

strengthened by the public accession of Lord John Russell and Lord Morpeth to their party; and it is supposed by many that an opposition, headed by persons of the high character and great influence of the two noble Lords above named will be too powerful to resist, backed as it is by the present scarcity of food.

An intimation of the demands of the U. S. Government as to the Oregon question, had reached England by the Great Western steamer which took out an American newspaper published at Washington, claiming the whole territory; and the effect is described as similar to the explosion of a bomb-shell thrown into a friendly citadel.

IRELAND.—A distressing calamity took place on the Royal canal, within about seven miles of Dublin, last week. One of the boats on the canal capsized, by which fifteen lives were lost.

Lord Primate Beresford has declared his intention of bestowing £1000 on each of the three Provincial Colleges towards the foundation of divinity schools for students of the Established Church.

The Government surveyors have already commenced operations in Galway, where the site of the new college, consisting of about eight acres, is at the rear of the school of Erasmus Smith's foundation.

BRITISH AMERICAN LAND COMPANY.—A special meeting of the proprietors of stock in this corporation, formed to extend emigration and promote agricultural pursuits in Lower Canada, was held, on Saturday afternoon last, at the Company's house, Barge-yard, Bucklebury, to receive a report from the Court of Directors.

COMMERICAL.—The arrival of timber from B. N. America at the port of Liverpool, to the close of November, had swelled the number to 393 vessels, with a tonnage of 212,060 tons which is already an excess of 23,000 tons over the whole importations of the preceding year.

The Poor-law Commissioners have issued a general order forbidding the employment of paupers in bone crushing, or any other process by which bones are reduced to dust. The order takes effect from the first of January next.

A subscription has been opened for the purpose of presenting Lieutenant Waghorn, the opener of the overland route, with some mark of acknowledgement for his great services to the commerce of England and India.

NEW ZEALAND.—Accounts have been received from this distant colony up to the 12th of July last, which bring the very unpleasant intelligence of another sanguinary contest having taken place between the natives and the troops, when the latter were obliged to retire, after a severe loss, without effecting their object.

MONTREAL.—A melancholy accident occurred last week, while a party of the 46th Regiment were embarking in a canoe to cross to the island of St. Helens, by which three soldiers unfortunately lost their lives.

The Inspector of Police at Montreal made another visit of inspection to a number of baker's shops in the St. Antoine and Recollet suburbs where about one hundred loaves of bread were condemned for deficiency in weight.

Colonel Despard adds "I must here remark, that the hatchets, and axes, as well as the ropes for pulling down the stockades, and the ladders, were all thrown away or left behind by those appointed to carry them; and to this circumstance I attribute the main cause of the failure."

"I trust that it will not be thought that the character of the British has been tarnished on

this occasion. One-third of the men actually engaged fell in the attack; and, during the eight days that we have been engaged carrying on operations against this place, one-fourth of the whole strength of the British soldiers under my command (originally not exceeding 490) have been either killed or wounded."

UNITED STATES.—A resolution to the following effect was moved in the Senate at Washington on Monday the 15th inst. by Gen. Cass, to inquire into the condition of the navy, the land defences, and respecting the re-organization of the militia, all of which were to be considered with the view of an efficient preparation by land and sea, against the dangers of foreign invasion.

Texas has been declared a State of the American Union by a vote of 141 to 56, in the House of Representatives.

NEW YORK, DEC. 15th.—FROM OREGON.—Mr. Charles Saxton, directly from Oregon on his way to Washington, writes a letter to the Ohio Statesman, in which he says that the Hudson's Bay Company, which has a store at Oregon city, after receiving President Polk's Inaugural, declaring the U. S. right to Oregon 'clear and unquestionable,' refused to take wheat of the American settlers in payment for goods as they had before done.

Several members of the Company are mentioned as having possession of a large portion of Oregon city. J. McLaughlin, chief factor of the Company, last year cut down a tree on the north side of the Columbia, because the name of an American citizen was upon it, and also demolished a log cabin which had been built on the same side.

