

## GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The particulars of a dreadful fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, have been received this week. It commenced on the 12th ult., and was not got under until two-thirds of the city, including most of the churches, the principal public establishments, and almost every mercantile house, were consumed. Five or six thousand persons were rendered houseless, and passed the night in the open air. Only one mercantile establishment—that of the Messrs. Newman—is said to be left standing. It is feared, too, that famine may be added to the other horrors, as the stock of provisions was very low, and there are no means of obtaining extensive supplies in the neighbourhood. Under these circumstances, relief is anxiously looked for from a distance, and, we feel convinced, will not be looked for in vain. A public meeting of the inhabitants has been called in this city, and will be held this day, at one o'clock, in the News-room, to "take into consideration the best means of promptly procuring and forwarding relief to the spot." Whatever divisions may distract and divide our community at other times, we feel satisfied that they will be unanimous on this one point, viz. to afford, and that promptly, all the assistance in their power to the sufferers at Newfoundland.

The *Montreal Gazette* says:—

"We understand that the Government is about to effect a very important reform in the tolls of the Lachine Canal. The tolls down are to be reduced to such a rate as to make it the interest of all vessels to descend the canal, instead of shooting the rapids, by which so much life and property are at present endangered. It is calculated that a moderate accession of revenue, as well as a great convenience to commerce, will be the result."

The *British Queen*, belonging to John McDonnell, Esq., of Kingston, leaves our harbour for Kingston, Canada, with the following cargo: 2,087 barrels of Pork, 835 barrels of Flour, 4 brls. and 16 kegs of Lard, 4 hhd. of Hams. Had she been laden entirely with flour, she could have carried 500 brls. more. This fine brig has been built in the past winter to suit the enlarged locks of the Welland Canal, and probably carries as large a cargo as that navigation will permit. The value of her cargo, at the present low prices for produce, exceeds \$21,000; but as the Lakes are fresh, and not salt water, the knowing ones at Washington can see no value in such a commerce, although it is American produce going to a foreign country, and to this extent relieving our own markets at the seaboard. We wish the enterprising owner of the brig full freights, never below present rates, and wind always from the right quarter to give her quick passages; and the more of such vessels they send the better, particularly if they are laden by purchases on Canadian account.—*Cleveland Herald*.

**THE TIMBER TRADE.**—The Lords of the Treasury have sanctioned an important regulation in the Timber Trade, having signified to the Board of Customs their approval that all sawn or hewn timber, wood plank, or thick stuff, of eight inches or upwards on the smallest side, but not being wood planed or otherwise dressed or prepared for use, may be deemed hewn, and charged with the duty payable on that description accordingly.—*Quebec Gazette*.

## BANKRUPTS.

**Commiss'ns Issued.**—John Esdale, Brockville, and Peter Robertson, Smith's Falls, merchants, 6th July.

**Meetings of Creditors.**—Alexander Ross and Thomas Corbet, traders, Kingston.—Joseph Minor, Kingston; second meeting, 6th July.—John Tweedy, cabinet maker, Montreal; first meeting, 8th July.—Andrew Feeny, trader, Montreal; first meeting, 8th July.—Christopher G. Cramer; meeting, 11th July, at Kingston.—William Murphy, trader, Woodstock; first meeting, 13th July.—William Dalley, Wellington District; second meeting, 17th July.—Alex. Cameron, Township of Percy, lumberer, 29th July.—Edward Bellamy; second meeting 30th July.

**Certificates to be Granted.**—Donald Mackenzie, trader, Belleville.—William C. Ross, merchant, Toronto.—James Feeny, grocer, Montreal.—William Farquhar, grocer and trader, Montreal.—Charles Blake Radenhurst, merchant and trader, Montreal.—Sarah E. Campbell, trader, Montreal.—Louis Haldimand, merchant, Montreal.—Alexander Durrsh, Montreal.

