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fighting the Circassians were obliged to abandon the fortress to the enemy, having expended all their ammunition, not however, without carrying off their artillery and baggage into the mountains. The loss on the part of Russia is said to amount in killed alone to 8000, among whom are three generals and forty other officers, and four aides-de-camp of the commander-in-chief. The latter, leading his army so much crippled, for the number of wounded is enormous, was destroying the fortifications of the Tiflis to re-organize his force. Tiflis was defended by Schamli's regular troops, consisting of a corps of Dagastan Infantry, and the Russian and Polish deserters from the Emperor's service.

Colonial.

In addition to the portrait of the Lord Bishop, above, to be published by the Messrs. Rowell, we are gratified to find that an engraving of the Rev. Dr. McCaig, the Vice-Principal of King's College, and late Principal of Upper Canada College, will shortly appear, from the painting taken by Mr. P. March, for the Masters of the College. Dr. McCaig is too well known as an eloquent Divine, a ripe Scholar, and the Gentleman, to need any eulogy, however well merited, at our hands. We rejoice, therefore, that the friends of sound learning will be enabled to acquire this memorial of one who has contributed, in so small degree, to advance the educational standard in this Colony. Mr. March's portrait is considered to be a good likeness, and from the abilities of the party to whose care the engraving has been entrusted, we have reason to expect it will, in addition, be a pleasing ornament to the library.—*Toronto Herald.*

Detailed Statements of Contributions received from different Officers by the Treasurer of the General Committee for the relief of the sufferers by the late fires, to the 29th September inclusive:

From Citizens of Quebec.....	£11359 9 3
" City of Québec.....	2447 10 0
" Montreal.....	9005 0 0
" Provincial Government of Canada.....	4500 0 0
" St. John's and other places within the Province.....	3700 16 0
" The United States of America.....	600 0 0
" St. John's Newfoundland.....	265 11 0
" New Brunswick.....	188 17 0
" St. John's Edward's Island and Bermuda.....	25859 15 7
" Army and Navy.....	277 14 0
" Ship Masters and Seamen.....	29 11 0
" Jersey.....	367 10 0
" Ireland.....	128 17 0
" Nova Scotia.....	1203 3 0
" Continent of Europe.....	30 11 0
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THE MISFORTUNES OF QUEBEC.—Quebec has not only had the late misfortune of having about two thirds of its inhabitants and a great part of their effects destroyed by fire.

The failure of the wheat harvests since 1831 by the fly, and cholera of 1832 and 1834 have been sore afflictions, and affected the prosperity of the town and country, and the bad crops of the present season, particularly the potatoe, the culture and use of which has become general since the continued failure of the wheat crops, will add to the misfortune of the citizens as well as the country generally.

These are misfortunes proceeding from causes which are probably beyond human control, and ought to be submitted to with a murmuring, using every effort to mitigate the evils which they occasion.

But it is not only from natural and uncontrollable causes that Quebec suffers.

The political agitation commenced in 1831, to effect organic changes in the established constitution of the Province, brought on the **rechts** to violence in the District of Montreal, which occasioned the union of the Province, and the removal of the Seat of Government from Quebec, and, consequently, a diminished expenditure of public money among the inhabitants, decrease in several branches of the trade and industry of the town, while the revenue collected at the port and the money borrowed on the credit of that revenue, has been chiefly spent in other parts of the Province.

Even the steam communication with the Lower Provinces and England, and the speedy conveyance of passengers and the mails, was removed from Quebec, to be transferred to the United States.

There remains to Quebec its military position, which cannot be too long as long as England which has held a hold on the river St. Lawrence and the countries on the Gulf; the advantages resulting from its safe and spacious harbour for shipping, and the facilities afforded by the rise and fall of the tide for carrying the lumber trade.

If the peaceable and good moral conduct of its inhabitants, and greater unanimity and judgement prevail in promoting the common advantage, with sufficient patriotism and intelligence to reverse the exactions to selfish and silly distinctions, passion and pride too frequent on the part of those who probably do not bear arms, to their own honour and in industrious exertions for a more comfortable and happy Quebec may surmount its misfortunes, move forward in the road of prosperity, promote the general interests of its inhabitants, and contribute to the common welfare of Canada.—*Quebec Gazette.*

EXTENSIVE FIRE IN GRIFFINTON.—On Saturday morning we stopped the press to announce that a fire had broken out in the part of the town, and continued burning at the time we wrote.

The following are the particulars so far as we have been able to learn. It appears that the fire originated about 3 o'clock in the morning, in a Coffee-house Establishment, Queen Street, not far from Wellington Street, the building being of wood as well as the adjoining houses; the fire spread rapidly, the wind being from the east, and before the fire-Engines could be brought to the spot, had communicated with a large wooden building occupied by Mr. Wragg as a Nail Factory, situated on Gabriel and Prince Streets; thence the fire extended to and along Wellington Street, destroying every house between Queen and Nazareth Streets, with the exception of two; it likewise extended along Gabriel Street as far as Nazareth Street, leaving but three or four buildings in the whole space, comprising the squares. Most of the houses on Wellington Street were good substantial stone and brick buildings, and the fire was only arrested in this direction by the pulling up of one brick house at the corner of Nazareth Street, and another in that Street, which was done by the Royal Artillery; after this, the fire-companies, with the assistance of the military, were enabled to turn their undivided attention to the head west side of Nazareth Street, and they succeeded in preventing the conflagration from getting beyond this. Among the buildings destroyed Wellington Street was the Methodist Chapel—the minister's house adjoining, strange to say, was saved, although much damaged—and a fine three story cut stone building belonging to Mr. Craik, next to the latter building, was consumed.

