

THE LITERARY TRANSCRIPT

ENORMOUS PLATE GLASS.—In the windows of a new shop in Bond street, Liverpool, there are four square, each of which is 96 by 59 inches, comprising in the whole upwards of 30 feet, and weighing near 10 cwt. It is said by several gentlemen well acquainted with the leading establishments in London and Paris, to be superior to any known on the continent.—*Holwertham Courier.*

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE.—On Saturday night a married woman, residing near the Fountain-bridge, put a period to her existence by cutting her throat with a knife in a horrid manner, the incision being made from ear to ear. Not content with that, she employed her remaining strength in throwing herself out of the window. She was taken up an appalling spectacle, and quite dead. The woman had been suffering from the tooth-ache during the day, and, as a means of relief, had taken a quantity of laudanum, which is supposed to have acted upon and over-excited her brain. The husband of the unfortunate woman is a carter of the utmost respectability in his rank of life, and according to his statement, his wife was never known to be overcome with liquor. Previous to committing the fatal deed she had laid out clothes for dressing a corpse; which, with a Bible and the "Pilgrim's Progress," were found lying on a table when the house was entered.

CHOLERA IN WATERFORD.—Accounts have reached Dublin that the Asiatic cholera prevails in Waterford, and that it has extended to the neighbouring town of Carrick-on-Suir. There were, it is said, nineteen cases in Waterford on the first day of the disease.

By a decision of the Court of Queen's Bench in Dublin, the nuisance, as it is now called, of Donnybrook Fair has been put down.

The late Lieut. Col. Eeles of the Rifle Brigade, who died in reduced circumstances, refused a few weeks before his decease seven thousand guineas for his commission.

An old woman, named Mary Clifford, died on Friday at Brighton in a state apparently of the greatest destitution, but after her decease was found to have left a will, bequeathing to her son property to the extent of £1,000.

The constituency of the West Riding of Yorkshire, according to the last return, is 29,760 voters.

SIR JOHN COLBORNE.—Sir John Colborne, the present Commander in Chief in Canada, was born at Lymington, in Hampshire, in the year 1777. His father had embarked a considerable fortune in the salt manufactures at that place, then in a flourishing state, but which in a few years were destroyed by excessive taxation, and Mr. Colborne involved in their ruin. In the year 1798, Sir John was placed in the Blue Coat School at London, where he remained about three years, during which time his father died, and his mother became the wife of the Rev. T. Bagers, a prebend of Winchester, to which school he was removed and there finished his education. In the year 1794 he was appointed an Ensign in the 20th Regt., and in the following year promoted to a Lieutenancy in the same. On the expedition to Holland under the Duke of York he was severely wounded in the head, and was one of the very few officers who, after being wounded, rejoined their regiments at that service.

From that period to the end of the war his life was a continued scene of active service. He was in most of the battles on the Peninsula, was repeatedly wounded, by which he had nearly lost the use of one arm, and every commander under which he has served has borne ample testimony both to his abilities and conduct. He married a lady of the name of Young, (whose two brothers are married to Sir John's two sisters), and has a large family. He was created a Knight Companion of the Bath in 1814, and is now Colonel of the 94th Regiment.

He has commanded in Canada ten years, where the kindness of heart and urbanity of manners, both of Lady Colborne and himself, have endeared them to all ranks and parties, as the writer of this can testify.

He is most eminently calculated for the circumstances under which he is now placed, for although most rigorous, prompt and decisive in his military duties, humanity will never want an advocate when Sir John Colborne is present.—*Inverness Herald, Feb. 9.*

The ship City of Edinburgh, Captain Ryan, with about 200 passengers on board, arrived safe at Sydney on the 30th of August last, in 105 days from Plymouth. The whole of the passengers landed in good health, without the loss of one on the passage, and they all immediately obtained employment.

UNITED STATES.

The examination of Van Ransselaer is closed, and as he declined to give bail, he will be committed to goal in Albany to wait his trial in June.

General Van Ransselaer is confined in Auburn goal. This we know to be true. We understand, from gentlemen who have seen him, that his habits are such as to exclude all sympathy for him or his cause.—*Seneca Observer.*

MELANCHOLY MUDDER.—Robert Shepard, a youth of this city, and clerk in the store of Messrs. Mosely & Van Gasbee, was murdered on Saturday by Thomas Rector, under circumstances of unprovoked and wanton barbarity. Rector struck the deceased a fatal blow on the head with a bar of the door, and then left him on the side walk. His companions took him to Dr. Boyd's office, where the wound was dressed. He lingered, in a state of insensibility, till Monday afternoon. Rector is in prison.—*Albany Journal.*

[From the New York Gazette.]

