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powers of any one, so accustomed were they to this kind of atmosphere. Round this fire about ten were seated or squatted down, and were all at the time busily engaged in some noisy and apparently angry disputation. However, this did not prevent the bottle from being freely passed among them; and so cordial were they in embracing it, that Nanny, who sat a little apart, was often called on to replenish it with mountain dew. On a table or dresser that stood by the wall, were two or three large pistols, besides an old sword or two, and a few rusted bayonets; piled against it were two large muskets, evidently kept with more care than the rest of the arms, for they were brightly polished, and looked every way. A couple of powder horns, a tin box containing shot and bullets, a large iron mallet, used in breaking open doors, completed the array, which could leave no doubt as to the man who occupied the cabin.

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QUEBEC, TUESDAY, 28th OCT. 1857

ARRIVE DATES.	
London, . . . Sept. 7.	New-York, . . . Sept. 25.
Liverpool, . . . Sept. 7.	Halifax, . . . Sept. 29.
India, . . . Sept. 1.	Toronto, . . . Sept. 23.

Advises from London and Liverpool to be 7th ult. inclusive, eighteen days later than these previously announced, have been received by the steamship *Great Western*, which arrived at New York on Monday night, in 16 days from Bristol. This vessel experienced very severe weather, and had not more than eight hours of fair wind during the whole passage.

The prospects of the harvest, since our last accounts are much improved, but there is no doubt that it will fall short of an average. Among the passengers by the *Great Western* were Mr. R. F. Maitland, of this city, and Mr. Campbell Sweeney, of Montreal.

The *Great Western* brings the astonishing number of 143 cabin passengers and 6,750 letters! All her 130 berths were engaged before she arrived out; and so numerous were the applications, that twenty guineas premium were offered for berths.

The Transatlantic Steam Company advertise that they have re-chartered the steamship *Royal William* and purchased the new steamship *Liverpool* for the navigation to New-York. The former was to sail on the 25th September, and the latter on the 30th October. We may therefore count on steam communication with Europe throughout the winter.

Messrs. Culling and Young, of Limehouse, the builders of the British Queen, have begun a steamship of 2000 tons, being 400 tons more than the *British Queen*; she is not to be so long as that vessel, but much wider.

Her Majesty and Court are expected to remain at Windsor Castle about eight weeks longer, and then proceed to Brighton for a month.

Mr. Van Amberg and his lions, tigers, and other beasts,—which the London Chronicle calls a truly magnificent collection,—made their first appearance at Astley's, August 27, to a crowded audience, who "received the exhibition with loud and well deserved applause."

Many of our readers doubtless remember Master Betty, the young Roscius, who made such a noise about thirty years ago. We perceive that a son of his, about twenty years old, has made his appearance on the stage, with flattering prospects of success.

The Earl of Derby has sustained a severe attack of paralysis.

The King and Queen of Belgium arrived at Ramsgate on the 4th September, and were received at the pier by the Duke of Wellington and a deputation from the inhabitants.—They left Ramsgate the next morning for Windsor.

Mr. Charles Fowler Minifer has been shot dead in a duel, on the 22nd August, by a Mr. Elliott. The grand inquest has brought in a bill of wilful murder against Elliott, who has been previously engaged in six duels, in which he has killed three of his antagonists, and severely wounded another.

The Marquis of Clanricarde has been appointed ambassador to Russia. He is the son-in-law of the late George Canning.

The London papers announce the death of Sir John Nicholl, the distinguished Admiralty Judge, at a very advanced age; of Sir Wm. Maxwell, formerly Colonel of the 26th Regt.

of foot; of General Onslow; and of the Earl of Annesley. Also, of Dr. Barnes, an eminent professor at Cambridge, aged 93. He was considered one of the best living Greek scholars.

The project of a railway from Newcastle to Edinburgh, by way of Wooler and the middle districts of the Tweed, is seriously in contemplation, and an explanatory survey of the line is now proceeding.

Our readers will observe with satisfaction that Her Majesty has graciously conferred the honour of Knighthood on that enterprising navigator and distinguished northern traveler, Captain Back.

