

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Odd Fellows in the United States and also in Canada are increasing very much. The institution is very similar to that of the Sons, only more expensive, and not insisting on total abstinence principles in its members.....The Arkansas Banner says the weather (14th Nov.) is cold there—that it froze a little. Here, (away off north,) the three first days of December were sunny and warm, the water being scarcely frozen. The 4th December was a mild rainy day.....6932 emigrants arrived in New York city in October last.....Madame Sontag is attracting large houses and is everywhere received with enthusiasm as a cantatrice in the American cities.....A sad railroad accident happened lately near Troy—Several lives lost by the bursting of a locomotive boiler.....The Spanish press is in a state of perfect thralldom, the kingdom is in a very disorderly state, full of vice and crime.....Among the deaths lately occurring in California are those of Alden, Plumb and a Mr. Roak of Canada.....Mrs. Stowe, the authoress of Uncle Tom's Cabin is to bring out a new Novel soon, called "Mark Sutherland, or Power and Principle".....A subscription has been raised in New York city of over \$4,000 to pay Mrs. Lemon, the owner of the eight liberated slaves for her loss. Horace Greely on the other hand, has raised \$700 for the benefit of the poor slaves.....CLERGY RESERVES - The new Parliament has met in England, and one of the first topics of conversation brought out by Lord John Russell's enquiries, was the Clergy Reserve agitation of Canada. Lord John Russell expressed his opinion very fully, giving his opinion that Canada ought to legislate on the subject. The Derby government said the matter was under the serious consideration of Her Majesty's Government.....The Queen's speech gives assurances of peace in Europe—alludes to the American fishery difficulty—expects it to be amicably settled by mutual concessions.....The Queen opened Parliament in person. In the speech allusion is made to the abolition of the practice of sending criminals to Van Dieman's land—to the death of Wellington—to law reform—to legislation for the benefit of Ireland—to militia defence of the kingdom, and to legislation in respect of the East Indies. Lord Derby has given in his adhesion to free trade principles. Lord Palmerston brought up the question of the slave trade to Cuba and Brazil. It seems slaves are still brought, by the connivance of Spain to Cuba. A change of Government is to take place over this island.....The Crescent City affair looks washlike still. Some smoke may arise out of it. The present American Cabinet will do all they can to check American interference.....A penny subscription has been opened in Edinburgh to compensate Mrs. Stowe for the use of her copy right of Uncle Tom's Cabin, and it is expected £10,000 will be raised for her. This is noble conduct in the Scotch.....The late gale on Lake Erie destroyed a great many vessels.....The United States mails have been taken from the Crescent City steamer. Excitement prevails in the Southern States on the subject.....£100,000 will be voted by Parliament to defray the expenses of the funeral of Wellington. The funeral is said to have been an exciting affair. Many persons were killed and others seriously injured in endeavoring to see the body lying in state in Chelsea Hospital. Man even in England seems a silly creature in some things. Wellington was a great warrior and patriot, but his death certainly need not have caused such excitement, and certainly in his life he did not desire it. So great was the desire to witness the procession that immense sums were offered for windows and stands to see it. Churches were covered over &c.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

The Hon. W. B. Robinson has been appointed commissioner over the Canada Company's land in Canada in place of Thomas Mercer Jones of Godenich removed.....The Hon. Malcolm Cameron has been west and has returned to Quebec.....A complimentary dinner was given to George Brown Esq., M. P. P. at Chatham on the 9th December. We have not yet seen the particulars.....Counterfeit gold ten dollar American coins are said to be in circulation west of Hamilton.....The opening of the Normal School was not as enthusiastic as was expected. 500 persons were present, and some good addresses were delivered. This institution is destined to be of great use to Canada. We wish it and its managers every success. Schools are the beauty of a country. Let us have them on all sides.....The Hon.

