

NEWS.

MELANCHOLIC OCCURRENCE.—We have to add another to the long list of melancholy incidents by which this season seems to be distinguished, in both sections of the Province, beyond any other of recent date. On Christmas Day last, the wife of a respectable *habitant* at St. Michel, named Roy, came to visit the Parish Church, and with her son of about ten years of age. By some misfortune, he strayed from his mother's side, and was missed by her between five and six o'clock in the evening. Instant search was made, which continued over Saturday and Sunday without intermission—the police of the city rendering all the aid in their power. On Monday evening the dead body was found in the bush near St. Leonard's. There was no living testimony of the precise nature of his fate, but from the appearance and position of the corpse, it was pretty evident that he had laid down, overwhelmed with cold and fatigue, had taken off his coat to cover his head and form a pillow, and had died in the act of rubbing his fingers with snow, probably to prevent frost-bites.—*Montreal Gazette.*

ACCIDENTS.—Yesterday morning, as the son of N. G. Reynolds, Esq., was taking oats to his father's horse, he was very badly bruised by one of the horses kicking him several times before he could be got away. Mr. Reynolds hearing the noise hastened to the stable, where he found his son under the horse's feet, having been trodden upon and very much injured. Having removed his son, Mr. R. went to the horse which seemed very much frightened. He patted the horse gently, which at length became quiet. Mr. R. then went behind the horse, when he again commenced kicking most furiously, knocking him down. As he fell he caught the horse, as we understand, about the legs, to which he held fast, not being able to extricate himself until the horse had literally tired himself out, when Mr. R. crept away from behind him. He just escaped with his life, being very much bruised about the head and body, and it was thought had some ribs broken. On the same day, as Dr. Hope was returning from Hungerford, he was thrown from his buggy and very much injured. This accident was caused by the running away of a team of horses, which followed the Doctor, and despite all attempts to keep out of their way, caught his buggy by the wheel, turning it almost entirely over, and throwing him out amongst the wheels of the wagon. We had yesterday, as we have almost every day, a runaway in town. Really we think the authorities should see that persons leaving their horses loose in the streets, are dealt with according to the town regulations.—*Belleville Chron., 17th December.*

DISASTROUS ACCIDENT.—An accident occurred on Monday afternoon which has resulted in the death of Mr. Charles Boulton, second son of the Hon. Henry John Boulton. Mr. Boulton was driving tandem on Front Street, when the horses took fright and ran off, and threw him out with great violence, fracturing his skull. The family have been thrown into great distress by the occurrence. The deceased was about 20 years of age.

BAR-ROOMS.—It will be seen, by our advertising columns, that the magistrates residing in this city, held a meeting, on Friday last, with a view of carrying out the recommendations of the late Court of Quarter Sessions, regarding Tavern Licenses. The unlimited system of licensing heretofore practised, has been a fruitful source of a great portion of the crime committed in this district; and we are glad to find the magistracy at length awakening to the subject. The number of grog shops in this city is frightful. Turn where you will and the everlasting sign of "Bar-Room" stares you in the face. How so many houses—or, rather, rooms—have been licensed, passes our comprehension, for we cannot imagine that a title of them could comply with the requirements of the act. On the dreadful effects of these *shabben* houses it is not necessary for us to dilate. Almost every crime committed traces its origin to them, indirectly if not directly. Scarcely a Coroner's Jury but what returns a verdict of "Died from Intemperance." Under these circumstances, we trust the magistrates will make thorough work of it, and not, as some time since, leave the number of licenses greater than it was before they took the matter in hand.—*Toronto Colonist.*

EARLY RISING.—A number of young men in Glasgow have agreed to meet at an early hour in the morning, for the purpose of improving their minds. Those late pay a fine, which goes to the purchase of books, to be read by the society of early risers.

Mr. O'Connell has been directed by his medical advisers to leave Dublin for Derrymane; abstinence from political excitement being deemed indispensable in the present state of his health. Sixteen clerks have just been dismissed from the Repeal Association, and a kind of general notice served upon all the rest to look out for other situations. In the palmy days of Repeal the staff at Conciliation Hall numbered about 100 persons—this morning it was about 36, and the ensuing week will open with 16.

Captain Warner has at length had a full and fair trial of his "long range," and the result of the experiments tried on the 23th ultimo, before the commissioners appointed by Government to test its power, has been unsatisfactory—in fact, a complete failure. The experiments were made at Beaudesert, near the seat of the Marquis of Anglesey, Master-General of the Ordnance.

At a meeting of the Ballinasloe Union Agricultural Society, on Tuesday, Sir M. D. Bellow, on being awarded a prize for the best drainage, said he deserved no credit on the occasion; the merit was due to his son, who, when the distress became so prevalent in the country, resolved to abandon a tour he was about to make through Greece and Turkey, in order to expend the money which his journey would have cost him in giving employment to poor people in drainage.

It has been calculated that the sum annually paid to the washerwomen and laundresses of London, amounts to £5,000,000.

It has been erroneously stated that the Admiralty is reducing the proper complements of her Majesty's ships. Such is not the fact; the admiralty has merely been adjusting crews, so as neither to underman nor overman.

