## THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

### CANADA NEWS.

The Shipping Intelligence for the last mouth contains an unprecedented list of casualties. The lower part of the river is strewed with wrecks of vessels; fortunately there has been no loss of life.

STEAMER "MONTREAL."-The Quebec Gazette of Saturday says:-"The steamer Montreal is, we rerret to say, a total wreck. A sheet of ice has struck the ill fated steamer with such force as to cut her in two as far down as the engines, and at the same time it sent the steamer Point Levi, which was attempting to get the Montreal off, hard ashore."

The Brockville Recorder says that it is rumored that the present ministry have offered the English Church, through Dr. Strachan, £20,000 per annum for ever out of the Reserve Funds, and that he has accepted, provided the British Government will guarantee it.

Kingsron.—An inquest was held yesterday morning in the City Hall by Mr. Coroner Shaw on the body of Margaret Boyce, wife of John Boyce, ship carpenter, residing in Johnson street. From the evidence given, it appeared that the deceased for several years past has been given to intemperate habits. Several witnesses testified that the deceased spoke of herself as a murdered waman; her body was covered with cuts and bruises. Her husband who is also given to intemperance, and stands charged with her death, was present at the investigation, and put a few questions to the witnesses, and afterwards made a verbal statement, the subject of which was that the deceased died from the cheets of intemperance and wounds received by a fall over a stove. The jury, after a patient investigation, returned a verdict "that the deceased came to her death by blows and abuses received from her husband, and originating in the effects of liquor."-Eingston News.

ANOTHER CASE OF MURBER .- Yesterday afternoon. the body of a new-born infant was found floating in the water, near Scoboll's Wharf. The attention of Mr. Coroner Barker was drawn to the fact, who ordered Dr. Yates to make a post mortem examination, and directed a Jury to be empaneled to sit to-day at the City Hall, at eleven o'clock.—Eingston Whig, Dec. 1.

GRAND JURIUS .- The Simcoe County Council have adopted a petition to the Legislature for the abolition of grand juries and the appointment in lieu thereof of Crown prosecutors in each County.

Notice. - By an Act passed during the last session, it is rendered compalsory on every Builleur de Fond to register the deeds upon which he claims, within a certain period, which expires on the 14th inst. All parties, therefore, who have not yet complied with the law in this respect, should hasten to do so, lest they forfeit their priority of title .- Quebee Morning Chro-

We understand that the Postmaster General has concluded arrangements for having the Upper Canada Mail conveyed over the Ogdensburg Central Railroad. -Toronto Mirror.

A Fit of Desperation. - A young man at Niagara, having been crossed in love, walked out to the precipice, took off his clothes, gave one lingering look at the gulf beneath him, and then went-home! His body was found next morning in bed.

DROWNED.—The body of a man named Sorry, a native of London, England, was found on Sunday last in the water near the Fish Market, in rear of the City Hall. The deceased was a baker by trade, and about 35 years of age. There were no marks of violence on his body. An inquest was held before Dr. King, which returned a verdict of accidental death by atowning .- Toronto Mirror.

The Montreal Pilot cleverly replies to an article in the Montreal Gazette imputing "jobbery" and corrept practices to the French Canadian members of the Legislature, because they do their best to procure the benefits of Postal communication for their constituencies. This charge is well met by the Pilot, who insists upon the propriety of extending Post Office facilites "to every nook and corner of the Province," upon the principle that the interests of the humblest habitant " should be as much the object of the solicitude of the government as those of the wealthy city merchant; "both classes" truly remarks our cotemporary " are equally deserving of the care and protection of the Government."

The charge of "iobbing" is satisfactorily disposed not for themselves, but for the benefit of the constituencies they represent. We should be glad that such an imputation could with propriety be cast on our own members—but we fear it cannot—they would then stand much higher with the public who elected them, than they do at present. We fancy the "French Canadian members" will not writhe severely under the lash of our contemporaries; and sure we are, their constituents will not deem the crime with which they are charged worthy of very severe punishment.25

It is not unworthy of remark, that the very same party which is most incessant, and most vituperative in its denunciations of the ignorance, and want of general intelligence, amongst our rural population is, at the same time, the first to cry out against the government for taking the best means to dispel that ignorance, and to circulate information.

## (From the Kingston Herald.)

FUN AHEAD .- William Lyon Mackenzie, the ferret of the Assembly, has challenged George Brown to combat. Not with pistols, reader, but with windy argument. Here is the 'Message:'—

"Mr. George Brown has been at Goderich, and there was a wish that Mr. Mackenzie, would meet him and have a fair field day.—We would have been off at once had the notice reached us in time. An ex-

rellent plan would be a night in St. Lawrence Hall here, 15 minutes speeches, and entry by ticket."