Perhaps the most interesting book of the season is Captain (now Sir George) Back's narrative of his life of endurance on board Her Majesty's ship *Terror*, during a period of trial such as many, or men, were hardly ever subjected to.

His Majesty Louis Philippe has sent a beautiful *calcan*—a secretaire of exquisite workmanship—as a *souvenir* and acknowledgment to Her Majesty of her hospitality to His Royal Highness the Duc de Nemours.

The Marchioness of Hastings, commenced shooting for the season the week before last at Bonar, North Britain. At a recent *batta*, her Ladyship killed twelve brace. It will be recollected that her ladyship was the subject of an extra, from the works of "Nimrod," headed "The Sportsman's Wife," from appearing at a race ball in Derbyshire, in a rich dress, ornamented with the tails of foxes, killed by her lord.

FIRE AT MANCHESTER.—On Saturday night, between twelve and one o'clock, a dreadful fire broke out in the manufactory of Messrs. C. Mackintosh & Co. patentees of the waterproof fabrics. A private watchman, on duty on the premises, observed a light in the drying-room of the sixth story, about the size of a lamp. He immediately gave an alarm, and the firemen and engines were speedily on the spot. The room contained a great quantity of waterproof cloths, and, owing to their very inflammable nature, the fire increased most rapidly, and, in about five minutes, the whole building was in one mass of flame. In the top floor was a cast iron tank, weighing nearly four tons, containing a great many gallons of the composition for dipping the cloths in, which consisted of the India-rubber in a liquid state, naphtha, and turpentine. About half-past two o'clock, the fire communicated to this combustible preparation, which caused an instantaneous explosion. The shock was so great, that it forced the tank from its place, and in its descent carried away the floors, from the stories underneath, and buried five men in the ruins. Three of the bodies were dug out on Sunday morning. Two bodies are still missing. The firemen exerted themselves to the utmost to subdue the conflagration, which they succeeded in accomplishing, at about seven o'clock in the morning. The damage done is estimated at £20,000, and Messrs. Mackintosh are only insured to the amount of £5000. An inquest was held on Monday on the bodies, and after a lengthened investigation, the Jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

MISS LONDON.—Novel readers will be delighted to hear, that a new work of fiction, edited by the distinguished authoress of *Ethel Churchill*, *The Improvisatrice*, has just appeared. The title is *Duty and Inclination*. It is a picture of domestic life in modern times, many of the incidents of which are founded in reality. The novel belongs to the admirable school of Miss Austen—a school blending the agreeable with the instructive, in a degree that has never been accomplished in any other country, or by any but female writers—and its admirable object is that of teaching the means of confining "Inclination" within the limits of "Duty"; and this is so charmingly worked out, by the agency of such a variety of amusing materials, that all novel readers throughout the country, and especially female ones, will find the perusal of it no less a matter of "inclination" than of "duty."

Sir John Herschel, it is said, is to be President of the Royal Society, in the room of the Duke of Sussex, resigned. Sir John and the Royal Duke were rival candidates for the honours when the last vacancy occurred.

The Duchess of Orleans gave birth to a son on the 24th of August, who was immediately baptized, and received the name of Louis Philippe Albert and the Count of Paris. The Duchess ordered liberal donations to various charitable institutions, and a gift of 100 francs to every child of either sex born in Paris on the same day with her own.

Two grissettes of Paris fought a duel with pistols, on the 3rd of September. A lover was in the case, of course. The fair duellists fired twice, but nobody was hurt, and the seconds interfered.

New York papers of Thursday last are without any news of moment. The New York Express says—

"Notwithstanding the favorable state of the weather in England, orders have been received in this city, by the *Great Western*, for the purchase and shipment of flour at \$8 50, and even \$9 a barrel.

"This has been a very tempestuous day—all out-door business suspended. Stocks are very much depressed. The flour market is very firm; nothing can be had below nine dollars."

Despatches for His Excellency the Earl of Durham, brought by the *Great Western*, were received in town on Saturday evening, by a special messenger, who was said to be also the bearer of a letter from Her Majesty to the Earl of Durham, requesting His Lordship to continue the Government of this Colony, and to act in its administration according to his own judgment. This latter report, however, there is reason to believe is without foundation.

