

- " 1st. To make acquisitions of Land, by purchase from Government and others.
- " 2d. To clear Lands and erect buildings either for sale or the occupation of Emigrant or other tenants.
- " 3. To make advances of Capital on good security.
- " 4th. To give accurate information to those proposing to emigrate; to facilitate the transmission of their funds; to secure them a passage on moderate terms.
- " 5th. To promote the prosperity of the colony, by agricultural improvement, inland communications, steam navigation, or other means."

LOWER-CANADA.

Instructions have been forwarded to the Commissariat at the different stations, to receive such British money as may be offered in payment for Bills on the Treasury, at the rate of £108 sterling for a Bill of £100, without reference to the rate of exchange; this measure will, we imagine, be adopted as soon as the expected supply of British coin arrives, and will, so long as exchange continues at its present rate, have the effect of keeping the English specie in circulation within the Province.

By a recent Bye-Law of the Trinity House, every Steam-Boat is required to be furnished with a good and safe gang-way, fenced with a guard-rail on each side for the landing and embarking of passengers. This measure has long been called for, and will we hope prevent the recurrence of such accidents as we have too frequently been called upon to notice.

Among the curious phenomena of Canada, is the ephemeral Spring Fly, called by the natives *mannâ*—by the English the *Shad Fly*, as they are supposed to indicate the approach of that Fish. They come in a continued current from North to South, and seem to be limited to Montreal and the vicinity of the River, not being recognized so low down the St. Lawrence as Three Rivers.—They are slender, about 1-3 of an inch long, with two pair of large wings, and of an iron grey colour. Their existence is generally confined to about ten days. They have appeared early this year, rather more abundantly than usual. Walls or doors interrupting their progress were blackened with them, and they might be seen lying in heaps at the bottom of such obstructions. The floor of rooms where the windows were open were obliged to be swept of them twice or thrice a day. It is only their number that is troublesome, for they neither bite nor sting.

Montreal Agricultural Report for May.

The early part of the month being dry, the Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats and Peas, which stood over from the last month were get in. From the 12th the weather became variable, the rains which fell prevented the soil from being worked with advantage. Much of the land for potatoes could not be planted until near the close of the month.

The sombre appearance that clouded the landscape at the opening of the month was removed on the 11th by the forest trees expanding their foliage and the meadow assuming a verdant appearance, the growths in general unfolding as by magic, presenting the rising crops with an appearance seldom witnessed in this early period of the year. The culture of Mangle Wurtzel is extending yearly, they are considered as superior to Turnips; they are more nutritious, and their use can be extended to animals who refuse to eat the latter root. The butter which is made from cows who are fed with them in the autumn is as fine in flavour and odour as when they feed in the best pastures the country affords. There is no insect that preys on them which is not the case with Turnips in open land, which are destroyed five years out of six. There is not a Root which is liked better than the Wurzel, by Sheep and Hogs, and perhaps none surpass them for fattening of Cattle. In the latter part of this month, Beef had risen 25 per cent, Veal and Mutton was getting up also, but the Dairy productions were falling one fifth. There is an appearance that Beef will be high for some time to come.

INDICATIONS OF A MARBLE QUARRY NEAR MONTREAL.

We have seen a piece of marble which was discovered by a gentleman a few days ago, about a mile and a half from this town. It is somewhat of the dove colour, possesses a very fine grain, and takes an excellent polish. It is of the same quality as the Missiskoui Bay marble, or of the Swanton marble, so much in use for chimney pieces and tables. It is intended that the ground where this piece was found should be examined, in order to ascertain whether a quarry of this marble exists.