

The Official Gazette of Saturday contains a proclamation of His Excellency summoning Parliament to meet on the second of June, for the despatch of business. We are not yet able to state to our readers any thing positive relative to ministerial arrangements. We can only express our opinion that within two or three days at farthest, the judicial appointments will be made.—*Gazette of Monday.*

The bark *Apollo*, Walker, of Dundee, which, it will be remembered, was reported abandoned at sea on the 24th September last, during the great gale—crew saved, except one man—was fallen in with and boarded on the 9th February, in lat. 30 40 N. lon. 17 30 W. by the ship *Solon*, arrived at New Orleans. All her masts and bow-sprits gone, and nine feet water in her hold—every thing moveable gone. Cargo—coal, iron castings, matting, bagging, duck canvass, and boxes of pipe clay. After examination, the master of the *Solon* set fire to the wreck.—*Quebec Mercury.*

EMIGRATION.—It appears by "papers relative to emigration to the British Provinces in North America," published by order of the House of Commons, that a despatch from Earl Grey to Lord Egin, dated 31st December, 1846, offering to make payments out of British funds in aid of parties erecting villages for emigrants, has been withdrawn, and that by a subsequent despatch, dated 29th January, the assistance to emigrants will be confined to forwarding them to places where they are likely to get work. Lord Grey expresses his "entire approbation" of the manner in which Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Hawke have carried on this service in past years. In a despatch to Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke of the 20th of January, Earl Grey approves of a suggestion to allow land to be sold to emigrants on credit, "to be repaid in work on roads."—*Quebec Gazette.*

STORM.—A terrific storm visited Les Eboulements on the 30th ult. In the neighbourhood of the church, barns and stables were overturned, and two razed from their foundations. The roofs of the church, the sacristy, and several other private dwellings were partially carried away, and a schooner wintering on the beach was driven from her fastenings into the main stream.—*Id.*

It is proposed to establish a new bank at Quebec, with a capital of £300,000, in shares of £25 each, under the title of the "District Bank of Quebec."

The New Brunswick Legislature has passed a Bill to encourage the raising and dressing of hemp in the Province.

A most distressing event occurred in Linfield, on Wednesday evening last. The house and store of Mr. McMartin, were totally consumed by fire, and, lamentable to state, Mrs. McMartin, the only inmate, was also consumed. Part of the remains, we have been informed, were found. Mr. McMartin had left a few days previous, for Montreal.—*Bytown Gazette.*

ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN NICHOL.—At the raising of a barn, on the farm of Mr. Driscoll, township of Nichol, which took place on Wednesday last, Mr. Andrew Cattanach, son of a farmer in the neighbourhood, was killed by the falling of a log, which was in the act of being raised. Striking the young man on the head, it completely mashed it, causing instant death. The deceased was much respected.

PRODUCE TRADE OF DUNDAS.—There are now in the store houses, adjacent to the Desjardins Canal Basin, about 40,000 barrels of produce! These have been forwarded here for shipment since the close of the navigation.—*Dundas Warder.*

PETZEBORO' AND PEKE HOPE RAILROAD.—Vigorous exertions are being made, which, it is believed, will insure the success of this undertaking.

Sir George Grey, the Minister for the Colonies, has published a letter, in which the intentions of the Government respecting convicts are developed. The expatriation of males is to be wholly abandoned, and the penitentiary system to be substituted. Female convicts are still to be sent abroad.

A fire damp explosion took place in a large coal mine at Barnsley, by which seventy-three individuals were instantly destroyed. Forty-two of the bodies were interred in one grave, in rows six abreast and seven deep.

Out of 170 mills at Manchester, 99 are working full time, 63 short time, and 17 have stopped.

Incendiarism was becoming very common in some of the agricultural districts of England. A very considerable number of ricks of hay, peas, beans, &c., with some barns, had been fired and burnt: one instance is mentioned, in which 14 head of cattle were destroyed by the flames.

Emigration in Ireland is rapidly increasing, and all along the lines which lead from the interior to the ports of embarkation a continued stream flows towards the west. It is announced in the Cork papers, that over two hundred tenants of the Duke of Devonshire, in the south of Ireland, many of them holding large farms, and all of them in comfortable circumstances, are about to emigrate; and so great is the stream from the north-west of Ireland, that the Royal Canal Company have found it necessary to put on an additional packet boat for the exclusive use of emigrants from Sligo, Donegal, Leitrim, Longford, and Westmeath.

The London correspondent of the *Cork Reporter* gives a very gloomy version of the effects of the change of air upon Mr. O'Connell's constitution. "After the first short rally was over," says the writer, "he relapsed into his former excessively depressed and nervous state, and has continued so ever since, gradually sinking, and settling more firmly in the conviction, that his case is hopeless. His voice has failed, and he spends much of his time in devotional exercises."

By the last accounts, Mr. O'Connell's health has improved. He has been visited by the Earl of Salisbury and other distinguished friends.

