

NEWS.

TRIAL OF STEPHEN TURNEY FOR THE MURDER OF M. PHILLIPS.—The murder was committed in Markham village, in November last. At the public examination of Turney, on his committal, we gave a full report of the proceedings. With one important exception, the evidence to-day was a repetition of that which we published on that occasion. The additional evidence consists in the circumstance, that on the morning after the murder he was observed to go into a privy, where he remained about half-an-hour. Under the floor, and in one corner of the privy, on search being made, a little bag was found, which contained twenty-six dollars in silver, and some other money. M. Phillips was known to have money in his possession, but none, or scarcely a trifle was found in the store after the murder. Turney, it was also proved, had spent a good deal of money in this city a few days after the murder. Then there was a statement of his own voluntarily made to M. Gurnett, that he and another man had committed the murder. It was proved at the examination, before Turney's committal, that the other man charged by Turney, could not have been there at the time the murder was committed. This statement was probably made to implicate another and screen himself. The Council for the prisoner (Mr. Duggan) rested the defence on the absence of positive evidence, and considered that the fact of Turney having been proved to have made false statements, did not prove that he was guilty of murder. The Learned Judge stated the case very clearly, repeating the whole evidence, and remarking upon the bearing of the facts. The Jury retired about five minutes, during which time there was the greatest anxiety in the Court to hear the result. Verdict, *Gilty*. There was probably not a single person in court who had the slightest doubt of the prisoner's guilt.—*Toronto Examiner*.

An inquest was held on Tuesday last, before G. Duggan, Esq., on the body of Mr. John Murchison—who poisoned himself on the previous Saturday, by means of arsenic, he died on Monday, after enduring great suffering. Verdict—death by poison, taken during temporary insanity.—*Toronto Patriot*.

The following passenger ships are at the Quarantine station. The *Wanda*, worth, with 527, Perseverance, with 311, and *Jane Black*, with 125 passengers. The two former are from Dublin, and the latter from Limerick. The *John and Francis* and the *Agnes*, both from Cork, with passengers, are also at Grosse Isle.

DEATH OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SIR WALTER SCOTT.—We regret to learn that intelligence has arrived of the death of Sir Walter Scott, the last surviving child of the celebrated bard and novelist, which took place on his passage home from India, about the middle of February last. His remains were committed to the deep, off the Cape of Good Hope. We believe the lamented Baronet has left no children to perpetuate the title.—*Witness*.

DISTRESS IN MANCHESTER.—The stagnation of trade is producing great distress in this town. For several months past more than 7000 factory hands have been wholly out of work, whilst upwards of 11,000 are working, on an average, little more than three days a week.

HORROR!—In the townland of Ballyduggan there resided a man named Thomas M. Murray and his family, consisting of a wife, a daughter, and two sons. They had been weavers, but like many others, want came to the door, dysentery followed semi-starvation, and the climax was fever. At the time when the last of the family, who had previously borne up, felt compelled to bend to the stroke of illness, there was but one patient for the entire five. They lingered on for days as they best could, until, on Sabbath fortnight, the father died among his children. He lay there unburied—the living, though diseased, on each side of him—from the Sunday until the following Thursday, when, by the exertions of a neighbouring gentleman, who had heard of the situation of the family, a coffin was procured, and he was lifted to his last home while in a state of decomposition. For five days, the corpse lay among the children, and although application was made in the interim to the Union workhouse for a shell, that favour was refused. Since then, on Monday evening, the mother and daughter were buried together, and, on Friday last, the two sons were interred in the same grave, one of them having lain dead from the morning of the previous Tuesday!—*Special reporter of the Banner of Ulster*.

It is stated that Viscount Arbutnot, Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Kincardine, has become insolvent for a considerable amount. Various unpleasant circumstances are understood to be connected with the defalcation, and it is said that his lordship has, in consequence, thought it advisable to leave the country.

The *Cork Reporter* mentions, as a singular fact, that 1000 barrels of American flour imported direct to that city were shipped for Liverpool on Saturday, per the *Nimrod*, and a considerably larger quantity was offered for shipment; but there was no more room in the vessel, which carried an enormous freight, and an unprecedented number of passengers.

There is not, says a writer in the *Dublin Evening Post*, a field untilled in all the district between Waterford, Clonmel, Kilkenny, and Carrick on Suire; a piece of intelligence than which none could at this moment be more gratifying.

Mr. Robinson, of London, has discovered that the effects of ether are completely removed by a few inhalations of oxygen.

The Irish landlords, in many cases, are supplying seed to their tenantry. The reports of the grain crops are highly encouraging. The northern agricultural reports state that the young wheats are making great progress, that the breadth of land sown with oats is much beyond an average, and that the better class of farmers are preparing to put down a greater quantity of turnips, parsnips, and other green crops than usual. Notwithstanding the perils attending such a crop, a considerable breadth of potatoes has been planted, chiefly by large farmers or country gentlemen; but the culture of potatoes has been abandoned almost entirely by the small occupiers.

