

THE BISHOP OF CALCUTTA.—Letters were received about the end of January from the Bishop of Calcutta, announcing his safe arrival at the mouth of the Hoogley, on December 7, after a prosperous voyage.

BAPTISM BY IMMERSION.—A novel and interesting feature has lately been introduced into Trevethin Church, Monmouthshire, under the sanction of the Bishop of the diocese. A baptistry, measuring 8 ft. by 3 ft. 6 in., and 4 ft. deep, has been placed near the south door, wherein it is intended, should any person (and in this district there are many such), have conscientious objections to the sacrament of baptism by sprinkling, to perform the ceremony by immersion.—Hereford Journal.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION for the Destitute Peasantry of IRELAND, and towards the Relief of the sufferers in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Amount advertised. £402 11 8

H. J. CALDWELL, JEFFERY HALE, C. F. STANTON, M. D. Quebec, 2nd March, 1847.

To CORRESPONDENTS:—Received H. S.;—Envelope, M. W.;—H. A.;—R. P.;—D. C. G.;—Mrs. H.

RECEIVED PAYMENTS:—From J. G. Mackenzie, Esq., No. 157 to 260; Lt. Col. Wolff, No. 120 to 171.

Local and Political Intelligence.

THE PREVAILING SCARCITY.—The Times says:—The following document has received the approbation, if not of the highest personage of the realm, at least of a large number of the highest ranks in our nobility:

"We, the undersigned, deeply impressed with the distress which prevails among a great number of our fellow-countrymen in Great Britain and Ireland, from the want of necessary subsistence, and observing that the prices of food are rising, think it our duty to pledge ourselves to reduce in our families, as far as may be practicable, the consumption of bread and flour, and we invite the co-operation of all those who may concur with us in our estimate of the present emergency."

DUBLIN, January 30th.—We regret that Lord JOHN RUSSELL seems to throw cold water on Emigration. He will afford facilities—but the Government will undertake nothing. Such, it would appear, is his Lordship's opinion. That too much may be expected from Emigration, we readily admit. But because it will not do half nor a tenth, perhaps, of what has been calculated, it hardly follows but a title will be serviceable alike to them who go and to those that remain. But we apprehend that the matter will become to a certain degree imperative. Putting Ireland out of the question, it would be extravagant to suppose that Glasgow or Liverpool will continue to support, for six months longer, some twenty or thirty thousands of paupers. On this subject, we shall have something more to offer in detail at a future opportunity.

We have noticed, with great gratification, the recent address of Sir ARTHUR BLOKE and Lord FARNHAM, to their Tenantry in Fermanagh and Cavan, urging the necessity of prompt exertion in the preparation of the ground for Spring sowing, and offering assistance, in seed, to all small occupiers who shall exhibit the necessary industry on their holdings.

REDUCTION OF RENT.—The Earl and Countess of Milford have made abatements of 50 per cent. to such of their tenants whose yearly rent does not exceed £5, and 25 per cent. to those whose yearly rent is under £10.

IRISH IN SCOTLAND.—The influx of destitute Irish into Scotland, it is stated, is taking place on a scale so large as to demand immediate attention. At the last census of 1841, there were living in Scotland 126,321 natives of Ireland, being about five per cent. of the whole population, whilst the numbers of native Irish resident in England at the same period amounted only to two per cent. of the gross inhabitants. How the tide has continued to flow since, may be gathered from the statement of the Glasgow Argus, given on good authority, that within the last month from 700 to 800 Irish paupers have arrived in that city, and at the present moment are famishing and dying in its gutters and closes.

