

Majesty George the IV, a Royal salute was fired at noon from the Citadel by a detachment of Royal Artillery, and the Royal Standard hoisted.

CASUALTIES.—A well dressed man, in the Act of passing from Hunt's Wharf to the Steam Boat Quebec, last Saturday morning, fell from the plank and was drowned, every means were used to save him, but without effect. The body has not been found.—The same evening, John Tillery, cook of the Brig Herald, lying at the same wharf, when proceeding to his vessel, fell through that part of the platform which is in an unfinished state and was drowned—he was found about half an hour afterwards, and was buried this morning—we understand he belonged to Greenock, and has left a wife and four children.

A drowned man, having the appearance of a sailor, was picked up at St. Patrick's Hole this morning. The body has been brought to Quebec.

A boy, named Raphael Mercier, who had been missed by his parents for some time, was found drowned on Saturday in the St. Charles, near Mr. Goudie's Mills, St. Rock.

Three men belonging to a raft lying near the Falls of Montmorenci while raising the anchor on Tuesday night last were thrown into the water. Two of them were saved by the Steam-Boat Experiment, but the other, a Canadian from Laprairie, was drowned.

A brig called the New Packet was launched on the 16th inst. from Messrs. Sheppard and Campbell's ship yard at Wolfe's Cove.

SAFE LAUNCH OF THE COLUMBUS, OF 3700 TONS REGISTER MEASUREMENT.

This vessel which is not surpassed in size, we believe, by any ever built, was safely launched from the Ship Yard at the Island of Orleans on the 21st, about eight o'clock A. M.

The Columbus is owned by a Company of Gentlemen in Scotland, who engaged a young Gentleman, a Mr. Wood of Glasgow, to construct her, who has shown remarkable talents, and adds to the practice, an intimate acquaintance with the scientific principles of the art. She went off at a majestic and equable rate, and did not move farther into the stream than two hundred yards. The band of the 68th Regt. had been landed, and with that of the 71st, on board of the Swiftsure, played God save the King, while she was moving off; a discharge of cannon from the shore and from the Steam Boats, and general cheers followed. Her ways were on fire, which communicated to the chips in the Ship Yard, but they were soon extinguished by the men. The rising tide took the Columbus a mile and a half above, where the Steam Boats Malsham, Swiftsure, and Lady Sherbrooke were fastened to her and towed her to her anchorage ground near the Falls of Montmorenci, about six miles below, and in sight of the city. She will load with expedition, and we understand, will be ready for sea in about three weeks. Although having rather an unseemly appearance, she is very firmly built, has but one deck, now draws only thirteen feet water, and when ready for sea, it is supposed, will not much exceed twenty, a draught of water not greater than many large timber ships annually from this port. She has four masts, with the common bowsprit, and will cross the Atlantic with the use of sails. Her crew, about 90 men, is composed of sailors sent out last fall and this spring from Scotland; she is commanded by an old and experienced seaman. We give her exact dimensions and Register:

3690. 32 94 Tons,—Length 301 feet 6 inches,—Breadth 50 feet 7 inches,—Depth 29 feet 4 inches.

The largest Ships in the English Navy are about 210 feet keel, their depth and breadth however, exceed those of the Columbus, but their tonnage fall far short of hers, for we are told by competent persons that she will carry 9000 Tons. We wish the enterprising Gentlemen concerned the utmost success.

The capital laid out in this country, we imagine, must be immense and it is conjectured by experienced Ship builders that she will have cost at least £5 per ton, exclusive of masts and rigging.

Died,] On Monday last, Mr. Jacques Languedoc, aged 79 years, an old and respectable Shop-keeper, of Quebec.

UPPER-CANADA.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF CANADA.—The Anniversary Meeting of the Highland Society of Canada was held on Friday last, 18th inst. at *Wood's Inn*, Cornwall.