

Rev'd. John McKenzie, being the amount of a collection made in the Church of Williamstown, on Saturday, the 13th Sept. the day before administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

*The Races.*—The Montreal Races commenced on Wed. 24th Sept. They were well attended on that day, and the sport seemed to afford universal gratification. The second race between Leshmahago and Sir Walter was beautiful, and almost equally contested. During the first heat a feat was performed by Capt. O'Brien, one of the riders, which conferred the highest honour on his horsemanship, and gave evident proofs of the highest skill in the equestrian art. While about the middle of the course the girth of his saddle got loose, which had nearly the consequence of throwing him to the ground; but the Captain dexterously threw himself out of the saddle altogether, and preserved his seat on horseback. The saddle, however, was still so fast as to remain behind, until the termination of the heat, which the Captain won, though he ultimately lost the race.

*Launch.*—On Saturday last the launch of the Steam Tow-Boat HERCULES took place. A large concourse of people were collected on the shore, to view her consignment to the watery element. About two o'clock the preparations for launching commenced, and half an hour after, the vessel was started and moved, slowly at first, but with accelerated speed, into the river. The plunging of her stern into the water, and the manner in which she rose—climbing as it were, the steep ascent of a mountain of water—was wonderfully fine. When she touched the water, two rockets were let off from the stern, and the usual ceremony of christening the Boat with a Bottle of Rum, was gone through by one of the proprietors at the bows. Immediately upon gaining her seat upon the water, the party on board gave three cheers, which were repeated by the crowd on shore, and made the air resound with acclamations. The Steam-Boats La Prairie and Montreal fired repeated salutes, until the tow-boat was brought along-side of Mr. Munn's Wharf, which was done at half-past three. The model of this Boat is very fine; she is one hundred and ten feet in length, and has probably the greatest power of any boat in America. The power of a Steam-Engine upon the plan of Boulton and Watts, is calculated by the size of its Cylinder, with boilers sufficiently large to afford a constant supply of Steam. The cylinder of the CHANCELLOR KENT of New-York—calculated for 100 horse power, is only 48 inches in diameter, while that of the Tow-Boat is 55. We feel much pride in beholding another production of the awakened spirit and enterprise of our citizens; and more especially when the facility promised to trade by this Boat is so great, and interests so nearly the whole community.

*Execution at Montreal.*—On Friday the 24th inst. at 10 o'clock in the morning, pursuant to their sentence Abraham Paradis, Warren Glessen, and Jean Baptiste Albert, suffered the awful punishment of the law; they behaved with propriety, and much resignation, and it is to be hoped that this warning will produce that salutary dread of Justice and the belief of its necessity, for the safety of Society, the apparent indifference on which subject rendered such a painful proof of the determined guardianship of the Laws, indispensable.