SCOTLAND.—A great fire had occurred in Glasgow; the premises destroyed consisted of a handsome ashlar building, four stories in height, situated on the east side of Queen-street, a short distance south of Ingram Street. The first story contained five shops, occupied respectively by Messrs. J. and W. Steel and Penny, bootmakers; Mr. William Sharp, glass and china merchant; Messrs. Burton and Thomson, tea and coffee dealers; Mr. Ritchie, furnishing ironmonger; and Mr. John Robertson, druggist. The second story was occupied by Messrs. Robertson, Reid, and Co., merchants; and the third and fourth stories by Messrs. S. and T. Brown and Co., the extensive sewed muslin manufacturers. The progress of the fire was so rapid, that the whole of the north side of the building was in flames before the engines could be brought into effectual operation. The police, assisted by a number of gentlemen, removed two or three thousand pounds worth of goods from Messrs. Robertson and Reid's warehouse, and Messrs. Steel and Penny removed several cart-loads of boots and shoes. This was the only property of consequence which was saved, but we are glad to learn that all the parties who have been burned out have saved their business books. At ten o'clock at night, however, the fire could scarcely be said to be extinguished. The destruction of property is estimated at from 80,000l. to 100,000l., and all the parties are insured. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery.

CENTRAL BOARD OF HEALTH FOR IRELAND.—In consequence of the increase of fever and dysentery in some districts, the Lord Lieutenant has deemed it expedient, as a measure of precaution, to re-establish the Central Board of Health for Ireland, which had been in operation in 1845-6. The Medical members of the Board are Sir Philip Crampton and Dr. Corrigan, and with those gentlemen are associated Sir Randolph Routh, Sir R. Kane, and Mr. Twisleton.

AT ROME, a Committee of English and Irish has been formed for the purpose of obtaining relief for Ireland. The Pope sent a thousand Roman Crowns (about £200 sterling) from his privy purse.

ALGERIA.—MARSEILLES, Jan. 23.—By the steamer Tage, from Algiers, with dates to the 20th, from that port, we learn that the French have had 130 men killed and wounded in a battle with the Ouled-Djellal tribe of Arabs.—It resulted in the subjection of the Ouled-Djellal.

TELEGRAPH.—A meeting of merchants interested in the establishment of a line of telegraph between Halifax and Quebec, was held at Halifax on the 20th ult., ANDREW M. UNIAKKE, Esq., M. P. P., president, and resolutions were passed approving of the project—and for organizing a company to establish the line through Nova Scotia to the boundaries of New Brunswick.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Late papers have been received by the 'Sandwich,' but contain little news, excepting the prorogation of the Colonial Legislature, and another Fire, occasioning a loss of above £13,000. The buildings destroyed are the residence of the Collector of the Customs and a large Store.—About £8,000 worth of specie, in Mexican dollars, was melted in the House of the Collector.

FIRE.—On Friday morning last, about 6 o'clock, the inhabitants of this town were aroused by the cry of "fire," when it was discovered that the barn and stables of Judge Malloch (on his 50 acre lot) were in flames, which spread so rapidly that before assistance arrived at the spot, any attempt to check the devouring element was useless. Four horses, three cows, a sheep and a dog perished in the flames; a lot of farm implements, produce, &c., were also destroyed. From the facts, that Mr. Malloch's man had been there the evening previous, about 6 o'clock, without a light of any description, and left the buildings in perfect safety—that the fire broke out the following morning, at least 12 hours afterwards—and that the buildings were on fire at both ends, and not in the middle, there are strong grounds for believing that it was the work of an incendiary. We understand that the place was insured.

On the evening of the same day, about 9 o'clock, the alarm of fire was again given, which was found to proceed from the stable of John Doran, Esq. Assistance was speedily on the spot, but the flames spread so rapidly that any attempt to extinguish them was useless.

We are informed that the house and barn of Mr. McCunihy, North Sherbrooke, were burnt down on Friday morning last—bed clothing only saved. We have not heard the particulars.—Bathurst Courier.

A truly heart-rending instance of death from inclemency of the weather occurred last week. A teamster travelling westward from the village of Caledonia on the plank road, overtook a woman walking with a child in her arms, and offered her a ride, which she accepted. The night being extremely cold, the teamster stopped at the first tavern to warm himself, where he asked the woman to step out and come to the fire; but she refused, saying she felt quite warm and comfortable.—Some of the inmates, however, insisted on her coming in, and she attempted to obey them, but found her under limbs were frozen and lifeless, and that her poor infant was frozen to death in her lap.—The dying woman was immediately carried into the house, where in less than five minutes she followed her child into eternity.—Gull Reporter.

