

upon the *per cent*, of all lands sold in the State by the government of the United States. These consist of every sixteenth section in each township, or 640 acres of the 500,000 acres granted by Congress in 1841, and of 5 per cent, on all sales of public lands in the State, by authority of the general government to which the Legislature of Iowa have added the property of persons dying intestate, and without heirs, and the proceeds of military exemptions and penal fines in the several counties. Such is the school fund of the State for common schools.

**PARDON OF PEARSON.**—The Governor and Council of Massachusetts have commuted the death sentence of David H. Pearson, recently convicted of the murder of his wife and two children, at Wilmington, to imprisonment for life. The jury, in rendering their verdict, recommended him very strongly to mercy, and the defence introduced evidence on the trial, going to show that he failed to possess a full and correct reason.

**Oswego, April 13**—There were eight arrivals and nine clearances yesterday. Among other articles of freight were 41,000 bushels of Canada wheat and 350,000 feet of lumber. The quantity of lumber this year will probably be largely increased at this port. Last year there was an increase of seventeen millions over the previous year. This year will advance largely upon the last.—*Times*.

**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.**—The bill to abolish capital punishment in Ohio which passed the Senate a few days ago, was defeated in the house by indefinite postponement, yeas 31, nays, 24.

## ARRIVAL OF STEAMER AMERICA.

New York, April 20.

The steamship America arrived at Halifax at 12 o'clock, Thursday night. Cotton advanced  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  for middlings. Flour advanced 1s. Indian Corn the same. For American provisions the market has been dull, especially for Bacon and Hams. Lard retarded 1s. Ashes.—Market very quiet. Transactions retail.

**ENGLAND.**—A severe hurricane occurred on the English coast on the 30th March. The packet ship J. S. Skiddy, of New York, and the Howard, of New Orleans, were wrecked. All hands saved. The steamer Adelaide, from Dublin to London, was lost near the mouth of the Thames, and every soul (numbering 200) on board were drowned. Smith O'Brien and his associates had arrived at Van Diemen's Land. Parliament has done little more than vote for the supplies and transact other business of a local nature.

**FRANCE.**—An effort had been made in the Assembly to introduce a Bill to obtain the vote of the people relative to the establishment of a Republic of Monarchy. The proposal was negated. It is said that the President of the Republic is so deeply in debt that nothing but the possession of the Imperial Crown can extricate him, and he is at present in negotiation with Russia for the purpose of possessing himself of that—now to him necessary—protection. The belief is entertained that a collision between Austria and Prussia is almost unavoidable. Emile de Girardin has been rejected as a candidate for Paris, at a preparatory socialist meeting.

**GERMANY.**—A serious rupture has occurred between the governments of Prussia and Wurtemberg, in consequence of the contemplated by the latter country in opening the Chambers. The government of Prussia has addressed a note to that of Wurtemberg couched in very strong terms, expressing the astonishment of the King's Government; and the speech regrets with most profound indignation the suspicions and accusations it contains, and declares it beneath its dignity to reply thereto, or to continue diplomatic relations with Wurtemberg. The Prussian Ambassador has been recalled. Berlin is intended to be surrounded with fortified barriers, which have already been commenced near one of the gates of the city. The German Parliament assembled at Erfurt on 30th March.

**SPAIN.**—The report from Madrid of a speedy reconciliation between the English and Spanish Governments is confirmed. The State of Cuba causes the greatest solicitude to be felt on the part of the Spanish Government.

**TUSCANY.**—The Tuscan Government has refused to accede to Lord Palmerston's demand of indemnity for losses sustained by British subjects at Leghorn last year. The difficulty has been submitted to the arbitration of the Sardinian Government.

**TURKEY.**—Recent advices from Constantinople state that preparations were being made to conduct Kosuth and the other Hun-

garian refugees to Cahela, in Asia Minor, where they are to be confined, it is said, five years. A telegraphic despatch of the 29th March, from Trieste, states that the insurrection in Bosnia is extending its range and increasing in strength.

## WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Montreal, April 23, 1850.

ASHES.—Pots, 27s 3d, Pearls about the same.

**FLOUR.**—The quotation for last week has been 22s for superfine, and on Saturday, 2009 bbls changed hands at that figure. In other produce we have heard of no transactions.

In Groceries, there are still very few transactions, and quotations of most articles continue merely nominal.

