

AN INCIDENT OF THE PENINSULAR WAR.

On the occupation of Madrid by Wellington, I had been sent from Cadiz with despatches, announcing the concentration of the French armies...

Following the troops for some leagues on their route towards Portugal, I turned off, and made the best of my way to Andalusia. This was but a short excursion, however; for a party of Soult's hussars, ranging the country for forage, gave chase to me—my horse was brought down by a shot, and I was made prisoner, along with the dragoon who attended me.

The hussars at once agreed that this was better than the bivouac, and we followed the guide. The house was about a league further, and it was midnight when we reached it, as the road was remarkably intricate, and the soldiers were often obliged to dismount and lead their horses.

But our guide wanted no assistance, he did the honors of the empty inn with remarkable activity, cooked our omelet, found out the cellar, spread our table, and attended it, as if he had been all his life a waiter.

At length, when wine and song had carried us far towards morning, the corporal proposed that we should all go to rest. The peasant, on this proposed a bumper to "the good cause," and bringing a large measure on the table, filled a large goblet for each, and handed it round.

The bumper, however, was so highly approved of, that our waiter was despatched to the cellar for a fresh supply. As he lingered longer than usual, murmurs began to rise, and the hussars being

now sufficiently drunk to dislike any unnecessary trouble, I was ordered to bring him before them. I obeyed, as it seemed to offer me another chance. But as I left the room, I saw by the light of its lamp, the flash of steel outside a window in the passage, I went out on tiptoe, and saw our peasant standing over the dead body of the sentinel; the Frenchman had been stabbed to the heart, and fallen without a groan.

He had found some narcotic mixture in the house, with which he had drugged their last bumper, as a preparative for cutting their throats; and his well contrived stumble had saved me from sharing the dose. He now proceeded to make quick work with their pockets, and rifled them of every sou—stripped them of arms and ammunition, and, tying them to the tables with the mules' halters, packed his plunder, swords, and accoutrements, on their horses, and mounting, we set off.

"But what induced the man to hazard himself? Was it mere love of adventure, or national hatred of the invader? Of course, he could have known nothing of you?"

"Why, it would be difficult to say which; perhaps all had their share. But he knew me well. And this strikes me as the most remarkable evidence of the indefatigable spirit of the people. You may remember my saying that a dragoon had been made prisoner along with me. The peasant was that dragoon. On hearing that I was to be treated as a deserter, he set himself at work to prevent, at least, that catastrophe. He immediately made his escape, a matter sufficiently easy in the confusion of a general movement.

"And you lost sight of him? A fellow of that class might have made a showy officer." "And he has made one. He soon joined the guerrillas, commanded a thousand men, harassed the enemy's convoys till their garrisons in the north were almost starved; and then taking service with Mina, to whom he was brigadier, now wears a coat covered with orders, which he had deserved rather better than most of those who have got them. I lately saw him at Madrid, and if commands are to go by merit, I know of no man likelier to rise to still higher distinction."

THE LATE LORD SYDENHAM.—The deceased Charles Poulett Thomson was eldest son of Mr. J. Poulett Thomson, of Roshampton and Austin Friars, and brother of Mr. George Poulett Scrope, M. P. for Stroud, who, on his marriage in 1821, assumed the arms and name of Scrope by sign manual, and until his accession to office in 1830 was connected with the well known mercantile firm of that name in the city of London.

Theodore Hook, it seems, has left his family—a widow and five children—utterly destitute. A subscription for their relief has been got up, but the papers complain that its proceeds are altogether inadequate. His income must have been large, but he appears to have consumed it all in riotous living.

SALES BY AUCTION.

VALUABLE ENGRAVINGS, &c.

By Auction will be sold on THURSDAY and FRIDAY next, 9th and 10th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Palace Street.

AN Invoice of valuable Steel Engravings—principally coloured, in Gilt Frames and on ornamented Strainers, received from an eminent London House and forming a superior selection.

