

for West Staffordshire, having represented the Northern division of the same County in Parliament as a strong Conservative from 1851 to 1859. He is a son of the late Mr. John George Child, by Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. T. Parsons, of the United States of America, and was born in 1808. He was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated B. A. in 1831, and proceeded M. A. in 1834. He is a magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for Staffordshire, of which County he served as High Sheriff about three years ago. He married in 1835 Sarah, daughter and heir of the late Mr. Richard Clarke Hill, of Stallington-hall, and it is through this marriage that he acquired the Stallington estate. He also owns another property in Argyleshire—Glen Losset, in Islay. 3. Sir Robert John H. Harvey, of Crown Point, Norfolk, is the eldest son of the late General Sir Robert John H. Harvey, C. B., of Mousehold, near Norwich, who was a magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for Norfolk, by Charlotte Mary, only daughter and heiress of the late Mr. Robert Harvey, of Watton, Norfolk; he was born in 1817, and sat in the Conservative interest in the last Parliament for Theford, which is now disfranchised by Mr. Disraeli's Reform Act. He is a magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for Norfolk, of which County he served as High Sheriff in 1862. Soon after coming into his father's property, Sir Robert married in 1845 Lady Henrietta Augusta, eldest daughter of George Viscount Kilcoursie, and sister of the earl of Cavan. 4. Sir James Walker, of Sand Hutton, Yorkshire, and of Beachampton, Buckinghamshire, according to the *County Families*, is the only son of the late Mr. James Walker, of Beverly, Yorkshire, by Jane, only daughter and heiress of Mr. John Porter, of Kingston-upon-Hull. He was born in 1803, educated at Rugby, and at Trinity College, Oxford, where he took his B. A. degree in 1824, and is a magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for the East and North Ridings of Yorkshire, of which County he served as High Sheriff in 1846. Sir James has been twice married,—firstly, to Mary, fourth daughter of Mr. Robert Denison, of Kilnwick Percy, Yorkshire; and secondly, to Maria, daughter of the Rev. Robert Stephen Thompson, of Bilbrough, in the same County. His eldest son, by his first marriage, is Mr. James Robert Walker, the late Conservative member for Beverly, who is a magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for the North Riding of Yorkshire, and an officer in the Yorkshire Yeomanry Hussars. He was born in 1829, and is married to a daughter of Sir John Heron Faxwell, by whom he has issue. 5. Sir George Etienne Cartier of Montreal, Canada, who has also been recently raised to the honour of a baronetcy in recognition of his services as Minister of Militia in the Privy Council of Canada, is a gentleman of French Canadian extraction. He is a son of the late Mr. Jacques Cartier of St. Antoine by Marguerite, daughter of Mr. Joseph Paradis, and was born in 1814; he is a member of the bar of Quebec, and Member of the House of Commons. He married, in 1846, Hortense, daughter of the late Mr. Edouard Raymond Fabre of Montreal.

—The *London Spectator* says of the four gentlemen who received baronetcies from the retiring English Ministry, that "George Etienne Cartier deserves the label for real services, and none of the other gentlemen have done any particular harm."

—The Queen who always devotes the 14th December, which is the anniversary of the Prince Consort's death, to retirement, paid a visit on Monday to the Mausoleum where the remains of the Prince Consort are deposited. The Queen was accompanied by all the members of the Royal family at Windsor Castle and Frogmore House.

METEOROLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Meteorological observations at Quebec—Latitude 46°48'30" N.; Longitude 71°12'15" W.; height above St. Lawrence, 230 feet; taken, during the month of Dec, 1868, By Sergt. J. Thurling, A. H. C., Quebec.

Barometer, highest reading on the 27th.....	30.312 inches.
" lowest " 8th.....	28.592
" range of pressure.....	1.948
" mean for month reduced to 32°.....	29.676
Thermometer, highest reading on the 7th.....	31.0 degrees.
" lowest " 25th.....	-12.0
" range in month.....	43.0
Mean of highest.....	19.1
" lowest.....	7.6
" daily range.....	11.5
" for month.....	13.3
Hygrometer, mean of dry bulb.....	13.8
" wet bulb.....	12.5
" dew point.....	2.3
Elastic force of vapour.....	.049 inches.
Vapour in a cubic foot of air.....	0.6 grains.
" required to saturate, do.....	0.4 "
Mean degree of humidity (Sat. 100).....	60
Cloud, mean amount of (0-10).....	7.0 "
Ozone " " ".....	1.0 "
Wind, general direction.....	North West.
mean daily horizontal movement.....	161.0 miles.
Snow, number of days it fell.....	18

—From the Records of the Montreal Observatory,—lat. 45°31' North; Long, 4h 54m. 11 sec. West of Greenwich, and 182 feet above mean sea level,—for December, 1868,—by Chas. Smallwood, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.