There was an Auction Sale of Sugars on Saturday, which resulted in a decline. 30 bbls of Muscovado, fair quality, were placed at 35s 9d a 38s 6d, averaging 37s per cwt. Loaf sugar brought 7d per lb, and molasses, 1s 4d per Gallon, but of these only one lot each was sold.

We understand several cargoes of Muscovado Sugar and Molasses are on the way direct from the West Indies, whence they may be brought under the new Navigation Act, on much more favorable terms than heretofore, and we anticipate that the merchants of Western Canada, will be enabled to buy in their supplies of these staple articles at greater advantage in our market than in that of New York.

MONTREAL BANK STOCK, 2½ to 3 per cent prem.

EXCHANGE, Bank 60 day drafts on London, 11 per cent premium.—*Witness*.

## BIRTHS.

Montreal—11th ult, Mrs J R Geroux, of a daughter. 13th ult, Mrs John Plimsoll, of twins—sons. 16th ult, Mrs R Esdaile, of a son. 18th ult, Mrs R Forester, of a son. 22nd ult, at Victoria Terrace, Mrs John F. Taylor of a daughter.

Sherbrooke—5th ult, Mrs C Whiteher, of a daughter.

Woodstock—5th inst, Mrs Alexander, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

Edwardsburgh—28th March, Mr E Dolmage, to Miss Cordelia Ray, of Montreal.

Elizabethtown—3d ult, Mr Thomas Lapoint, to Miss Mary Taylor. Emily—25th March, Mr Thomas Jackson, to Miss Bevin McKeo. Guelph—Mr J Adson, of Dereham, to Nancy Geruldrine Keith, eldest daughter of Mr Samuel Kidd, of Cusuech.

Hamilton—23d March, by the Rev H Wilkinson, Mr Hugh Kay, of Dumfries, to Miss Jane Summers.

Kingston—By the Rev R F Burns, Mr George H Sellers, Junr, to Miss Catherine Leckie.

Lloydown—8th ult, Mr Chas Kelly, of Hamilton, to Miss Mary A Stewart.

Ottawa—29th March, Mr Wm Howson, to Miss Isabella Nelson. Peterboro'—5th ult, Mr Wm Blackstock, to Miss Maria Cooney, of Onondaga.

Smyrna—2d ult, Mr Charles Parker, of Victoria, to Miss Eliza Hill.

Toronto—10th ult, by the Rev H J Grassett, M A, Frederick W Gates, Esq, to Mary Hannah, youngest daughter of the late Henry Grassett, Esq, MD.

Windsor—3rd ult, by the Rev Mr Ritchie, Thos Alex Ireland, Esq, of Chatham, to Miss Ellenora Nelly Labadie.

## DEATHS.

Montreal—14th ult, Joseph, and on the 15th, Thomas infant sons of Mr John Plimsoll. 16th ult, Esther, wife of Mr John Hodgson, aged 30 years. 23d ult, Nancy Luckraft, wife of Mr Thos Mills, aged 46 years. 21th ult, James, infant son of Mr James Redpath, aged three months. Adine Savory, infant daughter of Mr Henry O Andrews. Agnes, daughter of Hugh Richardson, aged 17 years, formerly of Toronto. Mr Jos Hinckhoff, aged 30 years. 25th ult, Mr Thomas Evans, Painter, aged 42 years. 26th ult, Jane Miller.

Cobourg—23rd March, Jas Hope, infant son of Dr Pringle, aged eleven months. 27th, Mr Jos Thompson, aged 42 years.

Fredericksburgh—23d March, Mr Alfred Howey, aged 31 years.

Grimsby—19th ult, Mr Henry Kor, aged 49 years.

Hamilton—2nd ult, Mr P Fleming, aged 63 years. 5th ult, Frances, wife of Mr James Jolly, aged 34 years.

Lachute—21st ult, Thomas, eldest son of Mr James Walker, aged 16 years.

Lennoxville—6th ult, James Edgar, Esq, aged 31 years.

Nelson—29th March, Mr Ambrose Pyk, aged 78 years.

Paslinch—11th ult, Mr John Shaw, aged 83 years.

Rawdon—13th ult, Margaret Heron, wife of Mr James Hoidday, a native of Roxburghshire, Scotland, aged 90 years.

St Catharines—29th March, Frances Eliza, wife of B Foley, Esq, aged 27 years.

Toronto—8th ult, Priscilla, relict of the late Thomas Whitmore, Esq, of Montreal, aged 68 years. 10th ult, Mr E H M Sherry. 11th ult, Mr Patrick Ward. 17th ult, Catherine, wife of Mr Alex Renno, aged 42 years.