A FEARFUL CALCULATION.—It is now calculated by active members of relief committees, and the estimate is said to be admitted by Cabinet ministers, that the Irish famine will probably kill two million of people this year. The sum of misery is so great, that one can hardly understand it without going into particulars. Two millions in twelve months—men, women, and children—that is, 5,479 a day, 228 an hour, and four in little more than a minute.—*London Weekly Times*.

O'Connell is said to be sinking rapidly. Lord Cowley, the younger brother of the Duke of Wellington, is dead. He was a shrewd and sensible man, and rendered essential service to his country as a diplomatist.—He died in Paris.

Symptoms of reconciliation between the Queen of Spain and her husband have appeared. They have been seen in public together, and the event appears to have given great satisfaction to the Spaniards.

The civil war in Portugal still continues. The Queen of Spain has sent 4000 troops to assist her sister sovereign.

The French papers state that there exists great dissatisfaction in France, amongst the commercial men, at the seizure of the Mexican custom houses by the United States. It fears that unpleasant consequences may hereafter result from it.

Great distress continues to exist in France.

A letter from Pisa states that the Italian aeronaut, Orlandi, who has made a daily four hundred and twenty aerial voyages, has just completed an entirely new balloon, which is provided with machinery to enable him to have complete control of the balloon in the air, and to guide its direction with certainty.

A Capuchin friar has attempted to murder the Pope. Information of the attempt was given by the French Ambassador. The assassin was seized, and a pair of pistols and a poisoned dagger found on his person.

The Sikh guns, 232 in number, captured in the late campaign, have reached Calcutta. The cost of their conveyance from the Sutlej to the E. is highly estimated at £25,000.

The Indian Government has resolved, at the request of the Council of Education of Bengal, to found a university at Calcutta, on the model of the University of London.

Rongo, the German religious reformer, has surrendered himself to the Prussian authorities, in order to undergo the month's imprisonment to which he was sentenced in March 1846, for having preached without permission.

The *Austrian Observer* of the 14th inst., states that one-fourth of the town of Bucharest, in Wallachia, has been destroyed by fire. About 1000 houses were burned. Many lives were lost. The church and convent of the Franciscans, and the palace of the Roman Catholic bishop, are a heap of ruins.

TRADE OF NEW YORK WITH CANADA.—The *N. Y. Express* says:—We understand that last week one thousand hogheads of sugar were to be shipped through the canal for the Canadas, together with large quantities of raisins and species of all kinds. Two thousand packages of tea were also sold for the same market. Teas have been, for a long period, shipped over this route, but the large quantities of dutiable articles have been sent only since the passage of the bill of Congress, known as the "Phoenix bill." The only perfecting this law requires is, now, that the British Government ought to allow British goods to pass over the line on the same terms as those which are sent by the St. Lawrence.

The Legislature of New York has enacted a law relating to immigrant passengers, which provides that under a suitable penalty the master of every foreign ship shall report to the Mayor of New York the name and condition of his passengers, and more fully as to those who are likely to become chargeable to the community—that he shall pay one dollar of tax on each passenger—shall examine or cause proper persons to examine, the condition of the passengers on board of every such ship, and if any lunatics, idiots, deaf and dumb, blind, or infirm persons shall be found on board, not members of immigrating families, the master shall give his bond, with security in \$300 each person, that they will not become burdensome to any place in the state during the term of six years. The proceeds of the above tax or commutation money of \$1 each are to be expended in aid of those said emigrants who may chance to require it. The Commissioners may erect any buildings essential, for immigrants, extend the Marine Hospital, and apply a portion of the Mariner's Fund to the humane object entrusted to them.—*Courier*.

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PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, May 24, 1847.					
	s.	d.	s.	d.	
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	28	0	a	00	0
Pearls,	28	0	a	00	0
FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per brl.	37	6	a	00	0
195 lbs.	36	3	a	36	9
Do. Fine,	37	0	a	37	6
Do. Extra.....					
Do. Middlings, .			none		
Indian Meal, 168lb.			none		
Oatmeal, brl. 224lb.	35	6	a	00	0
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.					
Best, 60lbs. ...	8	0	a	8	6
Do. L.C. per min.	7	9	a	8	0
BARLEY, Minot, ...	3	7	a	3	9
OATS, "	2	7	a	2	8
PKASE,					nominals.
BEEF, Prime Mess,					
per brl. 200lbs.	60	0	a	62	6
Prime,	50	0	a	52	6
Prime Mess, per					
terce, 304lbs.	00	0	a	00	0
PORK, Mess, per brl.					
200lbs	92	6	a	95	0
Prime Mess.....	77	6	a	00	0
Prime,	67	6	a	00	0
Cargo,	00	0	a	00	0
BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a	0	8

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