MONTREAL, Feb. 26th.—We understand that the 52d regiment received orders by the last mail to leave for England on the opening of the navigation.—Times.

ENGLISH MAIL.—It is said that petitions had been circulated and numerous signed, on the 27th ultimo, at Liverpool, praying Earl Grey to authorise the departure of an extra mail packet to America on the 19th of the months of February and March. It is rumoured that private letters have been received in Montreal stating the probability that the petition will be acceded to by the Government.

MONTREAL.—A meeting was held on the 22nd ult., in the office of the Montreal Insurance Company, for the purpose of devising the best means to establish a House of Industry and Refuge, for the poor of Montreal. James Ferrier, Esq., was unanimously called to the chair, and W. C. Evans, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary.

After some remarks from the chairman, explanatory of the object for which the meeting was called, and of the difficulty experienced on a former occasion in endeavouring to establish an Institution accessible to Roman Catholics as well as Protestants, which had caused a determination to make the present Institution distinctively a Protestant one, the following resolutions were passed.

MARRIED.—On the 14th January, at the Parish Church, Cheadle, by the Rev. J. C. Cummins, Rector, Thomas Frederick Rae, Esq., of Holdcroft Cheadle, to Catherine Amelia, daughter of C. Hoffman, Esquire, Quebec. On Thursday, the 25th January, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by the Rev. W. C. Fynes Webber, Charles Edgecombe Davenport, Esq., Royal Regiment, youngest son of the late Admiral Sir Salusbury Davenport, K. C. H., and C. B., to Emma Anne Georgiana Webber, daughter of the Very Rev. the Dean of Ripon.

DIED.—On the 22nd Dec., at Mount Hilloby, Barbadoes, aged 24, Robert Grasset, Esq., fourth son of the late Henry Grasset, Esq., M.D., Deputy Inspector General of the Army Hospitals.

QUEBEC MARKETS. Corrected by the Clerks of the Markets up to Tuesday, 2nd March, 1847.

PROVIDENT AND SAVINGS' BANK. At a meeting held this day, at the office of Messrs. C. & W. Wurtele, to take into consideration the establishment of a Provident and Savings Bank in this city— Present:—Honble. L. Massue, and J. Hale, W. Petry, J. Bonner, A. Laurie, H. S. Scott, A. Joseph, P. Langlois, R. Shaw, P. Langlois, jr., W. G. Wurtele, Sheriff Sewell, Dr. Morrin, C. Wurtele, N. Freer, A. McDonald, M. Connolly, Esquires.

Resolved.—That this meeting, impressed with a sense of the benefits which Provident and Savings

Banks have produced in other places, consider the establishment of such an Institution in this city, upon an extended scale, and opened daily, to be both important and desirable, and are of opinion that immediate measures should be adopted for the attainment of that object.

Moved by W. Petry, Esq., seconded by H. S. Scott, Esq., and unanimously Resolved.—That this meeting, together with such other persons as may become associated, not exceeding fifty in all, under a constitution to be hereafter adopted, be a Society to carry into effect the objects of a Provident and Savings Bank, in this city.

Moved by P. Langlois, jr., Esq., seconded by Sheriff Sewell, and unanimously Resolved.—That a committee of five members be now appointed to draft a constitution for the Institution which has just been formed.

Moved by Dr. Morrin, seconded by A. Joseph, Esq., and unanimously Resolved.—That the following gentlemen compose the committee:—J. Hale, J. Bonner, W. Petry, W. H. A. Davies, C. Wurtele, Esqrs.

Moved by W. Petry, Esq., seconded by W. G. Wurtele, Esq., and unanimously Resolved.—That this meeting do adjourn to an early day, to be fixed by the committee appointed to draft a constitution, to receive their report.

Moved by the Hon. L. Massue, seconded by A. Joseph, Esq., and Resolved.—That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the public papers.

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CHRISTIAN WURTELE, Secy. Quebec, 26th Feby. 1847.

