

NEWS.

**DISCOVERY OF FOSSIL BONES.**—No little interest has been excited in this city, by the discovery, lately, of some fossil bones, vertebræ, in the blue clay deposit behind Cadieux village, in the immediate neighbourhood of this city, and about a mile N. W. from the northern end of the mountain. They were first observed by the workmen, when excavating for clay for the purpose of making brick, at the depth of fifteen feet from the surface, at the side of a steep bank, at the base of which a small rivulet takes its course. We have seen the spot, and the vertebræ. They are nineteen in number, gradually diminishing in size; the space between the ends of the transverse processes of the largest measuring twelve inches. When placed in continuity they measure about four feet six inches in length, about eight of them are caudal vertebræ; the transverse and spinous processes in these being, in the first instance, rudimentary, and finally becoming lost altogether. They are undoubtedly the fossil remains of a large cetaceous animal, and the discovery altogether is replete with interest. The excavation is still going on under the direction of Mr. Logan, the geologist, and although in the mean while, nothing further has been developed, yet we can scarcely doubt that ultimate success will attend the efforts. The vertebræ are in an exceedingly fine state of preservation. The blue clay deposit, in which these remains have been discovered, belongs to the post-pliocene period, and abounds in marine shells. From the locality which we have specified, specimens of the *Pellina*, *Saxicava*, *Mytilus*, *Mya*, *Balanus*, *Praamobia*, and *Nucula*, have been taken. The blue clay deposit has been observed in this country as high as 500 feet above the level of the sea; the height of the stratum from which the vertebræ have been removed, may be safely estimated at about 100 feet above the same level. We shall keep our readers advised of the further progress made in this interesting matter.—*British American Journal of Med. Science.*

**HIGHWAY ROBBERY.**—It appears that the recent capture of two of the miscreants who have been concerned in the late frequent robberies in the outskirts of the City has failed to put a stop to the daring depredations of the gang. About half-past four on Thursday morning, Mr. Honoré Lantier, son of the farmer at the Priests' farm, was accosted by two men in Sherbrooke street, close to the spot where the late robbery of Mr. Grafton took place, who asked him to let them ride in his sleigh; he hesitated, when one of them seized him from behind, while the other robbed him of what money his pockets contained—which fortunately, we understand, was only 7s 6d. They likewise robbed him of a coat—one of them threatened violence if any noise was made by Mr. Lantier. They had the appearance of labouring men going to their daily employment—and no doubt were so. We believe that the lower parts of the City are infested with characters of this description, who, while ostensibly gaining their livelihood by casual daily labour, are on the look-out for any chance of plunder that comes in their way. Surely some method ought immediately to be resorted to, to put a stop to proceedings so disgraceful to the civic authorities, if thus allowed to go forward, and attended with so much danger to the citizens.—*Transcript.*

**HORSE STEALING.**—A young man, describing himself as James McLean, shoemaker, of the Township of Granby, was, on the 6th inst., committed to the goal of this district, by Wm. U. Chaffers, Esq., J.P. of St. Cesare, accused of stealing a valuable mare from the Public Stables of the Seigneurial Mill, at St. Hyacinth, the property of Louis Huand, of St. Denis. McLean had offered the mare, for a low price, to Mr. Samuel Bean, Inn-keeper, of St. Cesare, who, suspecting he had not obtained it honestly, had him taken before the magistrate, where the owner of the mare arrived very shortly after in search of her. This crime has become very common of late in the counties bordering on the Lines.—*Gazette.*

**THE FORWARDING BUSINESS IN KINGSTON.**—The most active preparations are making for this important branch of business. Several new firms are being organized. Amongst others, our enterprising townsman, J. H. Greer, in connexion with our old and respected friend, Captain Colclough, who commanded the Princess Royal, known to all travellers as one of the most attentive and business like captains on Lake Ontario. The firm of Glassford & Smith, are also engaged in making busy preparations; their office will be that occupied last year by Jones & Walker, on Ontario Street. James A. Walker, late of the firm of Jones & Walker, has taken the capacious stores on the Marine Railway, under the firm of J. A. Walker & Co. E. Browne & Co., from Hamilton, have taken the store and premises lately occupied by John Counter, Esq., and will, no doubt, from their connexions both at Toronto and Hamilton, do a large business. The old firm of McPherson & Crane, are making great preparations; and Captain Gildersleeve is about to build a new steamer on the most improved principles, adapted for the altered circumstances of the times. A new steam vessel of large dimensions is also building for Mr. Bethune, in our Marine Railway yard, so constructed as to pass through all the locks in the entire navigation. The old firm of Hooker, Henderson & Co., are also fully prepared; and the Quebec Company are equally on the alert. New wharves are being erected, and the greatest activity is apparent from one end of the city to the other. Mr. Counter is building a large store on his new wharf. There is scarcely a house to be procured of any size in the city, and upwards of thirty applications have been made to the Corporation for leave to lay down building material for new erections.—*Kingston Chronicle and Gazette.*

**EMIGRATION.**—We learn from late foreign journals, received by the Hibernia, that the Irish poor are emigrating in great numbers chiefly to the United States. All the ready ports are crowded, but the Chronicle says, "unfortunately they are those whose loss will be severely felt, as they possess pecuniary means, and are not destitute." Freight for steerage passengers has risen to 4 guineas. Landlords are aiding their peasantry to emigrate. Mr. R. S. Guinness, of Dublin, has issued an address to his poorer tenantry in the county of Wexford, offering 3l. to each person in a family, provided the whole go together, and also 1l. for each individual, the latter sum to be paid on arrival in New York, Quebec, or any other American port that may be fixed upon.

