

THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

as the man said ven he was kicked through the street for lying.
 "Money is very tight" as the thief said ven he was trying to open a bank vault.
 "I'm laying down the law," as the client said ven he floored his counsellor.

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QUEBEC, FRIDAY, JULY 26th, 1839.

We are still without any intelligence of the steam-ships *British Queen* and *Great Western*, the former of which was advertised to leave on the 1st, and the latter on the 6th instant. New York papers of the 21st, state that public expectation there was on tip-toe during the week past for the arrival of the *British Queen*, and it was then generally conceded that she could not have left Portsmouth at the time announced. The *Great Western* had been out fifteen days from Bristol.

It is said that there are eighty names now booked for the *British Queen*, and fifty for the *Great Western*. They are both to leave New-York on the 1st August, and will probably carry two hundred and fifty passengers.

Mr. Buchanan, Q. C., has been appointed Chairman of the Court of Sessions of Montreal.

The Laprairie Races, appointed for Monday last were postponed till the following day, in consequence of the weather proving unfavorable. The first race was for the Laprairie Maiden plate of £20, which was won by Capt. Mitchell's ch. h. *Blue Bonnet*, beating Mr. Chamberlain's *Sweet Brier*, and distancing Mr. Bernard's *Polly Jones*, and Capt. Shirley's *Nigger*. A plate of £25, given by the officers of the King's Dragoon Guards, free to all horses, was won by Mr. Richards' g. h. *Hambledonian*, beating Mr. Dickenson's *Silk Stockings* and Capt. Shirley's *Maid of Honor*. The District Plate of £40, given by the officers of the Montreal District, was won by Capt. Shirley's g. m. *The Queen*, beating Mr. Crawford's *Tom Kimble* and Mr. Richard's *Jack Downing*.

The invalids, and others joining the depots, from the different regiments stationed in the Canadas, embarked yesterday on board of the *Athol*, troop ship, for England. They consist of 3 officers, 307 non-commissioned officers and privates, 35 women and 41 children—in all, 289. The *Athol* also takes home the following military convicts:—1st Foot, 2; 11th, 1; 15th, 1; 24th, 1; 32nd, 6; 34th, 7; 43rd, 3; 60th, 2; 71st, 4; 73rd, 2; 85th, 13; 93rd, 5. Total, 47.

MARINE AND EMIGRANT HOSPITAL.

From 1st May to the present time, there have been at this institution:—

Admissions,	430
Discharges,	351
Deaths,	15
Remaining,	64

The fine steam-boat *Lady Colborne*, recently built at Montreal, will commence her trips between that city and Quebec in the course of a few days.

The Montreal *Ami du Peuple* states that J. S. McCord, Esq., President of the Commission of Public Works, and the Hon. Sabrevois de Bleuzy, a member of the same Commission, left Montreal on Monday evening for Quebec, where they would be joined by the other Commissioners, and proceed to visit the different places in this District where public works are considered necessary.

We have received a communication under the signature of "Esculapius," in which it is stated, amongst other things, that since the removal of Mr. Landry, apothecary to the Marine Hospital, the duties of that officer have devolved altogether upon the dressing pupils of the establishment. Our correspondent suggests that it would be more proper to have a regular apothecary who would be responsible for the duties, and whose services may be at a moment's notice required, than that these students, four in number, should be obliged to give their time, when it might be more advantageously employed.

From the Canas'an Colonist.

Quebec, 23rd May, 1839.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a petition to His Excellency the Governor General on the part of four gentlemen of high respectability, complaining of an unwarrantable exercise of authority by Mr. Young, Superintendent of the Police of this city.

Their case is fully detailed in the petition; and should His Excellency be pleased to comply with their request, they are prepared to substantiate the truth of the facts therein stated. I have, &c.

(Signed) R. H. GAIRDNER.

Thos. Leigh Goldie, Esq. Civil Sec'y. &c.

To HIS EXCELLENCY SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Governor General, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of Thomas Hamilton, James Gillespie, Colin Bruce and John Gordon, all of Quebec,—

Humblly sheweth,

That on Saturday, the 18th day of May instant, at the hour of nine in the evening, your petitioners together with Andrew John Maxham and James M. Tubby were walking up Mountain Street to the Upper Town where they were met by a party of police with Thomas Ainslie Young, Esquire, Superintendent of Police, at their head.

That your petitioners were walking peacefully, and creating no disturbance whatsoever.

That one of the men advanced towards your petitioners and looked at them, when the said Thomas Hamilton asked him civilly if he did not know them.

That the party then passed your petitioners who continued to walk on, and that immediately after, your petitioners were ordered to stop.