Mr. S. W. Allen, also a settler in Oregon, writes to the St. Louis Republican, that he thinks Mr. Saxton to be influenced by party feeling in his representations.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser gives a more favourable account of Dr. McLaughlin, and states that he is very kind to emigrants, assisting them by his advice, and by giving them credit for purchases.

Lord Metcalfe.—The following is an extract from a letter written by a passenger on board the steamship Britannia, published in the Albany Evening Journal:—

Lord Metcalfe is on board, but much afflicted with disease. He has not made his appearance, and probably will not during the voyage. His suite speak of him as suffering his cruel malady with singular fortitude and patience. He is also understood to be a man of most excellent disposition and humane feelings.

[It is well to add to the above that the British Consul at Boston was requested by Lord Metcalfe to convey to the Governor of the State of Massachusetts and to the authorities of the city of Boston his Lordship's regret that the state of his health did not allow him personally to pay his respects to them; alluding also in a kindly way to the civilities which he received upon landing at Boston, when on his way to assume the government which he has now just relinquished.—Ed.]

MONTREAL.—A melancholy accident occurred last week, while a party of the 46th Regiment were embarking in a canoe to cross to the island of St. Helens, by which three soldiers unfortunately lost their lives. The ice upon which they were standing while getting into the canoe gave way, and in trying to jump into the boat, it was upset and the whole number were thrown into the river. Two were drowned and one, who was rescued from the water, died afterwards from cold and exhaustion.

The Inspector of Police at Montreal made another visit of inspection to a number of baker's shops in the St. Antoine and Recollet suburbs where about one hundred loaves of bread were condemned for deficiency in weight. A number of pounds of butter were seized at the same time by the Clerk of the Market, and both were distributed among the different Charitable Institutions which have thus been furnished a second time with their "bread and butter" by the activity of the Inspector of Police.

The Montreal Gazette of Monday says, "The weather still continues mild for the season. The ice on the river has taken between Montreal and St. Helens' island, and St. Lambert. Opposite the centre of the city the river continues open."

Return of Admissions, Discharges and Deaths, in the Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Quebec, from the 1st of May, up to the 30th Nov., 1835.—

Table with columns: Total number of Admissions (1,364), Total Discharged (1,307), Died (32), Remaining (25). Sub-sections for Of these were— (Seamen, Emigrants, Town's People) and Medical/Surgical Cases.

MARITIME EXTRACTS.

(From the Yarmouth, N. S. Herald.) WRECK AT SEA.—Capt. Clements, of the brig Argyle, reports that in lat. 44, 30 S. long. 47, 45, W. he fell in with, and boarded the City of Waterford, of Waterford, water-logged, — main and mizen masts gone by the deck, foremast and topmast standing. One man, who appeared to have been dead about 24 hours, was in the fore-top. There appeared to have been more men on board. The topmast had an old sail drawn round it, and two beds were in the top. A small blue and white flag was waving at the mast-head. The deck appeared to be swept of boats, round house, and every moveable object. She was loaded with deals, which were bursting through the decks, and washing out of the hold, and cleared from Quebec on the 14th October last.

A letter received at St. John, N. B. mentions that eleven of the crew were taken off the wreck by Capt. Patterson, of the brig Demorest, from Shediac, which vessel had a passage of 20 days to Cork. They had been in the foretop nine days, and three had died. To the above sad account we grieve to be obliged to add that two more outward bound square-rigged vessels and a schooner, are reported as wrecked near Cape Chat; and it is feared that all on board the schooner and on one of the square-rigged vessels have perished. One is the ship Wm Bayard, Capt. Miller, flour-laden, which went ashore on the 6th inst. at Little Matane and will be a total wreck. The master and crew got safely to land, though many of the latter were dreadfully frost-bitten: one of them so badly that it is feared he may lose his life. They have reached Metis. The cargo it is hoped, may be saved. The other vessel is supposed to be the bark Montreal, George Douglas, master, from Montreal, laden with flour and wheat, which sailed hence on the 28th Nov. and the circumstances mentioned in the letter below leave little ground for hope to the contrary. The wife and child of Capt. Douglas, were on board with him. He has been long engaged in the trade of the St. Lawrence, and was well and favourably known as a skillful sailor and a generous, upright man.