A meeting of the Quebec Bar Association was held on the 26th ult., to testify their respect for the memory of the late CHIEF JUSTICE of MONTREAL; when appropriate resolutions were passed and a copy of them ordered to be transmitted to the widow of the deceased, together with an expression of deep sympathy at her bereavement. The members agreed to wear mourning, for a month, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Chief Justice.

SEVERE STORM.—On Saturday evening a furious snow storm set in, accompanied by a high wind from the eastward, which continued till the following day at noon; and more snow fell during that short period than we have seen for many years on the ground. On Sunday the streets were almost impassable, and many of the narrow thoroughfares were quite choked up with huge drifts of snow; the depth averaging about three feet in the town and vicinity. The roads in the country must be much obstructed for a time by the great quantity of snow that has fallen. On Monday the mail from Montreal, due early in the morning, did not arrive until five o'clock in the afternoon; and the Judges from Montreal and Three Rivers, who were expected in town to attend the Court of Appeals, the term of which commenced on that day, were prevented from being present by the same cause. We understand that a man and horse were found near Lorette frozen to death; and are supposed to have perished in the storm on Saturday evening.

AMONG THE PASSENGERS BY THE STEAMSHIP CAMBRIA.—Messrs. W. Henry, Dalkin, and G. P. Ogden, of Quebec.

THE ARMY.—Captain H. P. Bouchier, Town Major of Kingston, is promoted to be Major in the Army, by Brevet.—Commissariat:—Mr. Randolph Routh has been promoted to be Assistant Commissary General; Messrs. James Coxworthy, and James H. Tubby to be Deputy Assistant Commissaries General.

QUEBEC GAOL CALENDAR. March 1, 1847.

Number of prisoners under sentence by the Courts 13 Do. under the Police Ordinance, &c. 48 Do. Untried. 3 Debtor. 1 Total, 65

Thirty-eight of the above are females.

BIRTH. At Droxford Rectory, Hampshire, on the 29th Jan., the wife of the Rev. J. A. G. Colpoys, of a daughter.

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ENGLISH MAIL. LETTERS for the above Mail will be received at the Quebec Post Office till THURSDAY, the 25th of this month.—PAID Letters till THIRTEEN o'clock and UN-PAID till FOUR P. M.

FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBER, No. 6, Notre Dame Street, Lower Town: 15 CHESTS and 30 Boxes Twankay Tea, 20 Chests Black Tea, 5 do. Superior Hyson, 50 Boxes Starb, 30 Boxes Fig Blue, 30 do. Cavendish, 20 Kegs Plug Tobacco, 50 do. Plymouth Soap, 100 Boxes Soap, (Quebec.) —ALSO— 5 Puncheons St. Croix Rum, 5 do. Jamaica Rum, 10 do. Whiskey, 5 Hhds. Cognac Brandy, 25 Casks Pale Seal Oil, 12 Bags Green Coffee, 12 Hhds. Sugar, &c. &c. &c. J. R. HEALEY. Quebec, 4th March, 1847.

PUBLIC DEBENTURES FOR SALE. PERSONS desirous of investing Money at the Legal Interest of the Province, have the opportunity of doing so, at present, in convenient sums, upon application at this Bank. NOAH FREER, Cashier. Quebec Bank, 4th Feby, 1847.

FOR SALE, COAL TAR, Pitch, Rosin, 50 bbls of each, ALSO, Composition deck spikes, 5 1/2 a 7 inches, Sheathing Copper and Nails. ATKINSON, USBORNE & CO. Quebec, 11th Feb. 1847. 6w

FOR SALE. THAT pleasantly situated House in St. Anne Street, at present occupied by Mr. BURDET—with a spacious Yard, Stabling and Out-houses. Apply to ARCHD. CAMPBELL, N. P., St. Peter Street. Quebec, 27th January, 1847.