WANT OF LABORERS.—Farmers in Limerick and the adjoining counties were never so deficient, at this season of the year, in the breadth of tillage land ready for seed to grow the ensuing year's crop; and this applies not merely to corn, but to vegetable gardens. They complain, and with sad truth, of the want of farm labourers, whom the public works in every parish almost wholly engross at present, to the serious detriment of field cultivation and husbandry pursuits in general. Unless the peasantry are in-

duced to return to their natural and accustomed labor, we verily believe that the prospects of the year 1847-48 will be far more disastrous to Ireland than the people are aware of.—*Limerick Chronicle.*

THE O'CONNELL FAMILY.—The following from the "Nation," is a very pretty paragraph as it stands—"An explanation would spoil it:—"Morgan O'Connell, Esq., second son of Mr O'Connell, has been appointed Registrar of Deeds, with a salary of £1500 a year by the Whigs."

REAL DISTRESS.—As a convincing proof of the dreadful state of the trade in Worcester, we have only to mention that during the last fortnight no less than sixty-eight wedding-rings have been purchased, chiefly from the wives of weavers, by one jeweller, residing in the Bull Ring, Kidderminster.—*Worcestershire Chronicle.*

MONEY.—Bicknell's Reporter says—"As predicted by us a month or two since, money is becoming scarce and rates are rising. Good paper out of doors cannot be negotiated for less than 9 per cent. The Banks are rather nervous, as they cannot form a confident opinion of the probable termination of the Mexican war."

OBJECTS OF THE WAR.—The New York Commercial Advertiser gives the following warning without any intimation how the danger is to be resisted:—"Great and combined efforts seem to be making southward, and without much distinction of party, to extend our boundary line to the Sierra Madre, which of course will take in three or four more Mexican States, and if admitted into the Union, we presume, to be slaveholding."

COAL.—An extensive bed of bituminous coal, of excellent quality, has been discovered at Guerrero, a Mexican town of 4000 inhabitants, situated on the Salado River, 125 miles above Camargo. It is now worked by an American company, and promises to be of vast importance, as it removes the principle obstacle to steamboat navigation on the Rio Grande, into which the Salado empties its waters.

Mr. Octave Altizan, of Baton Rouge, had an altercation with a negro on the 1st inst., a few miles from the town, and the negro lifting his axe in a threatening manner, Mr. Altizan shot him dead.—*N. O. Mercury, Dec. 10.*

The French Government has received information of the discovery, at Guadeloupe, of a considerable mine of sulphur, in the *souffriere* of Basses Terre, the surface of which sunk during the late earthquake.

The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has just addressed a rescript to the head of the Jewish communion in his dominions, declaring that after St. John's day, 1847, the annual tax paid by the Jews shall be suspended.

The ancient and noble abbey of Dissentis, in the Canton of the Grisons, was entirely consumed on the night of the 27th ult. Its magnificent church, its treasure, and its rich and splendid library, were completely destroyed. The *stair*, who discharged the functions of cook, perished in the flames. The abbey of Dissentis, founded in the seventh century by Sigebert, a Scotian benedictine, had been before burned in 1790.

NEW POLAR EXPEDITION.—At the last meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, it was announced by Sir J. H. Pelly, that the Hudson's Bay Company had fitted out a well-equipped expedition, for the purpose of surveying the unexplored portion of the north west coast of America.

M. Odillon Barrot, the French deputy, has been sojourning at Constantinople; and it is asserted that he has received from the Sultan presents of pipes and shawls to the value of £20,000.

The Paris papers announce the death of the celebrated historian, Michelet, whose late work called "Priests, Women, and Families," excited so much attention.

The Prussian Government has ordered the construction of a number of gun-boats at Stettin, for the defence of the port in case of war.

Abdel-Kader is reported to have entered the province of Oran, at the head of 800 cavalry.

Orders have been issued by the French Government to suspend the expedition against Madagascar.

Mr. Leverrier, the discoverer of the new planet, is appointed to the new chair of mathematics applied to astronomy in France.

The administrations of the French customs has abolished the examination of the luggage of the passengers coming into France by the railroad from Belgium.

SLAVERY IN TURKEY.—Letters from Constantinople of the 30th ultimo, announce that Lord Palmerston has sent a note to the Porte, demanding the abolition of slavery in the Ottoman Empire.

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, Jan. 4, 1847.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.			
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	22	6	a	23	0	BEEF, Prime Mess,	47	6	a	0	0	
Pearls,	22	6	a	23	0	per brl, 200lbs.	47	6	a	0	0	
FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per brl.	27	6	a	28	0	Prime,	42	6	a	0	0	
Do. Fine,	26	0	a	27	0	Prime Mess. per tierce, 304lbs.	00	0	a	00	0	
Do. Sour,	none					PORK, Mess, per brl.	200lbs	72	6	a	75	0
Do. Middlings, .	none					Prime Mess.....	55	0	a	60	0	
Indian Meal, 163lb, 15	0	a	00	0	Prime,	50	0	a	52	6		
Oatmeal, brl, 224lb, 25	0	a	00	0	Cargo,	40	0	a	00	0		
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.					BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a	0	7½		
Best, 60lbs. ...	5	0	a	5	3	CHEESE, full milk,						
Do. L.C. per min.	0	0	a	0	100 lbs.,	40	0	a	50	0		
BARLEY, Minot, ...	3	0	a	3	3	LARD, per lb.....	0	5	a	0	6	
OATS, "	none				TALLOW, per lb. ...	0	6	a	0	6½		
PEASE,	4	6	a	0	0							

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