

NEWS.

EMIGRANT HOSPITAL.—POINT ST. CHARLES.

Number of sick, on 9th August, 1847.—	
Men	448
Women	382
Children	126
Total	956
Died, during the last twenty-four hours:—	
Men	7
Women	4
Children	2
Total	13
Died at Old Sheds:—	
Children	1
Total	14
Deaths on Saturday	16

Government Emigrant Office, Quebec, August 7.

Number of Emigrants arrived during the week ending this date:	
From England,	918
Ireland,	1021
Germany,	1328
Lower Ports,	10
Total	6277
Previously reported,	63729
Total	70006
To same period last year,	27163
Increase in 1847,	42863

GROSSE ISLE.

August 6.—In Hospital—Men,	831
Women,	745
Children,	572
Total	2148

Number of deaths from 1st to 6th August, 130

Arrivals at Station.—Free Trader, Liverpool, 421 passengers, 40 dead, 60 sick. Saguenay, Cork, 106 dead.

The number of deaths in Hospital on the 4th was 48, the largest number yet.

There are 2000 healthy (?) passengers in tents at the east end of the island, being all that there is any accommodation for, and they are falling sick by scores.—*Quebec Mercury*.

We have been informed by a lady who visited the Grey Nunnery on Monday, that she was told by one of the nuns that an emigrant child had been some little time ago admitted into the Nunnery, apparently in good health, and placed in a room with eighteen other children (foundlings.) The infant admitted had shortly after taken the fever and died, and there were now but eight of the children living—an having caught the infection from the stranger and died.—*Transcript*. To verify the full extent of this fact, it would be important to know what is the average mortality of the foundlings in this institution.—We have always understood that it is fearful, and that if the life of infants be any object, it would be much better to leave them to their mothers, however unnatural, for, besides affording so direct an encouragement to unchastity, by holding out impunity to shame, and an excuse for the avoidance of the paternal and maternal duties, to which few people are so abandoned as to be totally indifferent, taking the number of infants actually born under circumstances of infamy, a very small portion indeed issues in health and life from the gates of this institution.—*Montreal Gazette*.

A SUNDAY TRIP SPOILED.—“The steam-ferry boat St. George, which had gone down to St. Thomas on Sunday, 26th ult., grounded at that place, after landing her passengers, and, we learn, has received considerable damage in her bottom. A number of her passengers returned yesterday, by land.” It may be as well to mention here that there are three vessels belonging to this port, if we are not mistaken, all bearing the name of St. George: the *Steamship St. George*; the *Steamer St. George*, and the *Steam ferry-boat St. George*. We should be very sorry that any but the owners of the Sabbath-breaking one should have to bear what the Sabbath-honouring public will think of their proceeding.—*Berean*.

No less than 18 gallons of whisky and twelve dozens of wine were required for the Kilkenny hospital the other week.

At a recent meeting in Cork, Father Matthew declared that “no one individual tectotaler has been a victim to either famine or pestilence.”

NEW POSTAGE BILL.—A bill has been introduced by the Government to prevent packages of unwieldy bulk from being sent by post, by fixing a maximum weight; reducing the rates on letters exceeding one penny; allowing writing on newspapers or their covers besides the direction; enabling any person to obtain a receipt for a letter delivered to the post-office at a regulated charge; and compelling the senders of letters rejected, or addressed to persons not to be found, to pay the postage.

THE RELIEF FUND.—The Central Relief and Society of Friends' Committees for the relief of Irish distress, have issued two documents,—the first containing the half-yearly account of receipts and disbursements from the 1st of January to the 1st of July; the second, the receipts only in money and food from the United States up to the latter period. The whole amount of money received by the central body was £59,439, of which £56,000 was thus distributed: Leinster, £7,446; Munster, £15,245; Ulster, £10,190; Connaught, £19,060; leaving a balance of some £3000 in favour of the Committee. Of this England directly supplied somewhat more than £28,000, including £10,000, part of produce of the Royal letter, and the same sum as a grant for food from the British Association. Ireland contributed less than £9000, including £250 from the exhibition of the Ancient

Masters. The British Provinces in North America afforded nearly as large a sum as all Ireland,—the difference only being £800,—while the United States forwarded £5121; a mere money grant, it must be remembered, and to the Central Committee, which is altogether independent of, and unconnected with, the immense supplies of food consigned to the Society of Friends. The next important contributors were Australia, £2082; and the Cape, Channel Islands, Hamburg, Italy, India, and the regiments serving in Ireland for smaller sums. The Society of Friends publish an immense list of receipts in detail. The money contributions reach £14,576, and about 60,000 barrels of corn meal, besides a very large quantity of other produce, such as Indian corn and meal, wheat and rye flour, pease and beans.