TO LET, THE House No.—Buade Street, Upper Town Market Place, at present occupied by Mr. Wadman. Possession will be given on the first of May. —ALSO— The following apartments in FREEMASONS' HALL, comprising the first and second flats, with the vaults underneath, and part of the yard and premises in the rear, lately occupied by Mr. Futvoye. Possession given on the first of May, or immediately, if required. Apply to GEORGE ALFORD, or the proprietor, GEORGE POZER. Quebec, 7th January, 1847.

PIANOS. IN addition to their Stock of PIANOS on hand, the undersigned have just received a new assortment, which they will sell at low prices. J. H. WYSE & Co. No. 26, Mountain Street, 11, Palace Street. N. B. PIANOS to let. Quebec, 26th November, 1846.

FOR SALE, 150 QUINTALS Merchantable large Table 127 Barrels Green do. 35 do. Salmon, 53 do. Mackerel, 39 do. Herrings, 6 Kegs Cod Sounds and Tongues, 23 Barrels Cod Oil. —ALSO— 65 Hogsheads Bright Muscovado Sugar, do. do. Bastard do. 20 Boxes Twankay Tea, 15 do. Superior Maccaroni and Vermicelli, 70 Boxes, half do. and quarters Bunch Muscatel Raisins. —AND— 30 Tinnets River Ouelle Butter, 30 Boxes Scheidam Gin, 45 do. English Starb, 10 do. Fig Blue, 12 do. Composite Candles, 15 do. English Wax Wick do. 65 Dozens Corn Brooms.

His usual assortment of Liquors and Groceries consisting of— Champagne, Sherry, Madeira, and Port Wines, Martell's Pale and Cognac Brandy, Spanish White do. Hollands and English Gin. Scotch Whiskey, Jamaica, Demerara, and St. Croix Rum, French Liqueurs, Teas, Coffee, English and American Cheese, Pickles and Sauces, Spanish Nuts, Walnuts, Almonds, Sperm, Olive and Seal Oils, &c. &c. By A. LENFESTEY, 17 St. Peter St. Quebec 24 Decr. 1846.

HARDWARE! No. 20, HARDWARE!! FABRIQUE STREET. MORKILL & BLIGHT, BEG respectfully to inform their friends and the public, that they have now received their Fall supplies, comprising a very general and well selected assortment, which they will dispose of on the lowest terms for CASH or approved credit. Quebec, 26th November, 1846.

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING. HENRY KNIGHT begs to thank the Military and Gentry of Quebec, and the public generally, for the very flattering patronage with which he has been favoured since he commenced business, and pledges himself to spare no effort to ensure a continuance of their support.

H. K. also invites an inspection of his stock of Cloths, Cassimeres, Tweeds, Vestings, &c., &c., having just received per "Safeguard" and "Pearl" from London, a general assortment of those articles all of the very best quality and latest fashion, which he will make up in his usual style, at moderate prices. No. 12, Palace Street. Quebec, 19th Nov. 1846.

FAMINE IN IRELAND. Office, 16, Upper Sackville-street, Dublin. DECEMBER 17, 1846. Irish Relief Association FOR THE DESTITUTE PEASANTRY, Being a re-organization of the Association formed during the period of famine in the West of Ireland, in 1831. PATRONS: The Archbishop of Dublin. The Duke of Manchester, Lord George Hill, Marquis of Downshire, The Hon. Somerset Maxwell, The Earl of Devon, The Hon. Charles Grey, The Earl of Roden, The Hon. Thos. Vesey, M. P., The Viscount Lorton, G. A. Hamilton, Esq. M. P., Lord Farnham, Edward Grogan, Esq. M. P. TRUSTEES (five of the above, together with W. D. Latouche, Esq.) COMMITTEE. Major Adams, Henry C. Hoare, Esq. Richard Armit, Esq. W. D. Hull, Esq. Alexander Boyle, Esq. Sir John K. James, Bart. Henry Bewley, Esq. William D. Latouche, Esq. Richard Cane, Esq. Philip J. Marjoribanks, Esq. W. H. Carroll, Esq. Thomas Parnell, Esq. William Edington, Esq. William Trail, Esq. Robt. R. Guinness, Esq. Robert Wilson, Esq. R. S. Guinness, Esq.

