

NEWS.

**SNOW STORM.**—One of the severest snow storms which has occurred at Quebec this winter commenced on Saturday the 27th February, late in the afternoon. It continued during the night with a strong easterly wind, and part of the next day. The quantity of snow fallen on a level is something more than a foot. In the hardwood lands, where it does not drift, the depth of snow is now about five feet six inches. In many of the fields the fences are no longer visible, and the drifts about the houses are to the height of the eaves of the houses of one story. The roads are greatly obstructed. Of the state of the streets and roads within the limits of the city, they may be visited as a curiosity. Time must be allowed to make them tolerable. We are sorry to hear that the carriage of his Lordship, the Bishop of Montreal, with himself and one of his daughters, was upset yesterday. They have not, however, received any serious hurt. We are sorry to hear that a farmer of Lorette, of the name of Gauvin, or Louis Denis Moisan, who had been to the Quebec market with a load of hay, perished in the night of the storm, within a short distance of his home, his horse having got out of the road. Both the man and the horse were discovered next morning frozen to death and nearly covered with the snow drift. He has left a widow and several children.—*Quebec Gazette.*

A general meeting of merchants and others interested in the establishment of a line of telegraph between Halifax and Quebec, was held at the former city on the 20th ultimo, when resolutions were passed, approving of the project, and for organising a company to establish the line through Nova Scotia to the boundaries of New Brunswick.

**A SUCCESSION OF ILLS.**—One day last week, the wife of Mr. Adam Dills, of Gainsborough, while in the enjoyment of her usual excellent health, fell down in a fit and shortly expired. About the same time, a daughter of Mr. James Dills, (who lives two or three miles higher up the Chippawa Creek than Mr. A. D.) not very long married, was brought to her father's house, and died within an hour after her arrival. She had been sick—and not expected to recover, and wished to be conveyed to her old home, that she might die there. Her bereaved husband presently returned to his own house—found it a smoking ruin—nothing saved.—*St. Catharine's Journal.*

The Merchant shop of Thomas Sharp was broken into about ten o'clock on the night of the 16th instant, and Bank notes to the amount of £110, about 33 lbs. weight of coppers, and a number of promissory notes and other papers, stolen and carried off. A search-warrant was issued by J. Knowlton, Esq., J. P., and part of the property was early next morning recovered: say £46 15s. of the Bank notes, the greatest part of the promissory notes, and all the coppers. Thomas Parks, a resident of the Township, in whose dwellinghouse and on whose person the money was found, is now in the Gaol of the District, charged with the offence.—*Guardian.*

**WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.—INQUEST.**—(Huron District.)—On Monday evening the 15th inst, about seven o'clock, the dwelling-house occupied by Mrs. Isabella Anderson, of Swat, Lot 27th, South East-hope, was discovered to be on fire by some of the neighbours, and although in a short time after the discovery they were on the spot and rendered what help they could give, so far as the extreme heat and fire permitted, yet, awful to relate, the poor woman was consumed in the burning, excepting the trunk of the body, which was dragged out, and next morning some portion of the skull and bones were found. She was alone in the house, her only child, a boy about 11 years of age, having gone the same day to the back concessions of North Easthope to see some friend. It is supposed that some sparks, or fire from the chimney, which was of mud and sticks, had communicated with some straw or oat sheaves piled in the upper part, or in a small apartment adjoining.

Mr. Youatt, the well-known veterinary surgeon, committed suicide, at his residence, in London, on Saturday week. He had recently speculated largely; and his schemes having proved unfortunate, he had suffered great mental depression, and at last took poison. The deceased was in his seventieth year.

**SMALL CHARGES AND HIGH PROFITS.**—A curious enough illustration of the mode by which profits are augmented by reducing charges, is supplied by some documents issued by the projected "General Conveyance Company for Passengers and Parcels." Stating with 500 omnibuses, and a stud of 4000 horses, and all other necessary appliances, and charging not more than a penny a mile for each passenger, the nett annual profit to the proprietors is made out to be £130,553, or 65 per cent. on the capital invested! This percentage is moreover founded on the cautious calculation, that the omnibuses may not fill *once* every journey, and for this contingency the allowance of a third is made. But then comes the parcel department. By unexplained methods, parts of which are to be secured by patent, the omnibuses are to be made available for the conveyance of parcels, the collections of them and the deliveries being so managed as to cause neither inconvenience nor detention to the passengers. Charging for these parcels at the rate of a halfpenny per mile for 11lbs. weight and under, and going on the assumption that each omnibus will not carry more than one parcel per mile, the profit is put down at \$70,000. This added to the passenger profit, makes a total of £209,553, or 104½ per cent. on the capital! If two parcels per mile be carried, the profit will be 150 per cent! If three parcels be carried, 198½ per cent. will be the gain. Well may the ingenious projectors say, that these profits ought to be "more than amply sufficient to give full satisfaction to all parties."—*Morning Post.*

**EMIGRATION IN MID-WINTER.**—Emigration is still in progress from the port of Sligo, even in the depth of a most severe winter! It is stated that more than three thousand persons have left that port for America since October last. All accounts concur in stating that great numbers of small farmers,—as many at least as can scrape up the means,—are making up arrangements to emigrate early in spring by the many vessels which are expected to return to America after discharging their cargoes of Indian meal.

