

Local and Political Intelligence.

MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.—The news from this quarter is exactly such as the details which we have given from time to time of American aggressions and the movement of American troops to the Mexican frontier must have led our readers to expect.

ATLANTIC AND ST. LAWRENCE RAILROAD.—The Portland papers contain an indenture of agreement between the managers of this road, on both sides of the line, containing a uniform plan of construction, the points of connection at the boundary and termini at each of the cities of Portland and Montreal, which is signed by Wm. P. Preble, President of the Portland Co., and by G. Moffatt, President of the Montreal Co.

MONSTER STEAM-HAMMER.—Sir John Guest has had erected one of the largest and most powerful hammers of this description, at his extensive iron-works at Dowlais. The immediate purpose for which Sir J. Guest has erected this monster steam hammer, is to give some six or eight tremendous blows to each of the piles or blooms from which railway bars are rolled, so as to thoroughly weld them into one solid mass ere they go to the rolls, to be extended into the finished rail.

THE GREAT WESTERN.—The piece of plate selected by the Committee appointed by the passengers of the Great Western on her last trip to this port, for presentation to Capt. Matthews, her commander, was presented to him by the Committee at the Astor House, on Wednesday evening last, accompanied by a few appropriate remarks to which he feelingly and happily responded.

THE CAMBRIA.—The Commissioners appointed to survey the steamer Cambria, report that, after a strict and careful examination of all parts of the vessel, as far as could be got at, both on board and inboard, including her machinery, &c., they could find no signs of her having strained, gauled, or otherwise injured herself; and also find that she has made no extra water in consequence of the accident, but remains tight as before.

SEALED FISHERY.—Our Seafarers are doing very badly this spring; only 80,000 Seals have been brought into this port as yet, and several vessels have been lost. The Insurance Companies here have ascertained their loss to this date to be about £10,000.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY falling on Sunday this year, the following day (Monday) is appointed for its celebration, and will be observed as a holiday by the Banks and public offices generally. The troops in garrison will

parade as usual on the Esplanade, and a royal salute will be fired at noon, in honour of the event. We understand the different fire-companies will turn out in uniform.

PERCE', DISTRICT OF GASPE', has also suffered from fire, as well as the settlements on the Saguenay and in the vicinity of Quebec. On the 5th instant, during a violent gale, a house took fire in that place, and the flames were spread by the wind with such rapidity that a number of dwelling-houses and property to the amount of about £5,000 were destroyed.

ST. CATHERINE'S.—This village which contained only 350 inhabitants in 1827, has now 3,400—eight churches, four flouring mills with twenty run of stones, and 10 factories and foundries, besides boat yards and all the other sources of industrial employment. It owes its prosperity to the construction of the Welland Canal.—Kingston News.

P. S.—The Montreal Boat of this morning brings no news of the English Mail of the 4th inst. Later accounts have been received from the Rio-Grande, and they are unfavorable to the U. S. troops. A body of 70 men under a Capt. Walker, in attempting to reach Point Isabel, were cut to pieces by the Mexicans, except the officer and four or five men. A report was current in New Orleans that Point Isabel had been taken by the Mexicans.

Port of Quebec.

ARRIVED. May 13th. Bark Amity, Allar, 8th April, Liverpool, (for Montreal) general, 1 passenger. — Douglas, Richards, 6th do. London, Gillespie & Co. do. 5 do.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. Montreal, 18th May, 1846. This day at Three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Legislative Council, in the Parliament Building.

MARITIME EXTRACTS. The ship C. R. C. Giboult, master, arrived at Pasphebec, from Jersey, on the 3rd instant, consigned to R. Robin & Co.

INCORPORATED CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC. A SPECIAL Meeting of the Society will (D. V.) take place in the NATIONAL SCHOOL HOUSE at QUEBEC, on FRIDAY, the 25th MAY, at TWO o'clock, P. M., to consider a proposal to alter the 8th Section of the 13th Article of the General By-laws.

EDUCATION. D. BRAY has opened a SCHOOL in FLAVIN ST. STREET, over the shop occupied by Mr. Owen, Piano-forte maker, and hopes that his experience as a Teacher, together with strict attention to his duties, will secure him a share of public patronage.

COALS! COALS!! COALS!!! H. H. PORTER & CO. take this opportunity of returning thanks to their friends and the Citizens of Quebec for the liberal support they have received since they have commenced business in the Coal line; and still offer for Sale BEST NEWCASTLE GRATE and SMITH'S COALS, for Cash or approved Credit.

THE following LETTER and SPECIFICATIONS were ordered to be published by the DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE on the eighth instant, and the proprietors of the Quebec newspapers are hereby notified to insert this article in three successive numbers and in the languages of their respective publications. Quebec, 4th May, 1846.