HONORARY SECRETARIES. Lord George Hill, Rev. C. H. Minechin, Sir Edmund Waller, Bart. Henry John Porter, Esq. TREASURERS. Messrs. Latouche & Co., Dublin.

Extract from "Report of Proceedings" to January 15th: "The Committee have been engaged since the 2d of September last, when the Association was re-organized, in devising plans, and making efforts, for the relief of their suffering fellow-countrymen; and though the measure of support they have met with is very far from being equal to the pressing urgency of the case, they are thankful that it has enabled them, under the blessing of God, to aid in supplying food to thousands, who otherwise probably would have perished for the want of it."

"The transmission of provisions to the most distressed districts has been the great object, to which from the beginning the attention of the committee has been directed.

"The employment of the peasantry in various public works has given them, in some degree, the means of purchasing food, when it is to be had; but in many instances the supply of provisions is either wholly inadequate to the demand or they are sold at such a price as to place it beyond the power of the people, even with an increased rate of wages, to purchase a sufficient quantity for the support of themselves and their families. There are also many thousands in the suffering districts, who from infirm health and other causes cannot obtain employment, and to whom food must be distributed gratuitously.

"In order to overcome if possible this difficulty, it has been the object of the Committee to sell food at a reduced price to those who are able to purchase; and in peculiar instances to give gratuitously, through the agency of persons residing on the spot, in whom confidence can be placed.

"With the view of carrying out this principle two cargoes of meal were sent to districts in the counties of Donegal and Mayo, of whose state of destitution alarming accounts had reached the Committee. Being unable for some time to obtain a steamer for the purpose, they were compelled to resort, as a matter of necessity, to sailing vessels, which they are happy to say reached their destination some weeks ago. The cost of these two cargoes was £1658 14s. 3d., which, with the expense of freight, &c., amounting to £137 6s. 8d., make in all £1796 0s. 11d.

"The Committee have paid the freight of two sailing vessels, destined for Gweedore and Dingle, and chartered by two private individuals, with provisions for the poor of those districts; and it is gratifying to be able to add, that they have also reached their destination. The expense incurred by this arrangement amounted to £86 0s. 3d.

"The Committee have at length succeeded in obtaining a steamer of 300 tons burthen, which has been loaded at Liverpool with about Two Hundred and Fifty Tons of Corn and Meal, in addition to which the Society of Friends and Relief Committee of St. Jude's, Liverpool, have shipped Fifty Tons of various articles for making soup, and it has been dispatched with orders to make deposits at various places along the Western Coast, to be lodged in stores and sold at a reduced price. The purchase of this cargo amounts to £4570, exclusive of the hire of the vessel and various contingent expenses not yet ascertained, which will amount to a considerable sum.

"In addition to these supplies, the Committee have made grants to aid in the purchase of food. But even in these cases they have in no instance made pecuniary grants, but have directed that food should be purchased, and that the bills, certified by one of the local managers, should be transmitted to their office for payment. One Hundred and Thirty-eight different places have been relieved in this way, and some of them have obtained a second grant. The amount thus expended has been £2434 7s. 6d.

"The Committee have likewise aided in establishing soup kitchens, by providing boilers for places where they seemed most likely to be of use; and in accordance with this plan, they have granted to the present date One Hundred and Twenty-three boilers, at a cost of £369. The applications for boilers have latterly exceeded the power of the Committee to meet them.

"In making these various grants of boilers and provisions, the Committee have been most careful in investigating the several cases brought before them, and ascertaining the character of the persons swayed have also been required to certain Queries; available, the local subscriptions, &c. &c., and in all cases reference must be given to persons in Dublin, known to some member of the Committee.

"It is the earnest desire of the Committee, that in the distribution of the funds entrusted to them, the agents whom they employ in the several localities should not be influenced by either sect or party; and that a preference be given in all cases only to the most destitute, without religious or political distinction. In selecting persons of trust-worthy and faithful character for this office, confidence is inspired; and security is afforded that the intention of the Committee shall be scrupulously observed."