STARVATION AND PRIESTS' DUES.—On Saturday last, a woman named Oranston died in the neighbourhood of Tempo, it is believed of starvation. She had received relief, but not sufficient to support nature; as it was proved that she had money at her disposal, which she had entrusted to the keeping of another woman, which, however, both strongly denied to the last. The truth was made manifest after her death that she died possessed of 2s 6d, which sum was expended according to her last will and testament in the following manner:—7s 6d to the priest to say three masses to liberate her soul from purgatory, and the remainder for a coffin, pipes and tobacco, and candles to light her from this world to the next.—*Derry Standard*.

THE HARVEST AND POTATO CROP IN IRELAND.—It is with the most heartfelt satisfaction that we announce, that the accounts from all parts of the country continue to represent our harvest prospects as cheering in the extreme; and that the potato crop, about which such fears prevailed, presents an appearance everywhere so promising that we are justified in indulging a confident hope that, with the blessing of a bountiful Providence, the markets will soon be filled with abundance of cheap food.—*Dublin Packet of Saturday*.

The royal assent has been given during this session to 136 railway bills, which authorize various companies to raise £25,895,891, for the purpose of constructing 1,141½ miles of railway.

The Feversham gun cotton mills, belonging to Messrs. Hall, accidentally exploded on the 11th instant; twelve lifeless bodies have been dug from the ruins; and as 7 or 8 persons are missing, it is conjectured that they have been blown to pieces, as many mutilated limbs have been found.

THE SWISS.—Among the immigrants this year are a vast many Swiss and Bavarians. These people are chiefly farmers, and are beginning to form settlements in the State of New York.

PAUPERISM IN NEW YORK.—The Journal of Commerce affirms that one fifth of the population of this city are paupers, supported in part or wholly by charity. This estimate includes the in door and out door poor of the city, Almshouse, and the beneficiaries of the Society for ameliorating the condition of the poor. At this rate, every four families supply a fifth gratuitously with food, clothes, and fuel, at least during the winter season.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. E. Clapp Strong, of this town, was pretty badly hurt on Tuesday last by a bull. He had been at work in the field, but being afflicted with rheumatic complaints was obliged to return to the house before the other workmen. In returning across the pasture, he came upon the animal mentioned, and dove him out of his path, whereupon the animal infuriated, turned upon him. Mr. Strong defended himself as well as he could but finally fell upon his back. The animal then came at him with such fury that, missing his aim, he passed over Mr. Strong, turning a complete somersault. He returned, but fortunately his horns were so spread that they spanned Mr. Strong's body, and it received only the contact of the animal's head. The men in the field saw the transaction, and hastened with all speed to Mr. Strong's relief, but a noble dog outstripped them all, and rescued his master, apparently, from inevitable death. Mr. Strong was badly injured, one of his ribs being broken. It is worthy of notice, that the family had contemplated killing the dog, thinking him of little use.—*Northampton Gazette*.

By TELEGRAPH.—Buffalo, Saturday Evening, August 7.—Our market is still improving. To-day, flour, good, brings readily \$4.87½ to \$5, and at the close of the market, parcels were very firmly held. Corn was in good demand, but the supply was limited. For mixed, holders asked 50 cents, which was above the views of buyers, so that I have no sales to note. Oats brought 30½ to 31 cents. Provisions without change. Canal freights to Albany, flour 6½, wheat 17, coin 14. Canal tolls received at this office yesterday, \$3,680.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, August 7, 1847.

ASHES—Provincial duty 1 per cent.		PROVISIONS—Provincial duty 2s per	
Pots, per cwt	27 3 a 27 6	Beef, Mess, bbl 200 lbs 00 0 a 00 0	
Paris, do	27 3 a 27 6	Prime Mess, do 70 0 a 00 0	
FLOUR—Provincial duty 0d, Imp. 2s.		Prime, do 67 6 a 60 0	
Canada Superfine 2s 0 a 30 0		Cargo, do 00 0 a 00 0	
Do Finest 2s 3 a 28 3		Prime Mess, per	
Do Middle 2s 0 a 20 0		tierce of 304 lbs 105 0 a 00 0	
Do Pollards 00 0 a 00 0		Pork, Mess, bbl 200 lbs 85 0 a 100 0	
MEAL—Provincial duty 2s per 196 lbs.,		Prime Mess, do 80 0 a 00 0	
Imperial 2s per bbl.		Prime, do 70 0 a 00 0	
Indian Meal	00 0 a 00 0	Cargo, do 60 0 a 00 0	
Oatmeal	26 3 a 00 0	EACON, &c.—Provincial duty 2s, Im-	
GRAIN—Provincial duty 3s per quarter		perial, 3s per cwt.	
at all except Oats 2s.		Bacon, .. none	
Wheat, U C best 60 lbs nominal		Hams, .. 00 7 a 00 7½	
Do do mid. do Do		BUTTER—Provincial duty, 2s. Impe-	
Do Red do nominal		rial, 8s per cwt.	
Barley per minot Do		Prime .. 0 6 a 0 0	
Oats do Do		Grease .. none	
Pease do nominal			
Indian Corn, 68 lbs nominal			

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