## INSOLVENT DEBTORS.

Samuel Reynet, Brock District.—David Rawson, Cornwall.—Angus Cameron, Cornwall.—Finlay McCuaig, trader, Cote St. Andre; final order, 15th July.—John Esdale, Robert Esdale, and John Charles Lilly, merchants and traders, all of Montreal; 15th July.—James Scott, Sherbrooke; 19th August.

Those readers of the *Economist* who are in the habit of advertising would do well to make use of our columns. If the object is to meet the eye of the merchant, no better medium can be found. All classes of mercantile men read us—those who support us, and those who abuse us.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

## PORT OF MONTREAL.

ARRIVED.

JUNE 27.

Bark *Hirundo*, Grey, London, J. Joseph.Bark *Burnhopeside*, Lorby, London, Tobin & Murison.

—Robert Henderson, Tothunter, Liverpool, Renaud &amp; Campbell.

30TH.

Ship *Erromanga*, Robinson, Liverpool, J. Buchanan & Co.

JULY 2.

Brig *Wilson*, Stoupo, Liverpool, Boyle.

CLEARED.

JUNE 29.

Brig *Lavinia*, Brown, Liverpool, A. Shaw.

30TH.

Brig *Queen of the Tyne*, Scott, Liverpool, J. Joseph.

## THE MARKETS.

ENGLISH.

No later intelligence since our last report.

(Written for the *Economist*.)

NEW YORK.

30th June, 1846.

**FLOUR.**—There has been a fair demand during the week for domestic use, but very little has been purchased for export. Prices were firm at the commencement, but have gradually given way, and Genesee in prime order is now offered at \$4 06½ to \$4 12½, without buyers. Michigan has been sold in small quantities for shipment at \$3 94 to \$4, and 15,000 barrels have been shipped, said however to be on owner's account. Southern sells in small lots at \$4 to \$4½.

**WHEAT.**—The market is dull, but without variation in price. Sales have been made of 8,000 bushels White Genesee at 95c. to \$1, and 20,000 bushels Indiana Red at 85c. to 86c., part for export.

**ASHES.**—A fair demand, but no alteration in prices. The sales amount to 1,400 barrels Pots, and 650 barrels Pearls.

**PROVISIONS.**—Pork has been dull, and prices have rather declined. Sales of Mess have been made at \$10½ to \$10¾, and Prime at \$8 to \$7 94c. Beef, Mess has sold at \$6½ to \$7, and Prime at \$4½ to \$5.

**FREIGHTS** have fluctuated during the week. Some engagements were made at 2s. per barrel for Flour to Liverpool, and subsequently 2s. 6d. was paid, which is now the current rate.

**EXCHANGE** 7½ to 8 per cent.

W. LEA ROBERTS, Broker, 104, Wall Street.

MONTREAL. Friday Evening, 3rd July.

**ASHES.**—The demand for both sorts is very limited, and the stock in store on the increase. Pots are dull at 21s. 6d., and Pearls at 21s. 3d. to 21s. 6d.

**FLOUR.**—The market still continues dull, with declining prices. About 15,000 brls. have changed hands during the week, including several parcels for shipment, at 21s. for Fine, and 21s. 3d. for Extra Fine; and, for consumption, 1200 brls. Fine at 20s., 1400 at 20s. 3d., and 1500 at 20c. 6d., mostly from Spring Wheat.

**WHEAT.**—The best samples of White U. C. have sold readily during the week at 4s. 6d. to 4s. 8d. per 60 lbs. Inferior samples are neglected, and we note only one sale at 4s. per 60 lbs.

**PROVISIONS.**—Sales of all kinds are exceedingly dull, and only by retail. Mess Pork has declined in New York to \$10 to \$10 12½; holders ask for \$14 to \$14½ here. Prime Mess \$10½, and Prime \$9½ to \$9¾. No sales of Beef or Butter to report.

**FREIGHTS** are rather easier. To Liverpool engagements have been made at 5s. 9d. to 6s. per brl.

**EXCHANGE.**—Merchants' Bills at 90 days on London, 7½ to 7¾ per cent premium.