

NEWS.

**POSTAGE.**—A despatch from Earl Grey the Colonial Secretary, dated 25th June, was recently laid before Parliament, the purport of which is, that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have authorized the Postmaster General to place the sum of £5,189 3s. 5d., in the hands of the Receiver General for the use of the Province, that sum being the surplus Postage in Canada during two years up to the 5th of July last.

**DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT ON THE RIVER.**—On Thursday afternoon, about four o'clock, as the steamer *Charlevoix* was passing through the channel between Montreal and the Island of St. Helens, she came in collision, by some means, with a boat containing three persons, the boat was upset in the eddy of the steamer, and two of the three persons were unfortunately drowned. We have not been able to learn the names of the individuals. We understand that no blame is to be attached to the captain of the steamer.—*Transcript of Saturday.*

**EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.**—The crops throughout the Eastern Townships are generally remarkably fine. The grass crops, in most places, is very heavy, but there is scarcity of labour for getting it in. This seems singular, after the extensive emigration, but it is easily accounted for, by a reference to the nature of the country, and the want of communication with the ports on the St. Lawrence. A dollar a day is commonly given, and labour cannot even be obtained at that sum. The barley and rye are ripe, and in many places have been already cut and housed. There is a complaint in some parts that the wheat is not doing so well as usual, but the complaint (if such it is) is probably only local. A more than usual quantity of Indian corn seems to have been planted, particularly in the French country, and its appearance generally could not be finer. Potatoes do not seem to be so general a crop, but where they have been sown they are looking well, and we hear no complaints of rot. On the whole, the prospects of the harvest in Lower Canada are promising.—*Transcript.*

**MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—SIXTEEN LIVES LOST.**—A sailboat, belonging to a man named Francois Xavier Dion, left here on Saturday, about noon, for St. Antoine, on the south shore, above Quebec. There were nineteen individuals on board, consisting of Dion, his son, another young man, and the remaining sixteen were females, returning from market. They reached St. Nicholas with the tide, in the evening, which place they left about two o'clock yesterday morning, and had not proceeded far when the boat grounded, and through the violence of the weather shortly afterwards upset, and, melancholy to relate, out of the nineteen persons on board, only three escaped, namely, Dion, his son, and a young woman. Up to the time our informant left yesterday evening, thirteen of the bodies had been found.—*Quebec Mercury.*

**CONTEMPT OF COURT.**—On Friday last, Ch. J. A. Strong, Esq., while presiding in his capacity as Judge of the Bankruptcy Court, inflicted a penalty of ten pounds upon Charles Robert, for contempt of Court.—*Bytown Gazette.*

**ARREST.**—On Saturday, a person named Logan was arrested by the Police on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of Felix Bell, Bootmaker, Magistrate of Cavan, in Ireland. The information which led to this step, was given to the Police by a woman who professes that she is acquainted with the circumstances connected with the crime. Logan was committed for trial.—*Herald.*

**FIRE AT GUELPH.**—On Friday morning last the Wellington Mills, owned by Messrs. Clark, & Co., were destroyed by fire. Loss about £5,500; insurance £2050. The fire is believed to have been the act of an incendiary.

We are happy to learn from the farmers throughout the District, that crops of all descriptions are in a most flourishing condition. The potato crop at one time was consid. red doubtful, but from the recent rains we have had, all such speculations have vanished. The disease has not made its appearance as yet, nor is it expected by the most practical farmers here.—*Cornwall Observer.*

A great amount of denture goods is passing through this place for Canada.—Probably a larger amount up to this date than in all last year. It is said there are not vessels enough to do the present pressing business between this port and the Queen's dominions.—*Oswego Whig.*

**IRELAND.**—The condition of the country, in a social point of view, can be fully understood from fierce litigation now going on at quarter sessions. There is at Nenagh the enormous quantity of 4,500 civil bills, and 200 criminal cases; at Strokestown, one of the divisions of the county of Roscommon, there were 1,900 civil bills, and 200 ejectments for non-payment of rent. At Parsonstown, out of 126 offences, 100 were offences against property.—*Dublin paper, July 8.*

**FEVER IN THE PROVINCE.**—We regret to observe, from a daily perusal of the provincial papers, that fever of the most malignant kind, and decidedly contagious in character, is very prevalent in the manufacturing districts of England, and likewise in the southern part of Scotland. The heat of the weather naturally favours the diffusion of the malady.—*Times.*

**FEARFUL BALLOON ACCIDENT.**—A balloon which ascended from Vauxhall Garden, London, on the 6th of July, with fire-work, encountered a thunder storm, when the fire-works instantly exploded; the gas escaped from the balloon, and the aeronauts, Messrs. Albert Smith, Primrose, Coxwell, and Gypson, were given up as lost; but the silk formed a spacious and perfect parachute, and they descended rapidly with gyrations, and came to the ground with fearful force, but miraculously escaped without injury.

**THE TEMPLE OF JUGGERNAUT.**—In answer to a question from Sir Robert Inglis, relative to the payment, on the part of the Indian Government, in support of the temple of Juggernaut, Sir J. Hobhouse made the astounding declaration, "that he did not think any pledge had been given that the payment for that worship should cease."

**THE COMET OF A.D. 1356.**—At a meeting of the British Association, Professor Baden Powell, in a discourse which he delivered on shooting stars, stated that the comet of 1356, which caused universal terror in Europe, might be expected next year, 492 years being the period of its revolution round its orbit. A great advantage would result from simultaneous observations and their communication, which he suggested could be most appropriately made through the medium of the association.

