottawa river. This enterprising gentleman has with a feeling and conduct which cannot be too extensively imitated—obtained from the Government a tract of excellent land for the purpose of providing for the surplus population of his estates in Scotland. He was in this city and in full costume accompanied by his piper, went on board and welcomed them on their arrival in port. The happiness of the interview was sincere, cordial and mutual, such as brought to mind the venerated feelings between the Chieftain & his clansmen in days of yore.