Robert Baldwin has been made Chancellor of the University of Upper Canada. This is a deserved compliment to one of the native sons of Canada.....The Toronto and Guelph railroad has been commenced, 500 men having been set to work on the same.....The Belleville Intelligencer contains a presentation by a Grand Jury there on the subject of temperance, and a good one it is. We see that Dr. Relyea an excellent friend of the cause was foreman. We will insert it in our next.....The London C. W. Odd Fellow, a well managed semi-monthly in its last issue speaks manfully on the subject of temperance.....Mr. Green the celebrated reformed gambler is delivering lectures in Montreal.....Mr. Huggins, formerly of Oshawa, Clothier, was drowned lately at Chicago.....A project is started to construct a railroad from Port Dalhousie to Fort Erie, thus connecting Buffalo with Toronto—a line of steamers to run from this to St. Catharines—the route from Toronto to Buffalo could be traversed in three hours—cost of railroad and steamers £125,000.....When will wonders cease. Mr. Terrell has been elected for Stanstead, as an independent member, opposed on some grounds to the present ministry.....A meeting has been held in London C. W. to advocate the plan of a connection at London with the Toronto, Guelph and Port Sarua railroad. The road to effect this would make a bend of ten miles from St. Mary's village.....A schooner (loaded with wheat, 1600 bushels,) was destroyed lately at Port Credit by fire. She belonged to Smith Thompson of Oakville.....Several petty robberies have taken place in Toronto. One of the thieves named Foster has been caught.....The University of Toronto have proposed to petition Parliament against any interference with the institution as at present established, except to ask the privilege of being represented in Parliament by a member.....A great many railroad companies are seeking to connect themselves with Peterboro. This is a growing place, and we would like to see Toronto connected with the town.....The Gaelic people are agitating the question of granting licenses to taverns there. We say by all means have as few as possible.....Brock's monument is to be immediately rebuilt.....The Honorable John Ross of Belleville has gone to England (as is said, in reference to the Grand Trunk railroad,) but probably on other matters too.....The village of Merriville is to be the county seat of Welland.

A carrier boy in our employ during October and part of November instead of delivering some of our city papers, fraudulently made use of them. Those wanting these numbers can be supplied.

A law nearly similar to the Maine Law has just passed the Vermont Legislature to be voted on by the people during the coming year.

A terrible murder has just been committed in the State of Georgia by a woman on her husband,—both parties were in the habit of getting beastly drunk.

Every mail brings some tragedy of human life—death, murder, accident, from drunkenness.

A public dinner was given to George Brown at Port Sarua on the 9th Dec., Mr. Ferguson, M. P. P. of Guelph, was present.

Wm. Lyon McKenzie Esq. M. P. P. is about to issue a weekly political paper in the beginning of January. Mr. McKenzie is the ablest political writer in Canada.

The huge game of Hypocrisy has been consummated in France by the assumption of imperial powers by the corrupt Louis Napoleon. Thus step by step has the ephemeral freedom of France been destroyed, until it is swallowed up in the ambition of a corrupt tyrant who is an ascocrat over the rights, prosperity, and liberty of thirty-six millions of people. It seems the people see the whole affair with perfect indifference.

It is reported that Mr. Hincks has resigned and taken an office in connection with the grand Railroad Banking scheme of Mr. Jackson, the Hudson of Canada. Time will show. Mr. Jackson is to have a bank in connection with his railroad to pay his men in silver dollars. A dinner at Port Sarua has been tendered to the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, but business induced him to decline it.

The American President's annual message is in print. It refers to the questions of the fisheries and reciprocity. These questions stand in a favorable way. It is very gratifying in its tone. There is a good prospect just now that reciprocity will be gained.

We have sent circulars to many Divisions in Canada respecting our volume of 1853. The proprietors would oblige by reading them to the Divisions.

The Spirit of the Age—a weekly Temperance miscellaneous quarto family newspaper, published in Hamilton by Mr. McQueen Editor of the Canadian has been received. It is issued from the Canadian office at \$1 per year in advance. The two numbers that we have seen are filled with various useful information. It will be a useful assistant in the cause.

An active intelligent canvasser for this paper bringing good references and giving security in a sum for faithful collection would be immediately employed.

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Mr. WILLIAM G. EDWARDS, formerly of Westchester county of York, and once the Editor of British American Cultivator, died on the 19th of October, 1852 at Nauvoo, Hancock county, Illinois. Brain fever after an illness of nine days. He removed to that place from Ohio recently. Mr. Edwards was a young Canadian of a very enterprising disposition and in 1847-8, and prior to that time, made to advance the agricultural interests and civilization of Western Canada. We deeply regret to hear of his death.

We regret to hear of the death of Br. D. Clinch who writes for this paper, who died of consumption Wednesday morning last at 1 o'clock, in the prime of life. He was a young Canadian and a pious and useful man. He was much good sense and considerable talents and information. He has gone to rest of blessed immortality. His funeral takes place Friday (to-day) at 1 o'clock, and will be attended by many of the city Sons.

TORONTO MARKETS. FRIDAY, December 10, 1853.—Beef per 100 lbs \$3 to \$4; Pork \$4 1/2 to \$5; Fat—Chickens per pair, 1s to 1s 6d; Geese 1s to 2s 6d each; Turkeys 2s to 3s 9d each; Flour—farmer's 19s to 20s; miller's 20s to 22s; Wheat per bushel 4s to 4s 6d; Oats 1s 6d to 1s 8d; Barley 2s to 2s 4d; Peas 2s to 2s 6d; Hay per ton, to \$15; Straw per ton \$8 to 9; Hutter per 100 lbs; Eggs 10d to 1s; Potatoes per bu. 2s to 3s; Wood per cord 17s 6d.