The Inspector-General of the Forces was, every day during last week, engaged in examining candidates for the office of schoolmasters in the army. The authorities at the Horse Guards have resolved to receive thirty young men of unblemished character, and of good education, one to be allotted to each regiment. For the thirty situations there have been nearly 200 applicants. The pay is 17s. 6d. a-week, with uniform, rations, &c., and a pension of not less than 2s. a-day after ten years' service. The military schoolmaster is to rank with a sergeant-major; his uniform a blue frock, grey trousers, and cap.

THE MANOR LANDS—END OF ANTI-RENTISM.—We learn that many of the tenants on the Van Rensselaer manor lands are purchasing the title to the property they occupy at \$2 per acre. Thus the lessees are, in their own way, settling the anti-rent question without further excitement, by purchasing the land. If this is a fair price, of which we are ignorant, it

will be undoubtedly the most likely way to put an end to anti-rent troubles—and if it had been done before, how much ill-blood would have been saved.

ST. MARY'S CANAL.—A Bill incorporating a Company to construct a canal for opening the communication between Lakes Superior and Huron, has passed the Legislature of Michigan.

Benjamin Cochran, the inventor of cut-nails, died last December, at the age of 83. He was once a fellow-workman with Eli Whitney, the inventor of cotton-gin.

CAPTURE OF VERA CRUZ.—On the 22nd ult., the city was summoned to surrender, and on refusal 7 mortars opened a fire of bombshells, on the 24th a navy battery was opened on a row of 6 guns, and on the 25th another battery of four 24 pounders and three mortars opened their destructive fire, early on the following morning the Mexicans proposed to surrender. Commissioners on the American side, General Worth and Pillow, and Colonel Totten. On the 27th, the negotiations were completed, the city and castle surrendered, Mexican troops marched out and laid down their arms; American troops occupied the city and batteries of the castle, at noon, on that day, the American ensign was hoisted over both, and saluted by the fleet; the garrison of 4000 surrendered and were sent to their homes on parole—5 generals, 60 superior officers, and 270 company officers were detained as prisoners of war. The total loss of the Americans from the day of landing, March 9th, is 65 killed and wounded, of the Mexicans, the slaughter is said to be immense, their force was 5000 regulars and 3000 volunteers. With the loss of the city, the hopes of the Mexicans fell, as they had not provisions enough in the castle to sustain a protracted siege.—*Transcript.*

Details of Vera Cruz news have come to hand in New Orleans papers of the 31st instant. Also the fiscal despatches. Among the Mexicans killed during the bombardment was General Yañez. Half of Vera Cruz was destroyed. The Mexican loss was about 1000, half women and children. Santa Anna had arrived at the city of Mexico. He had succeeded in suppressing the disturbances between the church party and Farie. He is said to be desirous of peace. At the last accounts from Brazos, Gen. Taylor was still in pursuit of Gen. Urrea.

GAMBLERS.—The authorities of New-Orleans are making a clean sweep among the gaming establishments, arresting them all, of high and of low degree, without discrimination. Heavy establishments have been broken up. Our police must look for arrivals here of the expelled blacks.

PROGRESS OF HONG KONG.—Five years ago, in Hong Kong, the island of "fragrant streams," there was not a building of any kind—with the exception of an inferior mandarin's house, and half a dozen fishermen's huts. English enterprise, and skill, and capital, have done more for the island in that short space, than the Portuguese have done for Macao in a century.

The government of India has ordered the completion of the Ganges Canal on which £20,000 a year used to be expended. Henceforth, for four years, £250,000 will be expended, by which means it is expected that within a few years 8,000,000 of acres of land will be rendered productive.

The quarrel between the Queen of Spain and her husband is risen beyond concealment. The Queen herself expresses her abhorrence of her husband, and scruples not to speak openly with disgust of his infirmities, physically and morally. Christina intercedes and supports her daughter; Don Francisco de Paulo supports his son, and these respective parties vent their exasperation in language of the coarsest character, and, according to the last accounts, Christina is about to retire to France. In the meantime a Carlist outbreak on a large scale is in preparation. Several towns in Biscay, Catalonia and Navarre have been already gained.

Monies received on account of Peoples Magazine and Weekly Journal:—

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PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, April 19, 1847.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	27	6	a	00	0	BEEF, Prime Mess,			
Pearls,	27	0	a	27	6	per brl. 200lbs.	60	0	a
FLOUR, Canada Su.						Prime,	50	0	a
per fine, per brl.						Prime Mess, per			
196 lbs.	34	6	a	35	0	tierce, 304lbs.	00	0	a
Do. Fine,	33	6	a	34	0	PORK, Mess, per brl.			
Do. Sour,						200lbs	90	0	a
Do. Middlings, .						Prime Mess,	75	0	a
Indian Meal, 168lb.						Prime,	65	0	a
Oatmeal, brl. 224lb.	35	6	a	00	0	Cargo,	00	0	a
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.						BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a
Best, 60lbs, ...	7	3	a	7	6	CHEESE, full milk,			
Do. L.C. per min.	6	9	a	0	0	100 lbs.,	40	0	a
BARLEY, Minot, ...	3	6	a	3	9	LARD, per lb., best	0	6	a
OATS, "	2	4	a	2	6	TALLOW, per lb,			
PEASE,	5	6	a	5	9	rough,	0	4	a

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