

ing was an instrument of tyranny in the hands of the Crown, and not a constitutional guarantee of fairness open to the accused, and used by him as freely as by the prosecutor.

should go to improve our roads, and that we see no advantage in paying so much money to the Americans for doing what we can do quite as satisfactorily and expeditiously ourselves.

Our mails have been delivered in Montreal on the 17th day from leaving Liverpool, on an average of the last three months, and by comparing the arrivals of the English mails at Montreal by our own route, with the arrivals through the United States, it will be seen that in point of speed alone the New Brunswick is the quickest route for us.

1849. MAILS VIA UNITED STATES. Date of Leaving Liverpool. Date of Arrival at Montreal.

1848. MAILS VIA NEW BRUNSWICK. Date of Leaving Liverpool. Date of Arrival at Montreal.

SHIPMENT OF EGGS.—We believe that this year exceeds all its predecessors by a long chalk, in the quantities of eggs that have been exported to the southern markets.

LONGEVITY.—The following extraordinary case of longevity is to be found in Paris.—M. Girard de Bury was born on the 17th of December, 1717, and has, consequently, entered his 103rd year.

PRISON DISCIPLINE.—In accordance with a public requisition addressed to the Mayor of Quebec, His Honour appointed Monday the 13th instant for a public meeting, to take into consideration the expediency of establishing in or near this city a HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

A SLEIGH RIDE ACROSS THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE.—On Christmas last, Mr. Chas. Elliott, Jr., the contractor of the Suspension Bridge at Niagara Falls, together with Mr. George Hamlin, drove across the bridge in a cutter, and returned at a round trot.

GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS. January, 1849. PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY.

CONSEQUENCES OF INTERFERENCE.—Awful Murder and Suicide at Port Stanley.—We have just been informed of one of the most heart-rending murders that it has been our lot to record for many a day.

MECH WANTED.—We are pleased to learn that Capt. Ralph Jones has nearly completed his arrangements for placing a steamer on the route between Toronto and Oswego next season, touching at the following ports, viz:—Whitby, Oshawa, Darlington, Bond Head, Port Hope, Cobourg, Grafton, Colborne, Brighton and Wellington.

THE POSTAL ARRANGEMENT.—It is a matter of some surprise that the press has not sooner brought before the public the importance of some notice being taken of the recent announcement that the Mails for Canada are to be again carried through the United States.

THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED, Inhabitants of the City of Quebec, HUMBLY SHewETH. That your Petitioners, and the citizens of Quebec generally, have long and deeply felt the inadequacy of the Common Gaol of this District to subserve the purposes for which it is designed as connected with the administration of the laws for the prevention and punishment of crime.

other offences, not involving great moral guilt, yet, both prior to the trial, and subsequently to conviction, they are thrust into association with prisoners deeply dived in infamy; the outcasts of society—the felon and murderer.

The lodgment of female prisoners is equally vicious. Were it otherwise—could she, who has taken the initiative in sin—be debarred the company of the male and the responsibility incurred by perpetrating institutions which contribute to the increase of crime—which make, rather than reform criminals—which seize on the youthful career of a shining, and gradually forward his career until the gallows receives the victim.

With these sentiments they respectfully beg leave to bring under the notice of Your Excellency the great and crying want of increased prison accommodation for this city.

The Committee was appointed, according to the 5th Resolution, and the proceeding closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary.

ANNUAL RETURN QUEBEC GAOL FOR 1848. Males. Females. Whole number, viz:—

English, 1401 311 1742
Irish, 341 15 356
Scotch, 536 224 760
United States, 37 2 39
Other Countries, 74 1 75
Anglo Canadians, 9 5 14
French Canadians, 273 83 356
Under 18 years of age, 61 10 71
From 18 to 36, 110 281 391
Above 36 years, 239 49 288
Felonies, 179 41 220
Misdemeanors, 1180 301 1581
Debtors, 41 0 41
Summary convictions, 1011 267 1278
Conviction by Court, to Gaol or House of Correction, 27 15 42
Penitentiary, and for what term, 1—for 7 years, 5—for 3 years.