**DRINKING IN SCOTLAND.**—Another return we have before us is unfortunately little creditable to Scotland, in the amount of spirits consumed by its population. It is entitled "Returns of the Consumption of Spirits—British, Foreign, and Colonial—in the United Kingdom, from 1800 to 1845 inclusive;" and an account of the quantity of malt which paid duty. From the return of the spirits it would appear that the consumption for the

United Kingdom is about one gallon per head of the population; but taking the consumption of the three kingdoms separately, the consumption of—

England is about.....	8-10ths of a gallon per head.
Ireland ".....	9-10ths " " "
Scotland ".....	2½ gallons (?) "

Scotland certainly appears to little advantage in this return. The decrease in Ireland since 1838 is surprising—from 12,334,281 gallons to 7,638,993 in 1845.—*Greenock Advertiser.*

Ronald Gordon, late secretary and accountant to the Exchange Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, has been sentenced to fifteen years' transportation for acts of embezzlement. Unsuccessful railway speculations had led him to employ the property of the bank, which he hoped to repay hereafter.

The Oregon Spectator says the whole territory is wide awake for new laws, caucusses convening, &c. All the machinery of a republican government, in its most democratic form, is going ahead finely. The same paper of August 20th, says:—"Difficulties between the whites and natives are constantly increasing and gradually assuming a more serious aspect.—Within the last few days we have heard of two unhappy cases; one in Clatsop county, which resulted in the death of one of the natives; another in Champeog county, in which two of the Wallah Wallah Indians were wounded by a party of settlers firing upon the encampment.

**ARREST.**—A young man in New-York, named Linch, has been arrested for embezzling dry goods to the amount of \$10,000 from different persons who have employed him the last year.

Dreadful sickness and mortality prevails among the Mississippi Volunteers. The Americans were in possession of El Passo del Norte.

**REMOVALS.**—A detachment of eighty Kentuckians and Arkansas cavalry was cut off within thirty miles beyond Saltillo, by Gen. Monson. They formed an outpost, and were surprised and taken prisoners without resistance. Major Borland, Cassius M. Clay, and Major Games were captured. The capture of Lieutenant Ritchie and ten dragoons, with despatches for General Taylor, is confirmed. Our accounts say they were cut off between Monterey and Victoria, and were all killed. The despatches are said to have contained the whole plan of our operations. Another says that twenty dragoons had reached Victoria in safety, but there is no doubt of the death of Lieutenant Ritchie. Young Ritchie was lassoed and dragged across a corn-field. An officer of the Ohio regiment, supposed to be Lieutenant Miller, had been murdered near Chihuahua, awfully mutilated.

**SERVED HIM RIGHT.**—B. F. Walker, a Representative in the Legislature of Missouri, has been expelled from that body for publicly and grossly insulting a female in the streets of the capital of that state.

**ALBANY, Feb 6th.—HEAVY DAMAGES.**—Simon Cunliff has obtained a verdict with \$5000 damages against the Mayor, &c., of Albany, for injuries sustained by him in August, 1840, when the bridge across the basin, at the foot of State street, fell, causing the death of some thirty citizens, and injuring a great many others. The plaintiff was on the bridge at the time, and by the fall had his hip broken.

**FOOD OF THE IMMIGRANTS.**—We have been shown a specimen of the food which the Irish immigrants usually bring with them to support life while crossing the Atlantic. In color, it resembles guano, but in form, it presents more the appearance of coarse meal. We were unable to learn the name by which it is known, but we understand that it is a kind of berry, which is first dried in the sun, and then ground up for use. The flavor is quite offensive, and the food as we understand, is unpalatable in the extreme.—About the only article of food besides this, which the immigrants use, is the common sea biscuit. The first article which they call for on reaching our Alms House is the potato, which they prefer to the best of meats.

**THE SHIP FEVER.**—The character of this disease is proving itself to be much more fatal than it has heretofore been considered. One of the visitors of the Alms House, Mr. Thomas Middleton, who had been among some of the recently arrived paupers, caught this fever a few days ago, and died from its effects on Saturday last. Three of the best physicians in this city attended him, but they could not master the disease. We are also informed that two Custom House Inspectors who lately visited the Pontise, have since died from a fever which they contracted while performing their duty as inspectors. There is, indeed, much cause of alarm on this subject. If this disease is to get a foothold in our Alms House and Hospitals, we have reason to apprehend the most melancholy consequences.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, March 8, 1847.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	27	0	a	27	6			
Pearls,.....	27	6	a	28	0			
FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per brl.								
196 lbs. ....	35	0	a	00	0			
Do. Fine,.....	32	0	a	33	0			
Do. Sour,.....								
Do. Middlings, .								
Indian Meal, 168lb.								
Oatmeal, brl. 22lb.	33	0	a	33	9			
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.								
Best, 60lbs. ...	6	6	a	7	0			
Do. L.C. per min.	6	0	a	6	3			
BARLEY, Minot,...	3	0	a	3	3			
OATS, ".....	2	3	a	2	4			
PEASE,.....	5	0	a	5	2			
BEEF, Prime Meas,								
per brl. 200lbs.	60	0	a	00	0			
Prime,.....	50	0	a	52	6			
Prime Meas, per tierce, 30lbs.	00	0	a	00	0			
PORK, Meas, per brl.								
200lbs.....	90	0	a	95	0			
Prime Meas.....	75	0	a	00	0			
Prime,.....	65	0	a	00	0			
Cargo,.....	00	0	a	00	0			
BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a	0	8			
CHEESE, full milk,								
100 lbs.....	40	0	a	50	0			
LARD, per lb., best	0	0	a	0	7½			
TALLOW, per lb., rough.....	0	4½	a	0	5			

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