Writing Cases, Pens, Ink, &c., &c. The sale to commence at SEVEN o'clock precisely.

DUPONT & Co. Catalogues will be ready for delivery on Thursday morning when the assortment can be seen at the Hotel.

The Quebec Argus. WILL be published at No. 20, St. Peter Street, Lower Town, at the Printing Office where "THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN" has been hitherto published, and where Mr. A. Jacques, the Proprietor and Printer, will receive subscriptions and orders for Advertising.

HAVANA. MRS. WEST'S BOARDING HOUSE. No. 68, Calle Inquisidor.

PASSENGERS arriving at Havana, and desirous of going to this House by de-patching a message to the Proprietor will be immediately furnished with the customary permit to disembark, with their luggage, &c. A regular passport is also of course indispensable.

POST OFFICE NOTICE. DURING the Summer the Quebec Post Office will be open to the public from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M. On SUNDAYS, in the Morning for Two Hours after the arrival of the Western Mail, and in the Afternoon, from 2 to 3 o'clock.

NOTICE. RUSSIAN STOVES. THE Russian Stove Company is now ready to receive orders for the erection of this useful and economical Stove. A sample of them can be seen at the Auction Rooms of Mr. G. D. BAZZARETTI, every day, from 8 to 5 o'clock, where orders will be received, or at the Manufactory Establishment, No. 99, St. Vallier street.—30th Sept. 1841.

FOR SALE. ONE Hundred Barrels COAL TAR. Apply to the subscriber. J. NESBITT. 25th May, 1841. St. Rochs



NOTICE. TO PERSONS DESIROUS OF SETTLING ON THE LAMBTON AND KENNEBEC ROAD.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Government at once to take the necessary steps for settling the Kennebec Road, in conformity to the provincial Statute 5, Geo. 3. Cap 31. Lots of 50 Acres of Land each will be laid out on each side of the road.

Settlers 21 years of age and upwards who have never obtained a grant of Land from Government, may obtain a Lot of 50 Acres on the following conditions:— 1st.—They are to make application to the Emigrant Agent, at Quebec, or to the resident Agent, whenever they shall be ready to become resident, on the tract to be granted.

2dly.—Upon giving a satisfactory account of their means of providing for themselves until a Crop can be raised from the ground, they will receive a Ticket from the Emigrant Agent entitling them to locate the land. 3dly.—Upon application to the resident Agent in the first place, he will forward a statement to the Emigrant Agent, of the applicant's age, family, and means of settlement, upon which, if approved, authority for location will issue.

4thly.—The Tickets issued will be useless to any but the applicants, and unless presented to the resident Agent within one month from the date, they will not be received by him. Any person who shall receive a Ticket, and who shall not proceed to the Settlement within one month, or who, having been placed upon land there, shall abandon it, will be considered as having lost all claim to receive land.

5thly.—Settlers will be required to clear and place one under Crop, one third of the land located, and to reside on the land until this settlement duty is performed, and after one third of the grant shall have been cleared and under crop, the Settler shall be entitled to his Patent, free of expense.

6thly.—The Settlement duty is required to be done within four years from the date of the Ticket. 7thly.—Settlers who are under the necessity of being temporarily absent from their Locations, will apply to the resident Agent, stating the length of their intended absence, and the reason for it, which will be entered on the Agent's Book if the reason for absence seems sufficient, and any person who shall absent himself without being permitted to do so by the Agent, or who shall remain away from the Settlement for a longer time than such permission shall authorize, will be considered as having forfeited his location.

8thly.—An assignment, or attempt to assign any Ticket or Location, will also be considered as a forfeiture of all right in the Location or Assignee; or if it shall appear that the Locatee has previously obtained a Grant of Land from Government, his new Location shall be forfeited. 9thly.—In all cases of abandonment of Location, the located land will immediately be considered open for new location or sale. 10thly.—As it is not the intention of the Government to offer the Settlers any assistance, further than the free grant of land, applicants are specially desired to consider for themselves whether or not, they have the means of maintaining themselves and their families until Crops can be raised from the ground.