Dear Sir.—The inclosed statement and plan refer to 5 Houses built of incombustible materials upon my wharf in St. Paul Street, during the last five weeks, and as you seem interested upon the subject, the men at work upon the premises have instructions to give any information to gentlemen who may feel inclined to visit the premises—should I happen not to be there at the time that you or any of your friends may like to inspect the work.

Office of H. M. Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration in Canada. Quebec, 16th May, 1846. Number of Emigrants arrived at this port from the opening of the navigation:—

Table with columns: Cabin, Steerage, From England, From Ireland, From Scotland, Total, To same period last year, Increase in 1846.

QUEBEC MARKETS. Corrected by the Clerks of the Markets up to Tuesday, 19th May, 1846.

Table with columns: s. d., Beef, Mutton, Ditto, Lamb, Potatoes, Maple Sugar, Oats, Hay, Straw, Fire-wood, Cheese, Butter, Ditto, Veal, Pork, Eggs.

ENGLISH MAIL. LETTERS for the above Mail will be received at the Quebec Post Office, till THURSDAY, the 23rd instant.—PAID Letters to THREE o'clock, and UN-PAID to FOUR, P. M.

THE ESTATE OF A. MACNIDER, BANKRUPT. THE undersigned has been duly appointed sole assignee.

BOARD AND LODGING. THREE Gentlemen can be comfortably accommodated with board and lodging in a private family, at No. 9, Angel Street, back of the Jail.

Just Received. BY C. STANLEY, NO. 4 ST. ANN STREET. A FEW COPIES OF HYMNS,

Intended, principally, as a supplement to the Psalms in common use in the Church of England, as contained in the Prayer-Book.

THE REV. CHARLES BANCROFT, M. A., Minister of St. Thomas' Church, Montreal. Price in cloth 1s. 6d. plain leather 1s. 9d. best 2s. A liberal reduction will be made, if a quantity be ordered.

TO BE LET, FROM 1st May next, THREE OFFICES on Arthur Street, opposite the Exchange.

FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS SHEET ZINC, TIN PLATES, Sheet IRON, Register Grates, White Lead, Paints, assorted Colours.

NEWCASTLE, Wallsend, Grate & Smith's Coals, for Sale by H. H. Porter & Co. Porter & Co's Wharf, Late Irvine's. Quebec, Jan. 1st 1846.

The Steamer St. George returned from the Saguenay on Tuesday morning. Capt. Davison says he passed about 25 square rigged vessels bound up between this and the River du Loup, amongst them he noticed the Marchioness of Abercorn, with passengers, and the Camille from London in ballast.

The new ship Erin's Queen, for Cork, and the new bark Mary Seton, for London, sailed on Sunday morning with a fine westerly breeze. The brig Swallow reports that the Schr. Indian Queen, from Quebec, previously reported ashore, sailed from the Gut of Canso on the 4th inst., for Halifax.

At Dundurn Castle, C. West, on the 8th inst., Lady MacNab, wife of the Hon. Sir Allan MacNab, Speaker of the House of Assembly.

On the 19th inst., at St. Hyacinthe, Jasper Brewer, Esquire, a native of Cologne, after a long and painful illness. He served during the late American War as Lieutenant in the New York's Regiment, and since the peace has filled several situations in the public departments.

Dimensions and Estimated cost of 5 Brick Houses, covered with Slate and Tiles, built on Lowndes and Patton's Wharfs, behind McCallum's Brewery, St. Paul Street.

Upper floor, Gables, Coup feu, &c., 8 inches or 1 Brick thick. Each House 25 x 15 feet, 2 Stories high, and an attic and back yard, with accommodations for two families—

Quantity of Bricks required —75,000, which may be estimated, to be left on the spot, £30 0 0 Bricklaying, Scaffolding, all other materials and labour, £150 0 0

Roofing 27 squares, Slate or Tiles 50 0 0 Plastering inside throughout. 75 0 0 Timber, Ironmongery, Glass, Carpenters' Work, Labour, and all other materials for completing inside. 300 0 0

For 5 Houses £743 15 0 or £150 each. It must be obvious that in Cities it is infinitely cheaper to erect one house of the above dimensions, which would accommodate two families, than to build two houses of one story each—the ground, second roofing, and one-third Brick-work being saved.

The Plans and estimates furnished by Mr. Lowndes, are placed in the office of the Committee of Distribution, for public inspection, and the parties intending to build are invited to examine them. Quebec, 4th May, 1846.

Orders thankfully received at the Coal Wharf, No. 41, Champlain-street. Quebec, 2nd April, 1846.

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