The total number of dwelling-houses destroyed, many of which were good substantial brick and stone houses, is 36; but we conceive that the total number of buildings destroyed, including stores, factories, workshops, stables, &c., must be considerably above a hundred. The principal proprietors of property who are sufferers by this calamity, are Messrs. S. S. Phillips, Wragg, Macdonell, Macarthur, Galt, Allison, and Fosters, besides a number of poor families, amounting, it is said, to a hundred and nine, who have lost almost everything.

Very little furniture has been saved, even what was carried out in our columns, in order that the approving "Justices" may know the value of the article, and their conceptions of "a good and upright subject of Her Majesty," appreciated accordingly.—*Toronto Herald.*

BEAUMARNOIS CANAL.—The public will be gratified to learn that the masonry and earthwork of the Beaumanois Canal are now fully completed. The machinery of the locks, &c., is in perfect working order; the coffer-dams at the head and foot of the Canal are now removed; and there is no doubt that the boats can pass through the Canal on Thursday the 9th inst., and that the navigation will be opened by the 13th.

We understand, from a friend competent to judge, who has just returned from the place, that the execution of these works is almost unparalleled for beauty and accuracy, and that the cost will be far below that of any similar undertaking in the Province, in proportion to the magnitude of the work.

The weather—After an exceedingly wet and cold summer, we have experienced the worst harvest weather we ever witnessed. For the last four weeks we have had a continuation of heavy rains with scarcely any intermission,—not over four or five days during that period, and then, we believe, never two days consecutively.—*Loyalist.*

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We have been favoured with the following extract of a letter from Mr. Taylor, a gentleman in this city, dated Corpus Christi, 14th ult.

"As yet we have met with no enemy, nor do I expect we shall do so, at least for some time; as our Chief Magistrate cannot declare war, and from all the information I can obtain I do not believe that Mexico will declare war against us; even should she have the temerity to do so, she will hardly attempt to invade any of our territory, but will act on the defensive and by no means."

The report as to the health of the troops, both volunteers and regulars, is entirely favourable. Not a word had been heard, save via New Orleans, of General Arista, nor was there any expectation of the shape of an attack. Gen. Taylor, however, was over on the alert.

The Government has in its employ the steamer *White Wing* and *Neva*, the sloops *Sarah Foster* and *Tom Jack*, and the schooners *Denmark* and *Carolina*, all plying between Corpus Christi and St. Joseph's. The old steamer *Mounthawk* looks so badly that it is feared she cannot be got round to New Orleans for repairs.

Our paper by this arrival come down to the 6th inst., only from Galveston, they are principally occupied with the labour of the Convention for forming a State Constitution. That body terminates its sittings on the 28th ult., and the president of its provosts, for submitting its proclamation, in pursuance of its powers.

Montreal and Toronto. His success as a Prizeman, Model and College Tutor, he can establish by Testimonials from Professors and Professors of his University, and his aptitude for imparting the information he possesses is fully vouch'd for in Letters from two successive Lieutenant Governors of Upper Canada, Lord Seaton and Sir Francis Bond Head.

Mr. TAYLOR undertakes to read a course of Mathematics or Classics with an equal degree of acuity in the branches of study than is usually attainable by Public Schools.

TERMS: For Board and Tuition, may be known on application. A reduction will be made when two or more pupils are members of the same family.

The School opens on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Peterborough, Canada West, 12th Sept., 1845.

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Hamilton, 24th Sept., 1845.

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The *Plot* notices an intention on the part of the Roman Catholic inhabitants of that section of the city, to convene a public meeting, for the purpose of providing for the repair of the damage, and of taking steps for the protection of the individuals by whom it was perpetrated.

The body of Mr. Chard, who, with Mr. Cowan, was unfortunately drowned on the 14th ult., by the upsetting of a boat at the foot of the Cascade Rapids, was found by an Indian in the vicinity of the falls, two miles from the village of Beauharnois. A Coroner's Inquest was held at Beauharnois on Friday, the 26th, and a verdict of "accidentally drowned" returned. The body was interred in the burial-ground of Beauharnois, and was attended to the grave by the principal inhabitants of the place. The body of Mr. Cowan has not yet been recovered.—*Montreal Gazette.*

MR. PAPINEAU.—The Montreal *Gazette* translates the following scrap from the *Minerve*:—"The Hon. Mr. Papineau has at last returned to his native country, after eight years of absence. He arrived on Saturday last at St. John's, in the opposition steamboat, ('sur le steamer de l'opposition,') the *Francis Solus*. On landing he was welcomed by many members of his family, and by a great number of his friends. Mr. Papineau left St. John's yesterday (Sunday) to visit his sister, Madame Dessevres, St. Hyacinthe, with whom he will remain several days. We rejoice that the hon. ex-Speaker will be with us again, to help us to bring up 'La Patrie Nation,' by way of Voches and L'Assumption, and will not arrive in Montreal in less than twelve or fifteen days. Notwithstanding the severe sufferings of so prolonged an exile, we are happy to find that Mr. Papineau is not at all changed, and that he enjoys perfect health."

JOHN MONTGOMERY.—Almost every body in Canada has heard of John Montgomery, who kept a Tavern at Galloway Hill, which is the 'headquarters' of Mackenzie and his rebel band, was burnt to the ground by the Loylists; and every man is equally well acquainted with the same John Montgomery, who was a soldier of fortune, and was sentenced to death, which he suffered, for his services to the rebels.

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