That the said Thomas Ainslie Young then came up and recognized several of your petitioners, that he interrogated them where they had been and where they were going, to which your petitioners replied that they had been exercising in their boat, (being members of the Quebec Rowing Club) and were proceeding home.

That the said Thomas Ainslie Young then ordered a party of Police to fall in front, another in the rear of your petitioners and gave the word "forward, march!"

That your petitioners were compelled to proceed thus in custody of the Police to the head of Mountain street, where the said Thomas Ainslie Young gave the word "Halt."

That Messrs. Maxham and Tubby were then permitted to go to their respective homes, but that your petitioners were detained by the said Thomas Ainslie Young, who addressed Colin Bruce, one of your petitioners, and told him that he would send him home under an escort.

That the said Colin Bruce refused to be sent home in custody of the police as he wished to go to the house of a friend residing on the Cape, but that this the said Thomas Ainslie Young would not allow.

That your petitioners having all refused to go home under charge of the police, inquired of the said Thomas Ainslie Young the reason why they were detained, and told him that being so detained they considered themselves now at his disposal, to which the said Thomas Ainslie Young replied that in that case he would keep them, and ordered one of his sergeants to take a sufficient force and conduct your petitioners to the station house.

That your petitioners were then marched off under escort of six men to the station house, and kept there till a quarter past eleven o'clock, when Lieut. Russel of the police released them on their giving their parole to appear at the police office on Monday morning at ten o'clock.

That ten petitioners attended at the police office on the day and at the hour appointed, and inquired of the said Thomas Ainslie Young on what charge they were to be tried, to which he answered that they had been walking in a body; that he knew that parties of young gentlemen had lately taken off some knockers, and that he suspected your petitioners might be about to do the same.

That John Davidson, Esq., J. P., examined one of the sergeants of police respecting the charge against your petitioners, and finding that they were not accused of any thing, released them.

That your petitioners are ready to prove every allegation in their petition, where and as your Excellency may be pleased to direct.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Excellency will be pleased to order an enquiry to be made into the conduct of

the said Thomas Ainslie Young on the occasion, and on due proof of the facts detailed in this petition, further to act in the premises as to right and justice shall appertain.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. (Signed)

THOMAS HAMILTON | COLIN BRUCE,
 JAMES GILLESPIE, | JOHN GORDON.

Government House, Montreal, 1st June, 1839.

GENTLEMEN,—I have had the honour to bring under the consideration of the Governor General your petition of the 23rd ultimo, complaining of an unwarrantable exercise of authority by Mr. Young, Superintendent of the Police of the city of Quebec.

His Excellency immediately referred the petition to Mr. Young for explanation, and it appears from that officer's statement, which is corroborated by several affidavits, that there was no intention on his part or that of the police to arrest you, but that you insisted upon being considered prisoners.

His Excellency regrets the occurrence which has taken place but he is not of opinion that it is a case requiring the further interference of the Executive Government.

I have, &c.

THOMAS LEIGH GOLDIE,
 Civil Secretary.

To Thos. Hamilton, James Gillespie, Colin Bruce and John Gordon, Esqrs.

Quebec, 21st June 1839.

Sir,—I have been requested by Messrs. Hamilton, Gillespie, Bruce and Gordon, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, informing them that the Governor General had referred their petition of the 23rd ultimo to Mr. Young for explanation, and that it appeared from that officer's statement, corroborated by several affidavits, that there was no intention on his part or that of the police to arrest them, but that they had insisted upon being considered prisoners, and informing them further, that His Excellency was not of opinion that it was a case requiring the further interference of the Executive Government.

The Gentlemen have instructed me to deny most explicitly the truth of the statement referred to in your communication, and to express their regret that His Excellency has been pleased to refuse acceding to their request for a full inquiry into their case, and to decide on the conduct of the superintendent of the police on the sole evidence of men immediately under his command and depending upon him for subsistence—they would respectfully beg communication of the statement and affidavits forwarded by Mr. Young, as they feel confident it will be in their power to disprove satisfactorily any statement therein made at variance with the facts detailed in their petition.—In a matter of such importance as affecting the liberty of the subject they trust that His Excellency will be pleased to reconsider the conclusion to which he has arrived, and to cause a full inquiry to be instituted into the circumstances of the case.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. H. GAIRDNER.

THOS. LEIGH GOLDIE, Esq. &c.

No notice has as yet been taken of this last letter.

22nd July, 1839.

The Montreal papers speak highly of the performance of Master St. Luke on the violin. This young performer has scarcely attained his fifteenth year, and is said in execution to be inferior only to Paganini. He is accompanied by his father and sister, who are also excellent musicians, and the three purpose to give a concert in the sister city.—*Mercury*.

[The correspondent of the *Gazette* states that it is their intention to visit Quebec.]