Not convicted or admitted to bail, &c., 757 59 816
Neither read nor write, 379 262 641
Read and write imperfectly, 560 77 637
Read and write well, 40 2 42
Superior education, 2 0 2
Frequently committed, 45 43 88
Married, 371 95 466
Single, 1030 216 1246
Temperate, 219 52 271
Intemperate, 1182 289 1471
Deaths during the year, 2 7 9
No. of Seamen, 587

RECAPITULATION. Comparative Statement. 1848. 1847. Total number of Offences under Common and Statute Laws, 937 1005
Do. do. under Police Ord. 1871* 19351
Do. do. under Merchant Seamen's Act, 950 873
Grand Total, 3758 3856

Amount of fines paid under the Police Ordinance and Provincial Statute 4 and 5 Vic., cap. 27, from 1st January to 31st December, 1848, £169 15 9
Do. do. for the year 1847, 312 13 7
Do. do. for the year 1846, 698 1 7
R. H. RUSSELL, Chief of Police.

403 were Seamen. 488 were do. Morning Chronicle.

JOHN PANET, Esquire, joint Coroner of this District, who left town last Wednesday, for St. Joseph, Nouvelle France, accompanied by a detachment of the Water police of this city for the purpose of arresting certain habitants of that Parish, against whom Bench Warrants had issued, as reported in our last, returned on Saturday afternoon, about half-past five o'clock, having succeeded in arresting and bringing to

Company or managing men of it, two millions of acres of wild land, which is calculated to be worth that money, as a guarantee for the issue of this paper.

"Truly the project is a mighty one, and if entrusted to the management of judicious men, will have a marvellous effect upon these provinces. It would be no very difficult matter to raise the requisite funds for the purpose of paying out £20,000, for there are some Foreign articles, such as Flour, that might be taxed sufficiently to pay the entire amount.

"We do not state that the above is exactly the nature of the Despatch, but have reason to believe that we are not far wide of the mark; perhaps some of the Government will enlighten us on the subject. It will be remembered that these sums that the Provinces guarantee, are only for the purpose of raising the requisite funds, because as soon as any part of the Road is in operation, whatever is earned will be appropriated to the payment of the interest on the capital invested. Neither will it be requisite that all the money should be at once advanced or raised, so that only part of it will be required—and only the interest on part of the amount requisite will be paid from the Treasury to the Stockholders, who will thus be made sure of receiving 4 per cent. for the money as advanced, thus making the Stockholders certain of some immediate remuneration. Consequently, there can never arise any very serious embarrassment to the Stockholders, who will at all times possess marketable property on which they are receiving four per cent. interest, with an ultimate prospect of a larger remuneration. So soon as the Rail Road is in active operation, and earns sufficient to pay the Stockholders—the guarantee of the Legislature will then cease. Under these circumstances, we see no difficulty about the matter, and shall gladly cooperate to carry out this mighty project.

town, four of the accused, and the ring-leader among the number. Their names are Joseph Jacques Joseph Vachon dit Pomerleau, Vidal Vachon dit Pomerleau, and Olivier Vachon dit Pomerleau—the first has been admitted to bail, the others are in Gaol.—Mercury.

The City Council, at its last meeting, resolved to reduce the salary of the road surveyor to £200, that of the deputy surveyor to £150, that of the mayor to £100; abolish the office of inspector of beaches from the 23rd June next; sell the revenues of the different markets, and of the St. Paul's market wharf, from the 1st May next, to the highest bidder, and lay out £300 in planking the St. Paul's market place.—Quebec Gazette.

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE met on Thursday 1st, and the session was opened by his Excellency the Governor General with a speech which we have placed on our 4th page, and to which we refer our readers as the only part of the proceedings, so far as reports have come to hand, sufficiently interesting for insertion. The session is likely to become an important one, and we shall endeavour to lay the results of the deliberations before our readers with as much fullness as our space may permit.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY.—Montreal, 19th January, 1849.—His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to call to the Legislative Council of the Province, SAMUEL CRANE, Esq., of the Town of Prescott, and ROBERT JONES, Esquire, of Christeville.