The sentiment of **LOYALTY** to their sovereign which all right-minded Britons in every clime retain in their heart of hearts is "a mystery" which it will be vain to respect. For, if attacked in any portion of that great and glorious empire "upon which the sun never sets"—the nervous system of British patriotism is instantly excited: as in the animal economy a wound inflicted on the remotest member causes pain and sympathy in the whole body; therefore, ponder well, before you enter into war of opinion with the most powerful nation on earth; Britain has stood as the bulwark of the world against the military despotism of Napoleon, she will, if necessary, stand as the bulwark to resist a worse tyranny—the tyranny of a fierce and uncontrollable democracy; her institutions are based upon rational liberty, founded on the wisdom of ages; she preserves a happy medium between despotism and licentiousness—honoured at home and respected abroad, her sons will perish ere one or the other shall be substituted by any Tyrants for that tried system, which by the blessing of God has elevated her to the highest rank in knowledge, virtue, civilization and power, that any nation has yet attained on this earth.

LOWER CANADA.

Montreal, (Thursday,) 29th March.
PATSONS.—The following individuals were discharged yesterday from the Old Goal—

Stanislaus Crochierre, Montreal,
Pierre Grenier, do,
Joseph Demary, } do,
Pierre Casavant, } do,
Zacharie Bourdeau, St Philippe,
Pierre Chevallier, Lake of Two Mountains,
Merchant.

THE CHASE.—We understand that the Montreal Hunt have decided to send their sporting pack to Three-Rivers by one of the first steamboats. That part of the country has long been associated with the name of a master of hounds, is known to abound with foxes, and from the nature of the soil the spring hunting is very good. The pack will hunt four times a week, and the intermediate days will be devoted to racing, steeple chases, &c.

We are authorised to state, that the Montreal Hunt will be glad to meet their sporting friends from Quebec, the Eastern Townships, and military friends. Throw in the beans and oats, gentlemen, for with these hounds your nags will have to go the pace.—*Montreal Herald.*

On Saturday forenoon the alarm bell was rung, in consequence of the roof of the new goal having been discovered to be in flames, but the fire was speedily subdued. The circumstance of so many state prisoners being confined in the building led many to suppose that the fire was not accidental, but it was discovered to have arisen from one of the chimneys which was improperly constructed.—*Ibid.*

We are glad to learn that it is proposed to establish a Club-house in this city, to be conducted upon a plan similar to those in London. Such an Institution cannot fail to be most respectably supported, if not made too exclusive. The present moment is favourable for its establishment, as many of the military officers now here would doubtless join it. We hope the gentlemen who have taken the matter in hand, will not cease their exertion until they have accomplished their purpose.

Such innovations, on the old system, go on

very slowly in Montreal. Until within two years since, a mutton chow or beef-steak, a *la mode Anglaise*, hot from the gridiron could not be had here—both, and other good things besides, can now be had at DOLLY'S, in Saint Francois Xavier Street, at a moments notice. (Courier.)

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QUEBEC, SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1838.

LATEST DATES.

London, - - Feb. 23. New-York, - - Mar. 23.
Liverpool, - - Feb. 24. Halifax, - - Mar. 16.
Havre, - - Feb. 21. Toronto, - - Mar. 21.

The Liverpool packet ship *Roscoe* of the 24th February, arrived at New-York on the 22d inst., bringing London dates to the 23rd. The letters and papers were delivered in Quebec yesterday.

This arrival furnishes no news of moment beyond that already received.

The latest intelligence from Canada was to the 13th January, and the London papers publish the movements of Sutherland and the capture of the schooner *Ann*.

The military preparations for Canada continued with unabated activity.

A severe gale occurred on the British and Irish coasts, commencing on the 13th February. Much damage was sustained by the shipping, and the loss of life was very great.

The freedom of the City of London has been tendered by the Common Council to Mr. Stevenson, the American Minister, which he declined accepting, as being contrary to the constitution and usages of the United States, and the rules prescribed for the government of its diplomatic functionaries.

The trial of the brigand chief Sutherland, before a Court Martial, at Toronto, which was interrupted in consequence of his attempt to commit suicide, was proceeded with on the 19th inst. The whole of the evidence for the prosecution has been gone through, and at the latest date the "General" was in his defence. He has the assistance of G. Ridout, Esq., of Counsel; but it is stated that the facts of the case are too stubborn, even from his own admissions, to make it possible for him to avoid being convicted.

The Official Gazette of Thursday contains the Act of the Imperial Parliament making temporary provision for the government of Lower Canada, which is to continue in force from the time of its promulgation to the 1st November, 1840.

Private letters received in town state that Sir Francis Head had crossed from Kingston to Watertown, on his way to New-York, intending to sail thence for England in the packet of the 1st April.

The steamboat *Sirius* of 800 tons burthen, and 250 horse power, commanded by Lieut. R. Roberts, R. N. was to leave London on the 28th March, and Cork harbour on Monday, the 2d of April, at noon, for New York. Arrangements have been made for conveying passengers to Cork, from London, Liverpool and Glasgow. The *Sirius* is expected to make the passage in fifteen days.