*** The great length of the stanzas by W. R. B. has caused them again to be crowded out. We will endeavour to insert them in our next.

Summary from United States Papers.

A water spout broke over the country between Hudson and Stock-bridge on the 15th instant, and almost flooded the whole neighbourhood, about a quarter of a mile from Canaan.

The cars on the Hudson and Berkshire railroad were immediately stopped by the avalanche of sand which was swept across the track, fairly embedding the engine and obliterating all appearance of a railroad.

Mr. Clay visited Buffalo on the 17th inst., and was received with every demonstration of respect.

Almost every week J. Fenimore Cooper prosecutes some editor for libel. The *Louisville Journal* uses him up in this fashion: "For

our own part we hardly know how to speak of him. If we were to say that he was not as respectable as mankind in general, he would prosecute us for a libel. If, on the contrary, we were to say that he was as respectable as mankind in general, he might not prosecute us for a libel, but "mankind in general would."

A gentleman who left New Orleans reached Louisville in five days and eighteen and a half hours, remained there thirty hours, and returned to New Orleans in four days and a half, having thus travelled a distance of about three thousand miles in about eleven days and a half. This is without a parallel in the annals of travel.

During the present death of news, some of the papers have brought the sea serpent to life again.

It has been ascertained that Miller, the agent of Mr. Steenbergen, whose mysterious disappearance excited so much notice at the time, went to Quebec, and embarked there in a vessel bound to Glasgow.

More people lost their lives, or were dreadfully injured, through the republic, in consequence of the Carnival on the 4th, than through all of the "rebellion" and "patriot war" of Upper Cananda.

Wm. Prier, a lad less than 17 years of age, was tried last week at Malone, Franklin county, and convicted of the murder of his own father.

John Crae was charged at the Special Sessions, New-York, with picking nothing from the pocket of a man while he was snoozing; the court found something in the offence, and sent John off to pick ockam for three months.

Augustus Frederick Peitscher, alias Kronekutchwo, (or something like it,) a Prussian, dressed in a suit of Prussian blue, was, from his high longitudinal dimensions, adjudged by the Clerk of the Sessions to be a Pole; he, however, denied, as well as the charges his having stolen from a fellow lodger \$125 in gold; he was suffered to go at large, and next time to steal better, or not at all.

New wheat was contracted for in Rochester on the 13th instant for one dollar per bushel, and the prospect is that that will be about the average price, for a time, at least.

At Boston it has rained some time every day for thirty-nine days.

The Norfolk Herald says that a puntion of rum taken from the British letter of marque ship Sir Thomas Clarke, in 1812, is still in possession of a merchant of that place.

The extensive tannery, owned by Joel Whitney, Esq., in Plymouth, Maine, was destroyed by fire on the 12th inst., supposed caused by lightning, loss \$12,000; only \$4000 insured.

General Jesup has arrived at Washington, where he will resume his duties as Quarter Master General.

One hundred thousand dollars in specie was received in New-York on Friday last, from Jamaica and Vera Cruz.

The New Hampshire Whig says, it once heard of a facetious person whose name was "New," who named his first child "Something," as it was something new. His second was christened "Nothing," it being nothing new.

Donations since our last notice.—A Canadian, \$8—Mr. Rogers, penfield, \$3—An Albany friend (from Ireland) \$5—Another, herczowits, (from same country) \$10—Mr. Hiram Carmichael has sent us a beautiful pair of Morocco Slippers—and a few friends brought half a dozen of Campaigne to keep the 4th with, but the worthy Jailor consulted his instructions and said no. Criminals in a penitentiary are forbidden to quaff Campaigne. Truly some of us have real pain enough without it. A rich 4th of July cap was allowed to pass up.—*Mackenzie's Gazette*.

Two men of the 11th Regiment were unfortunately drowned on Saturday last while bathing in the Lachine Canal. They met their death in the same manner, and at the same spot as the private of the Guards whose death we lately recorded.—*Montreal Gazette*.

Commercial.

The amount of specie imported into the United States during the year ending 30th September last, as we learn from the New-York Journal of Commerce, was \$17,747,116, viz: gold bullion, \$230,694; gold coin, \$11,444,188; silver coin, \$5,679,330. The amount of specie imported in the previous year was \$10,566,414. In 1836, \$13,400,781. In 1835, \$13,400,881. In 1834, \$17,911,632. In 1833, \$4,129,675.



SHIP INTELLIGENCE.

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 J. Noad, oil and fish
 Ship Washington, McLean
 Charles & Co. ball
 Bright Tory, Kelly, 6th
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CLEARÉ

July 2
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 Ship Royal William, Franc
 Ship John Bentley, Geach
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26th July, 1839.

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21st June.