

property in the Gazette published by Samuel Neilson, and a *mandamus*, ordering J. C. Fisher, Esquire, to discontinue publishing in his Paper, "The Quebec Gazette, printed by Authority," the said advertisements of the Sheriff. All the Judges were on the Bench.—The Judges in this case deferred giving judgement till next Term.

In the cause of P. Patterson vs. D. Sutherland, Cashier of the Montreal Bank at Quebec, to recover the amount of two Bills of Exchange bought for the Plaintiff by the Defendant, and which were subsequently protested, it appears that the instructions of the Plaintiff did not warrant the Defendant to purchase other Bills than those sold by Government and the Montreal Bank, as stated in the letter of instructions, and judgment was given in favour of the Plaintiff for L. 2400.

Our Sovereign Lord the King vs. Hon. A. L. J. Duchesnay. This appears to be a claim by the Commission for managing the Estates of the late Order of Jesuits, now in the hands of the Crown, to a portion of the Seigniorship of Beauport, which has been in the possession of the Defendant or his ancestors for thirty-eight years. This question involved the very delicate one of the law of prescription against the Crown, as applicable to this Colony. His Honor the Chief Justice gave at very great length the authorities which induced him to give his opinion in favour of the Crown. The Honorable Messrs. Justices Kerr, Perrault, and Bowen, also at great length, gave their opinions in favour of the Defendant.

His Majesty's birth-day was celebrated here with the usual display of pomp and loyalty. The guns on the Citadel fired a royal salute, and the infantry were paraded as usual.

Mass was celebrated with great pomp in the Parish Church of this City, by the Reverend Mr. Signay, Curé of Quebec, to a numerous and respectable congregation of English Catholics. The Band of the 68th regiment attended on the occasion. We particularly notice this occurrence, as we have been given to understand that this is the first time the Festival of the Tutelar Saint of England has been so observed in Canada.

A large party was entertained at the Chateau by His Excellency, and the King's health was drank with loud acclamations, followed by *God save the King*, in English and French; and in the evening there was a splendid ball and supper in the Union Hotel, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor in Chief and the Countess of Dalhousie.

The first boat arrived on the 3d, from near Three-Rivers, up to which place the river was open.

We regret to learn that a Melancholy Accident happened yesterday morning, occasioned by the upsetting of a Bateau from St. Nicholas, by which no less than eight persons met an untimely death. An Emigrant family from Saint Giles are amongst the sufferers, and some of the individuals have left heavy families to lament their fate. The Bateau belonged to a person named Plante of St. Nicholas, who was on board. This distressing calamity is said to have arisen from the unskilful manner in which two bullocks, on board, were tied: one of the animals got loose and upset the boat. The carcasses of the animals and the boat have been found.

A subscription is to be immediately entered into in these Provinces to remit a sum of money in addition to the fund at home for the purpose of erecting a public monument to the late Earl of Hopetoun. There can be no doubt but that this opportunity of marking the estimation in which was held the late Colonel of the 42d. will be cheerfully embraced.

By a Proclamation signed by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and dated the 18th inst. the Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada is further prorogued to the 15th of June next. The term at which the four years of this Parliament expire and new elections must be held, as we believe, during the month of August next.

The Lake ice made its appearance on the 15th, it has now all passed and the river is perfectly open.

Fire.—The extraordinary vessel, as regards her size, now building at the Island Orleans caught fire during the night, and it is said nearly forty feet of her length were consumed commencing from the bow. It appears that a fire had been made to dry the vessel.