The Camp Street Theatre, New Orleans, was opened on Sunday evening, 19th ult., to an overflowing house! So says the *Picayune* of that city.

A special general meeting of the St. George's Society will take place at the Albion Hotel this afternoon at four o'clock.

CRIMINAL COURT, QUEBEC.

Tuesday, March 27.

The Hon. Justices Bowen and Panet on the Bench.

Alex. Guibault pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a mare.

Zach. Guichard and *Eloi Collin* pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a cariole robe.

The same parties also pleaded guilty to another charge of stealing a cariole robe.—These robes were stolen by the prisoners from the church door at Cap Sante.

Louis Langlois was convicted of stealing a quantity of biscuit and crackers the property of Mrs. Glass on the 17th Jan. last.

At about 11 o'clock the Jury came into Court with a verdict of guilty against Kelly, at the same time recommending him to the mercy of the Court.

Some irregularity took place on the giving in of this verdict which, it is thought, will lead to a motion for a new trial. The verdict had been given by the foreman and entered by the Clerk of the Court as follows:—"Guilty; recommended to mercy." Mr. A. Burn then handed in a paper as the verdict of the Jury, which he stated was the only one he could agree to. It was nearly to the same effect as the first verdict, but stated certain grounds for rendering it.

The Court refused to receive the paper, and during the interval several of the Jury had left the Court.

Louis DeLare and *Jacques Jobin* were put on trial charged with stealing a sheep the property of Mr. Jean Martel, of Charlesburg. A great number of witnesses for prosecution and defence were examined in this case, but the details were rather of a stale and flat nature. These details gave some trouble to the Jurors for it took them near six hours to decide upon rendering a verdict of Not Guilty.

Jean Gingras, the younger, stood charged with stealing a sum of five pounds in Bank notes and ten shillings and six pence in specie, the property of Mr. Henry Robinson, tavern keeper, Scot's bridge. It appeared that the prisoner, who is a carter, who had drove out on a Sunday afternoon, two ladies to Mr. Robinson's, and took the opportunity of pocketing the money that was on the counter, while the persons present had their backs turned. On returning, he drove at a most furious rate so much as to make the ladies afraid of their lives. Shortly after his return, Mr. Robinson came into town and found the prisoner at the stand near the Neptune Inn with the money in his possession. Subsequently prisoner confessed to E. Baird, Esq. J. P., that he had committed the theft.

Verdict—Guilty.

Jos. Langlois, Jos. Lynn and *Rodger O'Hare* were put to the bar charged with highway robbery.—Verdict—Guilty.

WEDNESDAY, 28th March.

On the Bench:—The same Judges as yesterday.

REGINA VS. HENRY JESSOP.—In this case which has been fixed for this day on Saturday, Mr. Okill Stuart for the private prosecutor, moved for postponement of trial until next term.

Mr. Justice Bowen.—We wish to know whether the defendant consents to the case going over to next term.

Mr. Ailyn.—Certainly not.

Mr. Justice Bowen.—Then all the court has to say is, that on Saturday, when the trial was fixed for this day, we were just as well aware as we are now of the absence of the private prosecutor and the witnesses. The court notwithstanding ordered that the trial should be fixed for this day, it must therefore go on. If he (Mr. Justice Bowen) were conducting the case, he would have no objection to submit a special case to the jury and leave he question of law to the court. The defendant says he is prepared to meet the fact alleged against him as to the charging of certain sums for duties. It therefore becomes a mere question of law, as to the legality of those charges.

Mr. Stuart.—If the learned council will agree to such a course of proceeding, I have no objection.

Mr. Ailyn.—Let the jury be sworn.

A Jury was then empanelled and sworn in. Mr. Stuart said that as the learned council admitted all the facts alleged against his client, all they had to do was let the jury know it.

Mr. Ailyn.—I admit the fact of payment, but I call upon you to show that that payment was illegally procured.

After a few more words had passed between the learned council on each side.

Mr. Justice Bowen said the Jury that as no evidence was adduced against the defendant, they must of course render a verdict of not guilty.

Verdict—Not Guilty.

Zac. Guichard and *Eloi Collin* pleaded guilty to an indictment charging them with stealing two buckets. This is the third indictment for larceny to which these parties have pleaded guilty this term.

Louise Nicot, accused of stealing privily from the shop of Mrs. Deane, 11 yards of silk, 2 pairs boots, 3 handkerchiefs, and 25 yards linen, was arraigned. She pleaded not guilty and trial was fixed for Thursday.

William Colquhoun pleaded not guilty to an indictment for assault with intent to maim, and traversed to next term.

Thomas Blair was put to the bar, charged with stealing a quantity of wearing apparel, the property of Mr. Richard White Longmuir. Verdict—Guilty.