THE WEATHER continued cold on Friday which was, probably, the coldest day we have had this winter; Thermometer 16° below 0 at 8 in the morning; Saturday at zero; 8° above 0 on Sunday; 14° below 0 on Monday; since then it has become milder, and it is 29° above 0 this morning.

BIRTH. On the 10th instant, the lady of the Hon. R. E. CAHOEN, of a daughter.

On the 11th instant, the lady of P. J. O. CHAUVEAU, Esq., M.P.P., of a daughter.

On the 22nd instant, Mrs. M. G. MOUNTAIN, of a daughter.

At Sherbrook, on Wednesday the 17th inst., the lady of G. F. BEWES, Esq., of a son.

MARRIED. In St. Paul's Church, Halifax, on the 23rd ultimo, by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, THOMAS J. D. BOUCE, Captain 34th Regiment, and Assistant Military Secretary to His Excellency Sir John Harvey, to MARY, second daughter of the Ven. ROBERT WILLIS, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's and Archdeacon of Nova Scotia.

On Tuesday the 2nd inst., at Windsor, (N. S.) by the Rev. A. Gilpin, A. M., Rector, the Rev. E. GILPIN, of Halifax, to AMELIA, youngest daughter of Mr. JUSTICE HALBERTON, of Clifton, Windsor.

At Point Levy, on Saturday last, 20th inst., by the Rev. John Tarrant, THOMAS ANDERSON, Esq., Merchant, Quebec, to ALICIA ADELIAE, second eldest daughter of THOMAS SMYTH, Esq., Point Levy.

DIED. At Boston, on the 8th December, the Rev. HORATIO NELSON ARNOLD, A. M., Rector of Roxbury Vale, N. B., aged 49 years.

At St. John's, N.B., on Thursday, 4th inst., Mr. PETER McDONALD, a native of Quebec, aged 23 years.

At Newcastle, Ireland, on the 17th December, of typhus fever, contracted while in the performance of his duties as Acting Poor Law Inspector, Captain JAMES ISHAM ROUTH, 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, fourth son of Commissary General Sir R. J. ROUTH, K.C.B.

On the 16th instant, THOMAS HEALEY, Esq., late Quarter Master of H. M.'s 32nd Regiment, aged 58 years.

On the 21st instant, J. J. Frye Hale, son of Mr. CLARK ROSS, aged 21 months.

On the 22nd instant, WILLIAM, infant child of Mr. W. BENNETT.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE. THE next Mail for ENGLAND, (per Express to Halifax) will be closed at the Quebec Post-Office, ON FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1849.

PAID letters and Newspapers will be received to FIVE o'clock, P.M. UNPAID letters to EIGHT o'clock, on SATURDAY MORNING.

KAMOURASKA BUTTER. 100 FURKINS, VERY SUPERIOR, for sale by C. & W. WURTELE, St. Paul Street, Quebec, 8th Jan'y., 1849.

BUCK WHEAT AND INDIAN CORN MEAL. THE Subscriber has received his usual FALL SUPPLY of the above.—ON HAND—Lobsters, in tins hermetically sealed. Salmon and Mackerel do do. North Shore Herrings, No. 1. Mackerel, in 4 lbs., No. 1. Pable Fish, Green do. Preserved Oysters. Kamouraska Butter. Winter Apples—Greenings, Sultzenburg and Pippins. Virgin Honey—Tamarinds in Jars. Sperm, Belmont Sperm and Wax Wick Candles. Solar Sperm, and Pale Seal Oil. Solar Lamp Wicks and Chimneys.

GENUINE HIGHLAND WHISKEY, in Wood and Bottle. M. G. MOUNTAIN. Quebec, 30th Nov. 1848. 2 m

JUST PUBLISHED, AND FOR SALE AT THE BOOKSTORES, A COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL SACRED MUSIC. BY F. H. ANDREWS. Quebec, October 1848.

A YOUNG LADY, engaged in tuition, who has a few leisure-hours, would be glad to devote them to the instruction of pupils. Inquire at the Publisher's. Quebec, 8th June, 1848.

A BUILDING LOT FOR SALE, IN ST. JOACHIM STREET, ST. JOHN'S SUBURBS. n° No. 15, Stanislaus Street.