Nineteen-twentieths of the land in the three kingdoms, says a correspondent of the *Morning Advertiser*, including church property, is entailed and, as such, cannot be leased for any term of years, except in Scotland.

The Scottish farmers are substituting beans and turnips on the land hitherto employed for potatoes.

A large quantity of foreign potatoes, for seed, have been imported into London.

Many of the Norfolk farmers have lately turned their attention to flax growing.

**DESTITUTION IN THE METROPOLIS.**—Upwards of 50,000 persons are now inmates of the London work-houses, 60,000 are receiving outdoor relief; and from 1,400 to 2,000 nightly sheltered in the refuges for the homeless.—*Globe.*

**REMARKABLE DEATH IN LIVERPOOL.**—Mr. John Connolly, of Newry, dropped down dead in Ranelagh street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, with a carpet bag in his hand, containing £2989 in cash. It now appears that the deceased was fleeing from his creditors, and that he intended to sail for America in the Cambria on the following day.

A Cork paper says, that a gentleman living in that county lately bought seventeen horses, alive, to feed his hounds, at five shillings each. The horses were on the point of death from hunger, as their owners had no food of any kind to give them.

A policeman, named Jacob Webb, has signalled himself by running off with Miss Honora Macmahon, an heiress possessed of £2000 a-year, and a native of Newcastle, county of Limerick. Having overcome all obstacles, evaded or active pursuit, and married the lady, he has now retired from the constabulary.

**ARREST OF A FUGITIVE.**—A German employed by the Rothschilds, at Vienna, was arrested at New York on Thursday last, on a charge of having defrauded that house of \$20,000. A large sum in gold and in Austrian securities was found in his possession, and he was committed for further examination.

The last census of the United States gave 420,000 as the number of female slaves under ten years of age, and 390,000 as the number between ten and twenty!

**SINGULAR CAUSE OF OBSTRUCTION.**—The telegraph wire at the Western Railroad Depot in Charlton, Mass., blew down last week where it crosses the track, and the wire caught on the engine of the down freight train, pulling over one of the posts, and sweeping from the train three brakemen. One (Mr. Coleman) was killed, one had his leg broken, and the other was uninjured. No damage was done to the train.

**AN AMAZON.**—The New-Orleans Delta reports a novel cow-hiding affair. A "married and highly respectable" lady met a gentleman by whom she conceived she had been insulted, and vigorously applied the lash while her brother held the victim. The parties were all arrested on the spot by a deputy sheriff, who was passing, and, after an examination, were bound over, each in the sum of \$1000, for their appearance before the First District Court.

**NOBLE PHILANTHROPY.**—We understand that Gerrit Smith, Esq., of Peterboro', has contributed \$2000 to the Ireland Relief Fund. This is the largest donation yet made, by any one individual, in the Union.

**CLERICAL ERROR.**—The Rev. Mr. Beckus, a Baptist minister, attempted to stab the Rev. M. Du Bose, at Bradiord Springs, S. C., on the 10th ult., with a pocket-knife, and almost succeeded. [South Carolina is, *par excellence*, the slave State.]

**NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.**—A bill has been introduced into the Senate to suppress fornication and adultery. The following are its provisions: 1st. That the punishment for seducing a female under 25 years of age, shall be by fine of not more than \$5000 nor less than \$1000, or by imprisonment not more than one year nor less than three months—marriage of the parties to operate as a bar to conviction. 2d. Fornication punishable by same imprisonment, or fine of \$500 or \$300, on both parties. 3d. Adultery—fine of \$1000 or \$500, or imprisonment, or both fine and imprisonment. The charge for the latter offence must be given within one year after commission, and must be made by the husband or wife of the parties accused. 4th. Enticement of females into houses of ill-fame or assignation, punishable as in the case of seduction. 5th. Keeping houses of ill-fame, imprisonment for one year or less, or fine of \$300 or less.

A "regular full-grown grindstone," says a New-York paper, weighing 30 lbs., was recently exhibited at St. Louis, United States, from a thin coating of beeswax, in which it had been purchased at the rate of 23 cents a pound. This beats Sam Slick's wooden nutmegs.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, April 12, 1847.			
	s.	d.	s. d.
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	27	6	0 0 0
Pearls, .....	27	0	27 6
FLOUR, Canada Superior, per brl.			
196 lbs. ....	34	6	35 0
Do. Fine, .....	33	6	34 0
Do. Sour, .....			none
Do. Middlings, .			none
Indian Meal, 168lb.			none
Oatmeal, brl. 224lb.	34	9	35 0
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.			
Best, 60lbs. ...	7	0	7 3
Do. L.C. per min.	6	6	6 9
BARKLEY, Minot, ...	3	6	3 9
OATS, " " " "	2	4	2 6
PEASE, .....	5	6	5 9
			s. d. s. d.
BEEF, Prime Mess,			
per brl. 200lbs.	0	0	0 0 0
Prime, .....	50	0	0 0 0
Prime Mess, per tierce, 304lbs.	00	0	0 0 0
PORK, Mess, per brl.			
209lbs. ....	95	0	0 0 0
Prime Mess, .....	75	0	0 0 0
Prime, .....	65	0	0 0 0
Cargo, .....	00	0	0 0 0
BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	0 8
CHEESE, full milk,			
100 lbs. ....	40	0	0 5 0
LARD, per lb., best	0	6	0 7
TALLOW, per lb., rough, .....	0	4	0 5

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