DAYS.	Barometer corrected at 32°			Temperature of the Air.			Direction of Wind.			Miles in 24 hours.
	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	
1	29.300	26.355	29.431	14.2	26.3	12.4	w byn	w byn	w byn	80.20a
2	.575	.719	.813	7.1	21.1	14.0	w byn	w byn	w byn	24.40
3	.937	.941	.960	14.3	21.2	22.1	w byn	w byn	w byn	47.27
4	30.011	.997	.901	20.0	23.2	18.0	w byn	n by e	w byn	101.23
5	29.870	.811	.784	18.0	21.9	19.4	w byn	n e	n e	61.10
6	.950	.952	.951	20.0	24.1	18.1	w byn	w byn	w byn	61.10
7	.749	.351	.025	10.0	24.0	22.7	n e	n e	n e	55.29b
8	28.691	28.750	28.900	21.1	20.0	18.9	w	w	w	211.14c
9	29.275	29.439	29.500	4.2	8.0	3.1	w	w	w	197.10
10	.500	.524	.576	-0.5	15.1	6.9	w	w byn	w byn	204.24
11	.565	.587	.562	3.8	14.2	9.9	w byn	w	w	191.20
12	.450	.574	.699	6.9	21.7	17.9	w	w	w	97.67d
13	.863	.861	.682	17.9	28.0	21.9	w	w	w	101.24
14	.749	.655	.601	20.1	25.0	22.0	w	w	w	97.27e
15	.701	.815	.876	17.8	32.1	22.0	w	w	w	55.21
16	.699	.501	.899	20.0	29.0	22.6	s w	s w	s w	61.11
17	28.998	28.849	28.900	24.7	31.0	32.4	s w	s w	s w	54.10f
18	29.212	29.463	29.748	21.1	23.8	8.2	n n w	n n w	w	91.74
19	30.112	30.194	30.212	-3.4	12.2	3.1	w	w	w	66.21
20	29.747	29.525	29.854	8.0	20.8	19.7	n e	s w	w	88.24gg
21	.349	.375	.451	19.2	26.7	31.2	s w	w	w	67.10h
22	.609	.748	.700	28.9	25.3	24.3	w	w	w	55.17i
23	.630	.546	.547	19.1	19.1	11.1	n e	n e	w	61.10j
24	.660	.617	.617	-3.9	9.9	-8.1	w	w	w	147.21
25	.442	.349	.531	-1.0	-2.0	0.0	n e	n e	w	89.84k
26	.850	30.047	30.180	-3.9	15.9	3.0	w	w	w	109.70
27	30.150	29.917	29.889	-9.5	3.0	10.0	n	n e	n e	39.21*
28	29.781	.850	.949	24.7	30.6	28.9	s w	w	w	90.00
29	.691	.636	.700	23.3	28.4	23.0	w	w	w	55.10†
30	30.100	30.055	30.050	5.6	12.2	6.2	n	n e	n e	67.89
31	29.859	29.951	.101	9.2	23.2	8.2	w	w	w	57.29‡

RAIN IN INCHES.—§ Inapp.

SNOW IN INCHES.—a, Inapp.; b, 5.21; c, 3.14; d, Inapp.; e, 0.20; f, 1.13; g, 3.25; h, 1.20; i, 0.20; j, 3.80; k, 3.21; * 3.37; † 3.25; ‡ Inapp.

The Barometer was marked by several great fluctuations. The highest reading was on the 19th day, and indicated 30.212 inches; the lowest reading occurred at 5 a. m. on the morning of the 8th day, and indicated 28.687 inches, showing a range of 1.525 inches. Another low reading was on the 17th day.

The mean temperature of the month was 16.00 degrees, which is about two degrees lower than the *Isotherm* for Montreal deduced from observations during a series of years.

Rain fell on one day in an inappreciable quantity.

Snow fell on 14 days amounting to 27.96 inches.

Winter fairly set in on the 7th day. The crossing on the St. Lawrence was generally good on Christmas Day.

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