Well done, brave Lyon? Small art thou in stature, but chivalrous of heart and most mighty of tongue. We will bet a '37 war medal, to a buckskin breeches that the Lyon is the victor. But will Mr. Brown take up the gauntlet so heroically thrown down? His friends should bring him forward, and wake the echoes of St. Lawrence Hall with "Brown to the Rescue." Solomon, Solomon, where art thou?—[No where—Ed.

We observe by a Glasgow paper, that George Jackson, the man who robbed Mr. Savage's jewelry Store in 1841, and who was sentenced to seven years in our Penitemiary, was apprehended in Glasgow on the 8th of October last, for having robbed another jewelly L'Assomption, Oct. 10, 1853.

establishment in that city, of goods to the amount of £2,389 4s, and found guilty .- Montreal Herald.

Since the discovery of gold in California, six hundred ships have gone round Cape Horn into the Pacific, which have not returned. Some were broken up at San Francisco, and some found employment in the Pacific. The abstraction of this large fleet from the Atlantic Ocean, is one of the causes of the activity which has prevailed in shipyards during the last few years .- Quebec Chronicle.

### LITTLE MARY'S STORY.

"Mary," said the younger of two little girls as they nestled under a coarse coverlid, one very cold night in December, "tell me about Thanksgiving-day before papa went to heaven; I am cold and hungry and I can't go to sleep, I want something nice to think about."

"Hush!" said the elder child, "don't let dear mamma hear you; come nearer to me;" and they laid their cheeks together.

"I lancy papa was rich. We lived in a very nice house. I know there were pretty pictures on the wall; and there were nice velvet chairs, and the carpet was thick and soft, like the green moss patches in the wood; and we had pretty gold fish on the sidetable, and Tony, my black nurse, used to feed them. And papa, (you can't remember Letty) he was tall and grand like a prince, and when he similed he made me think of angels. He brought me toys and sweetmeats, and carried me out to the stable, and set me on Romeo's live back, and laughed because I was afraid. And I used to see him come up the street and then run to the door and jump in his arms; he was a dear, kind papa," said she in a faltering voice.

"Don't cry," said the little one, "please tell me

"Well, thanks-giving day we were so happy; we sat around such a large table, with so many people, aunts and uncles, (I can't think why they never come to see us now, Letty.) and Betty made such sweet pies, and we had a big turkey, and papa would have me sit next to him, and gave me the wishbone and all the plumbs out of his pudding; and after dinner he would take me in his lap and tell me about Red Riding Hood and call me pet, and bird, and fairy. Oh! Letty; I can't tell any more; I believe I am going to cry."

"I am very cold," said Letty. "Does papa know in heaven, that we are poor and hungry now?"

"Yes-no-I can't tell," said Mary, wiping away her tears, unable to reconcile her ideas of heaven with

such a thought. "Hush, mainma will hear."
Mainma had heard. The coarse garments upon which she had toiled since sunrise, dropped from her hands, and tears were forcing themselves thick and fast through her closed eye-lids. The simple recital found but too sad an echo in that widowed heart.

Dear reader! as you sit at your luxurious thanks-giving-table and see no vacant chair; or number no missing one from your flock; as you lean still on the dear arm to which you trust; remember those who with chilled limbs and bleeding hearts know of no with chilled times and electing in-yard, treasure on earth, save in the church-yard.

FANNY FERN.

A singer, who led the psalm tune at a meeting a short time since, finding that his concluding word, which was Jacob, had not syllable enough to fill up the music adequately, ended thus; "J-a-a-J-a-a-folde riddle-cob."

## "OLD WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT."

We need hardly say that it is to the columns of the Montreal Witness that we are indebted for the following soul-harrowing account of Popish cruelty. The extract is headed-" Penance of making the Figure of the Cross on the Floor with the Tougue"-and professes to be the production of a "converted priest"a regular brand " snatched from the burning" :-- " Perhaps the most cruel punishment of all in ordinary use, is that of making the cross upon the ground with the tongue. I have seen this penance performed through the length and breadth of the refectory, a large hall, capable of scating 200 persons-at tables, placed in single rows, by the side of the walls. The tongue must leave a trace along the entire surface, so that the cross is clearly visible. The natural moisture of the toughe being exhausted, it is at last lacerated, and made one mass of sores. The track begins to be of:—"It is certainly a novel accusation to make against French Canadian members? of "jobbing," The blood flows copiously, but there is no pity, no re-The blood flows copiously, but there is no pity, no respite; and long before the task is completed, the miserable sufferer presents an appearance calculated to arouse the indignation of every spectator not altogether brutalised by fanaticism."

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