NEW BOOKS.

THE subscriber has just received by the ship "Favourite," a considerable addition to his stock of Books, by which he is now enabled to offer for sale upwards of ONE THOUSAND VOLUMES, CAREFULLY SELECTED WORKS. The whole of which will be disposed of at the lowest possible prices.

Also, by the 'Douglas,' from London, A SUPPLY OF THE PSALMS AND HYMNS, USED IN TRINITY CHAPEL, GILBERT STANLEY, No. 4, St. Anne Street, Quebec, Nov. 2, 1848.

BOOK AND TRACT DEPOSITORY OF THE Church Society, AT MRS. WALTON'S, OLD FELLOWS' HALL, GREAT SAINT JAMES STREET, MONTREAL.

WE HERE PRAYER BOOKS, TESTAMENTS, RELIGIOUS BOOKS and TRACTS are on SALE. Montreal, May 26, 1848.

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING. THE Subscriber begs to thank the Military and Gentry of Quebec and the public generally, for their very liberal support with which he has been favoured since he commenced business, and he confidently hopes by a constant attention to his business, to meet with a continuance of their patronage.

The Subscriber also invites an inspection of his stock of Double Milled West of England KERSEY CLOTHS, BEAVERS, DOES, KINS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c., &c., having just received per "DOUGLAS," 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 charge.

H. KNIGHT, 12, Palace Street, Quebec, November 1848.

THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY Established 21st August, 1847. CAPITAL, £50,000. HUGH C. BAKER, PRESIDENT. JOHN YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT. BURTON & SADLER, SOLICITORS. PHYSICIANS: G. O'REILLY & W. G. DICKINSON.

THIS COMPANY is prepared to effect ASSURANCE UPON LIVES and transact any business dependent upon the value or duration of Human Life; to grant or purchase Annuities or Reversions of all kinds, as also Survivorships and Endowments.

In addition to the various advantages offered by other Companies, the Directors of this Company are enabled, from the investment of the Premiums in the Province at a rate of compound interest much beyond that which can be obtained in Britain, to promise a most material reduction of costs; guaranteeing Assurances, Survivorships or Endowments for a smaller present payment, or yearly premium, and granting increased ANNUITIES whether immediate or deferred, for any sum of money invested with them. They can also point to the local position of the Company as of peculiar importance to intending Assurers, as it enables such Assurers to exercise control over the Company, and facilitates the acceptance of healthy risks, as well as the prompt settlement of claims.

Assurances can be effected either WITH or WITHOUT participation in the profits of the Company; the premiums may be paid in half yearly or quarterly instalments; and the HALF CREDIT SYSTEM having been adopted by the Board, credit will be given for one half of the first seven premiums, secured upon the Policy alone.

Annual Premium to Assure £100, Whole Term of Life.

Table with 4 columns: Age, With Profits, Without Profits, Half Credit. Rows for ages 15 to 65.

THE above rates, For Life without Participation and Half Credit, will, upon comparison be found to be lower than the similar table, of any other office at present offering to assure in Canada, while the assured with participation will share in three fourths of the whole profit of that Branch of the Company's business.

Tables of Rates, Prospectuses, Forms of Application, and any further information respecting the system of the Company or the practice of Life Assurance, can be obtained of the Secretary, or from any of the local agents. Agents and Medical Officers already appointed:

Brantford... William Muirhead... Cobourg... James Cameron... Colborne... Robert M. Boucher... Dundas... Dr. James Hamilton... London... George Scott... Montreal... Frederick A. Willson... Paris... Dr. S. C. Sewall... Port Sarria... David Buchan... Quebec... Malcolm Cameron... St. Catharines... Welch and Davies... Toronto... Lachlan Bell... Woodstock... Edmund Badburne... Dr. Geo. Herrick... William Lapointe... Dr. Samuel J. Stratford.

By order of the Board, THOMAS M. SIMONS, Secretary, Hamilton.

Forms of Application, together with any additional information, can be obtained by application at the Office of WELCH & DAVIES, AGENTS FOR QUEBEC No. 3, St. James Street. MEDICAL REFERENCE, J. MORRIN, Esq., M. D.