

but little difference in the estimated expence of the route to those two places; that to Niagara we understand, is estimated at about 2000*l.* more than to the mouth of of the Twelve-Mile Creek;—in the last route, however, there is a much greater part to be done in perishable materials than in the former; besides, the great superiority of the noble harbor, formed by nature, in the river, over the superficial one to be made at the mouth of the Twelve-Mile Creek. This will, we have little doubt, induce the Directors to bring it to Niagara.—In the mean time, the first thing to be done, is the cut thro' the high lands from Chippawa to the head waters of the Twelve-Mile Creek;—this is common to both projected routes; and will be the place where the work will be commenced, we presume. From the Grand River to Chippawa, the intended route of the Canal passes through a very extensive swamp, containing many thousand acres of land, at present, of no use; and is a great injury to the neighbourhood from the unhealthy vapours that proceed from those stagnated waters in the summer; and being a harbour for wolves and other beasts of prey. The level of the swamp is higher than the Grand River, and about ten feet higher than Chippawa—so that the Canal would form a complete drain to the whole, by which that extensive tract of land, in place of being a nuisance to the neighbourhood, might be converted into fruitful fields.—We understand that a petition will be made to His Majesty, through the Lieutenant Governor, for a grant of said tract to the Stockholders of the Canal. Should that be granted, (which we can hardly doubt,) it will go far in defraying the expence of the cut from the Grand River to Chippawa. Much credit is due to the Directors and a few individuals, for their great and persevering exertions in pushing forward the business under many discouraging circumstances. It is melancholy and surprizing, to find such a backwardness in the most influential and wealthy people of the District to that great work.

*Hail Storm.*—On the 23d, in the evening, the vicinity of Brockville was visited by a heavy storm of hail, which, we are informed, has done considerable damage in some places. It does not appear to have been equally severe, at all points. We had little hail at Kingston, and nothing was experienced beyond a copious fall of rain accompanied by a strong gale of wind, and some loud peals of thunder.

A short time previous to the storm two men with one woman and child left Kingston, short in a small boat, which being leaky, took in so much water that the waves dashed over the sides and it filled. All on board were drowned except one man, who was fortunate enough to make his escape by swimming. The body of the child was found next morning and the other two the day after.

The business before the Court of General Gaol Delivery at Niagara, was not completed till the 10th inst,—on that day the Session was closed. The only criminals that were found guilty, were David Tweddy and John M'Neal: both for larceny; and both received the same sentence, *viz.* six weeks solitary confinement, and during that period to be twice publicly whipped—receiving at each time twenty five lashes. In civil matters, there were no trials of importance.

*Steam Boat.*—A steam packet is to be built at Black Rock, in time to be in operation next spring, to ply between that place, Chippawa in U. C. and the mouth of the Tonnewanta creek. Gilbert M'Micking, Esq. and Col. Clark are said to be considerable share-holders.

The foundation stone of Ancaster Free Church was laid on the 8th July last.

Mr. Thomas Parker, of Niagara, fed a sheep, which was lately killed in that village—its carcase weighed 108 lbs. and the tallow 22 lbs.

*Died.*—At York, on the 29th July last, the Hon. Thomas Scott, formerly Chief Justice of Upper Canada.

At Kingston, lately, John, the youngest son of Mr. George Baxter, of that place.

*New-Publications.*—In the monthly list for June we find the following notices of new works:—

“Speedily will be published, *Five Years Residence in the Canadas, including a Tour through the United States of America in 1823*, by E. A. Tulbot, Esq. of the Talbot settlement, Upper Canada.”

“*An Excursion through the United States and Canada, during the years 1822 and 3*, by an English gentleman, is printing.”

“Lieut Morgan has in the press, the *Emigrant's Note-book, with Recollections of Upper and Lower Canada during the late war.*”