

will be about 1,000 tons: the weight of each of the four short ones about 600 tons. In the whole there will be at least 7,600 tons of iron used. The masonry will cost £200,000. They expect to finish the masonry by August 1849. It will contain one million and-a-half of cubic feet of stone."

ELECTIONS.

The most exciting topic of public interest, at the present moment, is the progress of the Elections. We give, below, the Returns, as far as received up to the time of going to press:—

CONSERVATIVE.

Brockville, George Sherwood; Cornwall, Hon. J. H. Cameron; Frontenac, Henry Smith; Hamilton, Sir Allan MacNab; Huron, Wm. Cayley; Kingston, John A. Macdonald; London, John Wilson; Lennox and Addington, B. Seymour; Niagara, Walter Dickson; Northumberland, A. H. Meyers; Simcoe, W. B. Robinson; Stormont, Alexander McLenn; Toronto, W. H. Boulton and Henry Sherwood; Missisquoi, John Badgley; Megantic, D. Daly; Sherbrooke County, S. Brooks; Stanstead, J. M'Connell; Prescott, Mr. Johnstone; Sherbrooke Town, A. Gagy—20.

LIBERAL.

Durham, James Smith; Glengarry, J. S. Macdonald; Grenville, Read Burrit; East Halton, John Wetenhall; Hastings, Billa Flint; Lanark, R. Bell; Lincoln, W. H. Merritt; Leeds, W. B. Richards; Middlesex, William Notman; Norfolk, H. J. Boulton; Oxford, Hon. Francis Hincks; Peterboro', James Hall; Russell, G. B. Lyon; Wentworth, Dr. H. Smith; York—1st Riding, J. H. Price; 3rd Riding, W. H. Blake; 4th Riding, Hon. R. Baldwin; Belecchasse, Hon. A. N. Morin; Champlain, Louis Guillet; County of Montreal, A. Jobin; Dorchester, R. Lemieux; Montmorenci, Joseph Cauchon; Quebec, Hon. T. C. Aylwin and J. Chabot; Quebec County, P. J. O. Chaveau; Richelieu, W. Nelson; Three Rivers, Dumoulin; Two Mountains, W. H. Scott; Vercheres, James Leslie; Montreal, Hon. L. H. Lafontaine and J. Holmes; West Halton, — Ferguson—32.

DOUBTFUL.

Carleton, J. G. Malloch; Essex, John Prince; Ottawa, John Egan; St. Maurice, J. Papineau, L.—1.

Arrival of the Steamship Saledonia.

This splendid steamship arrived at Boston, on Tuesday last, bringing fifteen days later intelligence. The money market was improving; and it will be seen, by the particulars which follow, that the prices of breadstuffs are advancing. We give a comparative view of prices in Liverpool, on the 3rd and 18th ultimo:—

Telegraphic Prices of Breadstuffs in Liverpool.

	Dec. 3.		Dec. 18.	
	7s. 6d.	to 8s. 1d.	7s. 6d.	to 8s. 6d.
American Wheat	31 0	" 34 0	32 0	" 35 6
Indian Corn	15 0	" 15 6	14 0	" 14 6
Indian Meal	28 0	" 30 0	28 0	" 29 6

Annexed is a telegraphic view of the remainder of the news:—

The steamer *Washington*, as advertised, was to sail from Southampton on the 19th ultimo, for New-York.

The French steamer *New-York* put back to Havre, on the 12th ultimo, with six feet of water in the hold.

The French steamer *Union* put into Cherbourg, on the 1st of Dec., from longitude 13, leaky and pump-checked.

The *New-World* will sail on the 21st, with full cargo, and a complement of passengers.

The English Parliament, since opening, has been chiefly occupied with the affairs of Ireland.

The bill for the suppression of crime in Ireland will soon become a law. It is of the most gentle character, and is expected as the precursor of ameliorative measures to answer the end designed.

Lord Palmerston has denied that Lord Pinto was charged with diplomatic mission to the Court of Rome.

The celebrated Father, Thomas Maguire, the Roman Catholic Divine Controversialist, died the week before last, in Ireland.

Within the last fortnight or three weeks, the British Islands have been visited by a succession of tremendous gales, causing the most appalling loss of life and property on the coast. Several vessels have been wrecked, either with the whole or a considerable portion of their crews. Among other ships, from this port, that have shared in the casualties, is the *Franklands*, for Callao, whose master and twenty of the hands were drowned.

Spain is tolerably tranquil, though the Carlists are, as usual, unsettled. In the Cortes a fierce attack has been made upon the administration.

There is no intelligence of importance from France. The health of the King is bad.