Extract of a letter received from Mr. Charles Campbell, dated— "Matane, 15th Dec. 1845. "A man from Ste. Anne, (district of Gaspe), named Thos. Allison, who has just arrived here, reports two wrecks at Cape Chat, the crew of one was saved, but, sad to relate, of the other vessel, not one is left to tell the tale. Several of their bodies have been washed on shore, among them are a woman and a child. On the vessel's burgee, which is torn, are the three first letters of her name—MON.

"He further reports a Schooner being totally wrecked about six miles below the bark—none of her crew seen at all, and supposed to have no cargo, as none was seen. "This man further states that he had seen close to the bark, a full female figure-head—painted white."

The new steamer for the People's Line is commenced in Mr. Munn's ship-yard. She is to be 32 feet longer than the Quebec, and will be propelled by two engines.

Miramichi, Nov. 14.—Arrived—Schr. Belinda, Caldwell, 17 days from Quebec.

DEAL, Nov. 18.—The Robert Bruce, arrived in the Downs, from Quebec, experienced a hurricane in lat 45, lon 42, carried away fore and main-topmasts, &c., and was on her beam ends for 13 hours, having at one time 12 feet water in her hold.

GREENOCK, Nov. 18.—22 barrels of flour, marked "C. & J. M.D. & Co. Gamaque," were picked up at sea, with a barrel of varnish, marked "T. Bond, Hull," by the Sampson, arrived at this port from Quebec.

KILWASH, Nov. 19.—The Ann Moor, from Quebec, has lost bulwarks, stanchions, &c., having been struck by a sea.

LYTHAM, Nov. 29.—The Royalist, of Maryport, from Quebec, to this port, went on shore this morning, and has received considerable damage.

MONTROSE, Nov. 18.—The Ebor, of this port, from Quebec, got on shore last night, near the mouth of the river, but is expected to be got off if the weather should continue moderate.

STRANRAER, Nov. 17.—The Onyx, arrived here from Quebec, with ten of the crew of the Harrison, of London, abandoned at sea.

IMPORTANT TO MARINERS.—Variation and Dip of the Needle, at Bermuda, taken by Captain Barnett, of H. M. Surveying Vessel Thunder. In the old Charts but 2° of Variation is given, whereas from the present observation it appears that there are 7° 01' West, and which is very likely to be the reason why many ships pass the Islands without seeing them, and others run on the reefs in the neighbourhood.

Variation of the Needle at } 7° 01' West  
Bermuda in Oct., 1845. }  
Dip of the Needle. } 65° 26' 16" W.

PASSENGERS.

In the Steam Ship Cambria for Liverpool. Messrs. D. Gilmour, H. S. Balkin and wife, G. Black, jr., Bowes, T. Curry, Hatland, Symes, John Ross, Day, Ogden, and Stevenson of Quebec; T. Froste, Esq., of Liverpool.

MARRIED.

On Monday, the 22nd instant, by the Rev. Mr. Clugston, Henry Pemberton, Esquire, to Isabella Amelia, second daughter of Wm. Torrance, Esq. of Poplar Grove.

On Wednesday, the 24th December, by Revd. G. Mackie, Curate of Quebec, Weston Hunt, Esquire, of Greenhithe, England, to Henrietta, second daughter of James Hunt, Esquire, of this City.

ENGLISH MAIL.

LETTERS for the above Mail will be received at the Quebec Post Office, till FRIDAY the 26th inst.—PAID Letters to THREE o'clock, and UNPAID to FOUR, P. M.

QUEBEC MARKETS.

Corrected by the Clerks of the Markets up to Tuesday, 23rd Dec., 1845.

Table of market prices for various commodities: Beef, Mutton, Ditto, Pork, Lamb, Veal, Do., Eggs, Potatoes, Maple Sugar, Oats, Hay, Straw, Fire-wood, Cheese, Butter, Ditto, Pot Ashes, Pearl do.

NEW BOOKS.