Mr. C. TASCHEREAU, the Agent for the Settlement of the Kennebec Road, or Mr. BUCHANAN, Agent for Emigrants at Quebec, will furnish any further information which may be required. THOS. C. MURDOCH, Chief Secretary.

ORANGE MARMALADE, FOR SALE BY

G. SCOTT, Confectioner. Quebec, June 8, 1841.

FOR SALE. 300 BOLTS of the best Patent Canvas, 100 Coils of do. Cordage, various sizes. WILLIAM CHAPMAN & Co. Gibb's Wharf. Quebec, May 24, 1841.

SUPERIOR LEMON SYRUP Manufactured and sold by WM. PATERSON, Grocer. No. 18, Notre Dame Street, Quebec.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE. 50 Gross of the well known celebrated JONES'S MATCHES—nothing equal to them in the Canada. CHAS. F. PRATT & BROTHER. Quebec, 25th Aug. 1841.

THE Subscriber begs to intimate that he is now devoting particular attention to the manufacture of Oatmeal, and will always have on hand a large supply, which he will dispose of on the most reasonable terms. — ALSO — Superfine, Fine, and Middling Flour, Pot and Pearl Barley, Farine Entiere, Pease, Oats, Bran, &c. &c. — AND — A large assortment of very superior QUILLS. GEORGE BISSETT, Quebec, 23rd July, 1841. us Hunt's Wharf.

REMOVAL. THE Subscriber thanks the present opportunity of returning his sincere thanks to his friends and the public in general for the liberal support in business he has hitherto enjoyed and begs leave to inform them that he has removed to the premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Gibb & Shaw, No. 18, Notre Dame Street, opposite the Store of Mr. Cathro, Watch-maker, where he intends to keep a general assortment of Groceries, Wines and liquors of the best quality, and at moderate prices, and hopes to merit a continuance of public patronage. WM. PATERSON. Quebec, 7th May 1841. N. B. Daily expected a choice assortment of China & Earthenware.

FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS. 50 CASKS WHISKEY. 100 boxes Glass 64 by 9 1/2 in half boxes 40 do. Digby Herring 20000 Common Cigars, in twocases 15 kegs Snuff 10 do. best Plug 16s. 10000 Silva Cigars, 10 years old 3000 Ladies do. 6000 Large dry Hides 60000 green Calf Skins. CHAS. F. PRATT & BROTHER. Quebec, 20th June, 1841.

ARNOLD'S VICTORIA HOUSE, No. 15, Notre Dame Street, Lower Town, near the market Place.—Ordinary from 2 till 4 o'clock, P. M.—Soups and Chops at all hours. Large Storage for the convenience of Boarders. Quebec, 4th May, 1841.

FOR SALE. 3,400 Bars round No. 3, Iron, assorted sizes. 1,290 do. flat ditto, 500 Coils best Cordage, 17 Cwt. 5-16 Chain, short linked, 2 Chain Cables and Anchors, with a complete gang of standing and running Riggings, Blocks, Drayages, &c. to suit a vessel of 300 tons Register. Apply to Commercial Chambers, 18th August 1841. H. N. JONES.

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SUCH Gentlemen of the Clergy, or others, as may have experienced any difficulty about the Chimneys, will, by writing, (post paid) to the above establishment, have the necessary directions forwarded to them. As it may be impossible to meet all the demands, it is deemed proper to notify that the first applications will be first attended to. Quebec, 14th June 1841.

RAGS, ROPES, CANVASS, & OAKUM. THE highest price paid for Old Ropes, Rags and Canvass.—A constant supply of Writing, Printing and Wrapping Papers, always on hand, at the Warehouse of MILLER, McDONALD & CO. Hunt's Wharf. N. B.—A supply of superior machine-made Oakum for sale. Quebec, 2nd April, 1841.

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