**THE SABBATH IN LONDON.**—At a public meeting recently held in England,

it was stated that out of a population of more than two millions, there was an attendance only of 400,000 persons on the service of the Sabbath, in the churches and chapels of all denominations! "If inquiry was made as to the occupation of the rest, the crowded state of the steam-vessels, railway carriages, public houses, tea gardens, club and gaming houses would furnish a reply."

**THE MODEL BATHS AND WASH-HOUSES, WHITE-CHAPEL, LONDON.**—On the 13th July, that portion of the building intended for the men's baths of the Model Bath and wash-house establishments in Goulston's street, Whitechapel, was opened for public inspection. The entire erection covers an area of about 4000 square feet, and that part opened on the 13th forms the north division. It contains about 200 separate bathing rooms, each 10 feet by 6, formed by solid blocks of slate, fitted with the necessary requisites, and supplied with hot and cold water by a powerful steam apparatus, placed in the centre of the building. These baths are divided into first and second classes, each having a distinct entrance. They will be opened for public use on Monday, and will, it is hoped, be duly appreciated by the class for whose especial benefit they have been erected. Want of funds has delayed the completion of the wash-houses, and of the baths for females.

**HARDSHIPS OF WESTERN EMIGRATION.**—The tide of emigration flows from east to west across our country and pushes its waves over the mountains, and through the wild passes that lie between the confines of civilization and the Pacific. During the past year, several considerable parties have emigrated from the state of Missouri, for Oregon and California, whose path has been surrounded by difficulties and horrors, almost without a parallel in the history of our country. The Western Emigrator, published at Independence, Missouri, contains a letter which details hardships that are enough to chill the blood, and make a stout heart quail even at their mention. It appears that the company, to which this account relates, consisted of twenty-three waggons, and left Indian Creek on 13th day of May, 1846. In the month of February following, four women and two men of this company arrived at Captain Johnson's, the first house of the California settlement, *entirely naked*, and their feet frost bitten. They stated that their company had arrived at Truckey's Lake, on the east side of the mountains, and found the snow so deep that they could not travel. Fearing starvation, 16 of the strongest (eleven males and five females) agreed to start for the settlement on foot. After wandering about for a number of days, bewildered, their provisions gave out. Long hunger made it necessary to cast lots to see who should be sacrificed, to make food for the rest, but at this time the weaker began to die, which rendered the taking of life unnecessary. As they died, the company went into camp and made meat of the dead bodies of their companions. Nin of the men died, and seven were eaten. One of the men was carried to Johnson's, on the back of an Indian. From this statement, it would seem that the women endured the hardships better than the men, as none of them died. The company left behind numbered sixty souls, ten of them men, the others women and children. They were in camp about one hundred miles from Johnson's. Revolting as it may seem, it was stated that one of the women was obliged to eat part of the dead body of her father and brother, and another saw her husband's heart cooked. It ought to be a very fine country to justify an exposure to such sufferings and horrors.—*Buffalo Express.*

**STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.**—The Niagara, Captain Ellsworth, left New York for Albany city Saturday morning last, with 200 passengers. When nearly at Sing Sing, going some 20 miles an hour, racing with the Roger Williams, her steam-chest and one of her boiler flues burst, damaging the boat considerably, and killing two firemen. Two more hands were reported missing. Seven of the passengers were scalded—probably none dangerously. The Roger Williams brought up her passengers. The Captain of the Roger Williams had charge of the Niagara last season. The Niagara was one of the most attractive boats on the river.

**CROPS OF THE GREAT WEST.**—The Cincinnati Times says, that the yield in the great West, this season, is likely to be as large, if not larger than in any preceding year, notwithstanding the partial failure from winter-killing in particular sections.

**EMIGRATION.**—The emigration from northern Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois to Oregon, is said to be very large this year. It has been caused by the severe and general sickness which prevailed in that region, last year.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, August 14, 1847.

ASHES—Provincial duty 1 per cent. Pots, per cwt 27 3 a 27 9 Pearls, do 27 3 a 27 9	PROVISIONS—Provincial duty 2s per cwt. Imp. 3s per cwt. Beef, Mess, bh 200 lbs 00 0 a 60 0 Prime Mess, do 00 0 a 87 6 Prime, do 52 6 a 65 0 Cargo, do 00 0 a 00 0 Prime Mess, per tierce of 204 lbs 100 0 a 00 0 Pork, Mess, bh 200 lbs 35 0 a 100 0 Prime Mess, do 00 0 a 30 0 Prime, do 00 0 a 67 6 Cargo, do 00 0 a 60 0
FLOUR—Provincial duty 1 per cent. Canada Superfine 29 0 a 30 0 Do Fine 27 0 a 28 6 Do Middlings none Do Pollards none	EACON, &c.—Provincial duty 5s per cwt. Imp. 3s per cwt. Bacon, .. none Hams, .. 00 0 a 00 7
MEAL—Provincial duty 2s per 198 lbs., Imperial 2s per bh. Indian Meal .. none Oatmeal .. 26 3 a 27 6	BUTTER—Provincial duty 2s. Imperial, 6s per cwt. Prime .. 0 6 a 0 0 Grease .. none
GRAIN—Provincial duty 3s per quarter on all except Oats 2s. Wheat, U C best 60 lbs 6 0 a 6 6 Do do mid. do 5 9 a 6 0 Do Red 5 6 a 6 0 Barley per minot 3 6 a 3 6 Oats do 2 3 a 2 6 Pease do 3 9 a 4 0 Indian Corn, 68 lbs none	

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