Just received from England, and for Sale by GILBERT STANLEY, No. 1, ST. ANN STREET.

An assortment of beautifully illustrated ANNUALS, in morocco and crimson silk bindings, at very low prices. CHILDREN'S BOOK, in great variety, plain and coloured. A Catalogue is in preparation, and will be ready in a few days. Quebec, Nov. 13, 1845.

OFFICE OF CROWN LANDS.

Montreal, 19th December, 1845.

NOTICE.—To be sold by Public Auction at the Court House, Three Rivers, on TUESDAY, the FOURTH day of AUGUST, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, at the hour of ELEVEN, in the forenoon: That Real Estate, known as the Saint Maurice Forges, situated on the River Saint Maurice, District of Three Rivers, Lower Canada, comprising the whole of the Iron Works, Mills, Furnaces, Dwelling-Houses, Storehouse, Out Houses, &c., and containing about fifty five acres, more or less. The purchaser to have the privilege of buying any additional quantity of the adjoining land, (not exceeding three hundred and fifty acres) which he may have at the rate of seven shillings and sixpence per acre.

The purchaser will also have the right of taking Iron Ore, during a period of five years, on the ungranted Crown Lands of the Fiefs Saint Eutene and Saint Maurice, known as the lands of the Forges which right shall cease on any portion of the same from the moment the said portion is sold, granted, or otherwise disposed of by the Government, who, however, shall be liable to no indemnity towards the purchaser for such a cessation of privilege. Also the right (not exclusive) of purchasing Ore from Grantees of the Crown, or others, on whose property mines may have been reserved to the Crown.

Fifteen days to be allowed the present Lessee to remove his chattels and private property. Possession to be given on the Second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six. One-fourth of the purchase money will be required down at the time of sale, the remainder to be paid in three equal annual instalments, with interest. Letters Patent to issue when payment is completed. Plans of the Property may be seen at this office. D. B. PAPINEAU, C. C. L.

The Canada Gazette will please publish this advertisement, and the other newspapers in Lower Canada in the language they are printed in, once a fortnight till the day of sale. The Chronicle and Gazette, Kingston, and Toronto Herald, will also insert the above.

NOTICE.

ALL persons in Distress or Special Distress, in consequence of the Fires of the 28th of May and 25th of June last, are requested to Register their Names, Trades or Occupations and Places of Residence, in a Book kept for that purpose by the undersigned, in the room occupied by the Committee of Distribution at the City Hall, in order that they may be visited and obtain such relief as they may require.—All respectable persons may register the names of Distressed parties known to them, from ELEVEN until ONE o'clock daily from the 12th to the 31st DECEMBER next, when the book will be closed. Those persons whose names are registered will be visited, but to save unnecessary trouble to applicants and to the visitors, it is to be understood that the following Classes of Sufferers do not fall under the scope of the present inquiry—

- 1. The ordinary poor of the City; for these, if sufferers by the Fires, assistance is otherwise provided.
- 2. Tradesmen in full employment, at wages equal to or higher than before the Fires, who have already received relief.
- 3. Persons still possessing the means to carry on their ordinary business.

EDW. H. BOWEN, Secretary.

City Hall, Quebec, Nov. 25th, 1845.

N. B. The Publishers of all the Quebec Newspapers both French and English are requested to insert the above notice, in the language of their respective publications, until the 31st day of December next.

NOTICE.

ALL those persons who have suffered loss in the fires of the 28th May and 25th June last, and have neglected to record their statements of loss, are requested to register them before the thirty-first of DECEMBER; as after that day, no statements of loss will be received.

EDW. H. BOWEN, Secretary. Resolve of the Committee of Distribution, 9th December, 1845. N. B.—The Publishers of all the Quebec Newspapers, both French and English, are requested to publish the above notice until the close of the present month, in the languages of their respective publications.

THE Girls' department of the British L. and Canadian School will re-open on MONDAY, the 6th instant, in a room in the Military Asylum. JEFFERY HALE, Quebec, 2nd Oct., 1845.

