

Governor of New York kept still and silent for three weeks when Americans in that State were making piratical war on Canada, but was moved to protest when Canadians acted in self-defence in repelling the invaders.

The same paper speaks of the spirit of rebellion having shown itself on the Island of Montreal, incited by American emissaries. The gathering of "a band of American ruffians," who fired cannon shots upon Amherstburgh is described. There is a notice also of the raising of volunteer artillery in North Ontario, in regard to which an address to the former was presented from the Catholics of Perth, assuring His Excellency that "the whole body of Catholics throughout the Province would, if necessity required, come forward in support of their Queen, and of the Laws and Constitution of this, their adopted country."

The advertisements in "The Montreal Transcript," of Jan. 25, 1838, announce that a stage between here and Quebec runs on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and to Albany daily. There is a card stating that, "the business heretofore carried on by William Galt will be continued by William and Alexander Galt," who also announce "a sale of 10,000 sides of sole leather and 15,000 pairs of boots and shoes." A literary venture, "The Omnibus," is advertised which was an assortment of reprints. A singular picture of the times is a notice that, "Colin Millar, Esq., cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada, Kingston, has been given charge of the Commissariat on the Niagara frontier," and that, "H. Dupuy, Esq., will be acting cashier until Mr. Millar returns."

To peep directly into the troublous days of Canada in 1837-8, through the columns of a newspaper published in this city, as on this day 63 years ago, is not only extremely interesting, but is instructive and suggestive of thankfulness that Canada then stood firm for British connection, which was menaced by the attacks of a military force fully equipped, who were raised, drilled and armed in the United States for the purpose of bringing this country into subjection to the American Republic. It was well, perhaps, for such an attack to have been made upon Canada in that early stage of her development, for it served to knit the scattered people into a bond of loyalty which has grown with our growth and strengthened into the indissoluble tie of Empire.

THE LATE HONORABLE SIR. FRENCH SMITH.

The death of the Honorable Sir Frank Smith removes from Canadian life one of the most esteemed, most beloved citizens, who, though of Irish birth, was a typical Canadian. Although of the ripe age of 78 years he would, probably, have lived many

more years had he not been injured by an accident. Deceased was born in Ireland in 1822, and came to Canada in his 10th year, his father having settled near Toronto. The utter absence in him of pride of wealth or position was shown one day in 1891, when he was a member of the government. He was on the train from Hamilton to Toronto, and when passing near Mimico he said, pointing to a farm, "That's the place where I began to work in Canada as a farm labourer." He left that district to open a retail business in London, Ont., and afterwards a wholesale one in Toronto, which was very profitable. Sir Frank's ever clear head, industrious habits, geniality and good nature having made him a favourite everywhere. He served as alderman and mayor of London, Ont. He became president of the Dominion Bank, the Northern Railway Co., the Niagara Navigation Co., the Home Loan and Saving's Co., the London and Ontario Co. and the Jockey Club, for Sir Frank was a first class "whip," and a lover and judge of horses. He was a director also of the Dominion Telegraph Co., the General Trusts Co., and the Consumer's Gas Co., of Toronto. He was a close personal friend of Sir John A. Macdonald, by whom he was elevated to the Senate in 1871. He was a member of several administrations, wherein his shrewd, business like views on public affairs were of service to his colleagues and the country, as they were to the companies with which he was associated. Deceased was well named "Frank," for frankness was his characteristic, tempered by sagacity, gentleness, good humour and modesty. He was, indeed, a born gentleman. Canada may be proud to have found a worthy career for so estimable an adopted son, whose departure leaves this country poorer in those qualities which add strength to a nation.

THE VICTORIA-MONTREAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

A circular in the name of the above Company has been issued to the shareholders, intimating that, it time is given to collect unpaid calls, all just claims against the Company will be paid in full. A blank form of agreement is attached to the circular, the signers of which will thereby consent to the voluntary liquidation and winding-up of the Company, and will agree to delay any action at law instituted by them, or which they, as creditors, may have the right to institute for the collection of their claim. The agreement binds the creditor who signs it to accept such dividends as the Committee of Liquidation may be able to pay from collections of calls and other assets.

The committee attending to the liquidation are: Alex. Ramsay, chairman; A. McFee, Joseph I. La-reux, Quebec; L. Constant, Vaudreuil, and Thos. Baird, of Ormstown. Mr. Cassie Hatton is attending to the legal portion, and R. C. Grant is secretary, pro tem. There is no change in the financial situation.