Agarian disturbances have somewhat subsided in Ireland. Father Matthew will proceed to America in the *New-World*, early in April next.

Mr. Liston, the eminent surgical operator, is dead.

The commercial news from India is highly gratifying. Trade has suffered nothing from the embarrassments of England, and is represented as being in an exceedingly flourishing condition.

The turmoil in Switzerland is brought to a final close. The diet has decreed, that the seven revolted cantons of the league are to be held accountable for the expenses of the war, and to be occupied by the federal troops until the amount is paid.

THE MARKETS.

LONDON MONEY-MARKET, December 17.—Since the departure of the *Hibernia*, the money market has not undergone any remarkable change. The rapidly improving condition of the Bank of England, which now holds upwards of eleven millions of bullion, has greatly tended to ameliorate the consequences of additional failures, and to sustain, in some measure, the tottering confidence of the country. Notwithstanding, however, the operations of this cause, as well as other influences of a similar effect, those anticipations of improvement, which were lately founded upon a relaxation of the monetary pressure, and increased facilities of discount, have been seriously staggered by the continued fall in value of produce, particularly colonial, and the almost unparalleled difficulty of realizing, save at an enormous sacrifice. Although the general aspect of trade is gloomy enough, no positive retrogression from the last month's average is observable, and it is regarded as less than suppositious, that the depression can much longer resist the growing financial power of the country, and the increasing disposition of money holders to make advances upon terms advantageously alike to all parties.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18, 1848.—Best Western Flour, 29s. to 30s.; Richmond and Alexandria, 28s. to 29s.; Philadelphia and Baltimore, 28s. to 29s.; United States and Canada, sour, 23s. to 24s. 6d. Wheat, United States and Canada, per seventy pounds, white and mixed, 7s. 7d. to 8s. 6d. Indian Corn, 31s. to 35s. 6d. per quarter. Cornmeal, 14s. to 15s. 6d. per barrel. Oatmeal, 25s. to 27s. 6d. per two hundred and forty pounds. Barley, 3s. to 4s. per sixty pounds. Rye, 3s. to 3s. 7d. per sixt y pounds. Peas, 28s. to 34s. per five hundred and four pounds.

UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN.—REPEAL OF THE NAVIGATION LAWS.—The Washington correspondent of the *New-York Herald*, in a letter dated the twenty-first ultimo, communicates the following important information, the accuracy of which is vouched for:—

A correspondence has taken place between the British Secretary for Foreign affairs and our Minister at that Court, relative to the Repeal of the Navigation Laws of Great Britain. Mr. Bancroft applied to Viscount Palmerston, early in November, to learn whether Ministers would consent to establish with the United States a perfect system of reciprocity, in making all vessels of either country, fitting out from any port in the world, free to trade to any port of the other nation, whether home or colonial. Viscount Palmerston, after the lapse of some weeks, replied, that although her Majesty's Ministers did not feel at liberty to advise her Majesty at once to make such a change in the commercial system as was asked by Mr. Bancroft, without the sanction of Parliament, yet, as soon as that body would meet, a measure would be introduced which would embrace all the views put forth by Mr. Bancroft in his note. It is not doubted but that Parliament will at once act favourably on the bill. The importance to the United States, of such a measure, cannot be exaggerated.

The Hamilton Board of Trade has appointed G. S. Tiffany, W. W. Merrit, and Malcolm Cameron, Esqs., a Deputation to go to Washington, to endeavour to assist in bringing about a reciprocity of Trade between Canada and the United States. What particular steps these gentlemen are to take we are not aware.

It is stated that the Montreal Banks refuse, this season, to extend any of their usual accommodation to speculators in grain.

Home Markets.

The following table gives the highest average prices at each of the three places:—

	Toronto, Jan. 15.	Hamilton, Jan. 14.	Montreal, Jan. 12.
Flour, per barrel	£1 1 3	£1 3 9	£1 6 0
Wheat, per bushel	0 3 9	0 3 9	0 0 0
Barley, per 48lbs	0 2 0	0 0 0	0 4 0
Rye, per 56lbs	0 3 4	0 0 0	0 4 0
Oats, per 34lbs	0 1 2	0 1 3	0 1 6
Peas, per 60lbs	0 2 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Oatmeal, per barrel	1 2 6	0 0 0	1 7 6
Potatoes, per bushel	0 4 6	0 3 9	0 3 6
Hay, per ton	2 10 0	2 0 0	0 0 0
Beef, per 100lbs	0 18 6	0 17 6	p. brl. 2 0 0
Pork, per barrel	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 15 0
Lard, per lb	0 0 6	0 0 0	0 0 7
Butter (fresh), per lb	0 0 10	0 0 0	0 1 1