F. H. ANDREWS, ORGAN & PIANO-FORTE TUNER.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Nov. 1845.

NOTICE. THE partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the firm of THOMAS FROSTE & Co., Quebec, and FROST & HARRISON, Montreal, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. R. M. Harrison is hereby authorized to settle all outstanding accounts in America, and Thomas Froste in Great Britain and Ireland.

THOMAS FROSTE, R. M. HARRISON. Quebec, 6th Dec. 1845.

THE Subscriber will continue the business of THOMAS FROSTE & Co., in his own name and on his own account. R. M. HARRISON. Quebec, 6th Dec. 1845.

CHAMBLAY CANAL TOLLS TO LET.

NOTICE is hereby given, that TENDERS will be received until Monday, the TWENTY-NINTH day of DECEMBER next, from parties desirous of LEASING the TOLLS of the CHAMBLAY CANAL, possession to be given on the 1st January next ensuing.

Tenders to be sent to the Commissioner of Customs, Montreal, marked on the outside, "Tenders for the Tolls on the Chamblay Canal." Security will be required in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds for the proper tending of the Locks of the Canal, providing a sufficient number of Lock Tenders therefor, tending the lamps, and furnishing the oil necessary for the same, and for the protection of all property belonging to the Board of Works placed under the charge of the Lock Masters or Lessee.

All information respecting the revenues of the Canal can be obtained, by application, at the Inspector General's Office. Montreal, November 18, 1845.

Mutual Life Assurance

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, HEAD OFFICE, 141, BUCHANAN-STREET, GLASGOW.

THE Constitution and Regulations of this Society insure to its Members the full benefits which can be derived from such sums as they are willing to devote to the important duty of LIFE INSURANCE. The whole profits are secured to the Policy holders by the Mutual System on which the Society is established, and their allocation to the Members is made on fair, simple, and popular principles.

It is provided by the Rules, that the whole Directors, Ordinary and Extraordinary, shall be Members of the Society, by holding Policies of Insurance for Life with it, or more than three years' standing. This rule secures to the Public that those Noblemen and Gentlemen who appear as Directors of the Society, have practically approved of its principles. For further particulars, with tables of Premiums, apply to R. M. HARRISON, Agent for Canada. Quebec, August, 1845.

COALS.

NEWCASTLE, Wallsend, Grate & Smith's Coals, for Sale by H. H. Porter & Co. Porter & Co's Wharf, Late Irvine's. Quebec, 29th May, 1845.

SIGHT RESTORED.

NERVOUS HEADACHE AND DEAFNESS CURED, BY THE USE OF

Patronized by the ROYAL FAMILY OF GREAT BRITAIN. For its efficacy in removing Disorders incident to the EYES AND HEAD.

THE FORCEPS, 14TH DEC., 1844.

This Scientific Medical Reviewer made the following critique on GRIMSTONE'S EYE SNUFF, demonstrating its powerful influence on those delicate organs, the Eye and Ear. GRIMSTONE'S EYE SNUFF.—Perhaps there is no one thing that has effected so much good, and that in so pleasant a manner, as Grimstone's Eye Snuff; and we are really surprised that it has not commanded more attention from the medical profession, for although we are aware that some eminent professors of the medical art have taken advantage of its usefulness, there are many who, however they might be convinced of its utility, prescribe it not because it is a simple remedy that might, on a future occasion, be resorted to without their aid. Independently of its usefulness in removing pains in the head and inflammations of the eye, it is a pleasant stimulus to the nose, so that those who use it combine pleasure with profit, and we can scarcely understand how snuff-takers can forego its advantages for compounds that in many cases possess only the recommendation of being foreign. We would recommend every one requiring its aid to try Mr. Grimstone's Snuff, and we feel convinced that they will be grateful to Mr. Grimstone for the talent he has displayed in forming his excellent compound, and to ourselves for calling their attention to it.

Other Testimonials can be seen. The Wholesale and Retail Agent for Canada has just received a fresh supply per Zealous. THOMAS BICKLELL, Grocer and Importer of China, Glass and Earthenware. St. John Street, Quebec.