We understand that His Excellency has also received an address from the London merchants interested in the trade of Canada, entreating His Lordship not to resign his Government.

H. M. S. *Incognito* is daily expected to arrive from Bermuda. We understand that after a few days' stay at Quebec, the *Incognito* will sail again for Portsmouth.

The Quebec Agricultural Society's annual exhibition took place at Hedley Lodge Farm this morning. The weather was very fine, and the number of competitors unusually large. His Excellency the Earl of Durham, we understand, has contributed £50, which will enable the Society to hold another exhibition in the month of April next.

The *Montreal Gazette* states that the piece of plate subscribed for by the loyal inhabitants of that city to Colonel Wetherall, has been shipped on board the *Colborne*, of London, and may be daily expected in this country. We perceive from the English papers, that this testimonial is in the shape of a grand candelabrum, the plumb of which is supported by a grenadier of the Royals, an Artilleryman, and one of the Montreal Volunteer Cavalry; below, on one side, is a highly finished chasing, representing the attack on St. Charles; on the second, the arms of the gallant Colonel; and on the third, the inscription.

List of Convictions and Sentences at the September term of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Quebec:—

- Rachel Bell, petty larceny, 1 month imprisonment in the common goal.
- I more Boivin, obtaining goods under false pretences, do. do.
- Julia Leary, wife of Terrence Conolly, petty larceny, do. do.
- Bononi Casse, petty larceny, 3 do. do.
- Michael Faghey, grand larceny, 6 do. do.
- James Sweeney, grand larceny, 6 do. do.
- Ellen Conway, grand larceny, recommended to mercy, 3 do. do.
- Patrick Burns, do. do. same sentence.
- Charles Simard, petty larceny, same sentence.
- James Humphries, grand larceny, same sentence.
- Jacques Beaudoin, grand larceny, to be transported for seven years to such parts of the Queen's Dominions as Her Majesty may direct.
- Antoine Delaquois, grand larceny, do. do.
- John Evans, privily stealing in a shop, do.
- Michael Falls, do. do.
- Michael Caron, stealing a cow, sentence of death recorded.
- Joseph Lambert, do. do. do.
- Joseph Hamel, Charles Lacasse, James Thompson, Thomas Oliver, Ignace Prevost, Isidore Pare, Joseph Moyon, Jean Baptiste Moyon, burglary, sentence of death recorded.

By the latest statistical account published of the circulation of the London papers, we find the following returns per Number:—

The Times, 10,000; Herald, 7,000; Morning Chronicle, 5,500; Weekly Despatch, 3,000; Bell's Life in London, 24,000; Weekly Messenger, 13,000.

THE MEETING OF PERSONS FAVORABLE TO BRITISH INTERESTS AND CONNECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE QUEBEC EXCHANGE, TO-MORROW, AT THREE O'CLOCK, Andrew Stuart, Esquire, will be in the chair.

We are authorised to state, that His Excellency the Governor General has directed the platform on the site of the Castle of St. Lewis to be thrown open to the public, the railing in front of the platform being now complete.

THE ARMY.

WAR OFFICE, Aug. 28.
66th.—Ens. E. M. Davenport, for Lieut. without par. v. McCarthy, dec.; Gent. Cadet E. B. Pratt, from R. M. C. to be Ens. v. Davenport.

79th.—Lieut. G. W. Denys, from h. p. of 15th Ft. to be Lieut. v. Cartan, prom.

(From the Limerick Chronicle of Sept. 5.)
The 73d and 83d drafts, under the command of Major Lloyd, embarked yesterday in the *Atthol*, for Quebec.

Capt. Williams, formerly Aide de Camp to the Marquis of Normandy, has arrived at Dublin from Canada.

Ensign W. Forbes Macbean, 86th Regt. is appointed Aide de Camp to his uncle, Major General Sir Wm. Macbean commanding this district.

On Saturday the following drafts embarked at Cove on board the *Atthol*, for Quebec:—66th—1 officer, 26 rank and file; 73d—2 officers, 62 rank and file; 83d—2 officers, 92 rank and file; with drafts for the 1st (2d battalion), 11th, 15th, 24th, 32d, 34th, and 42d Regiments.

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Atthol, troop-ship, Master Com. C. P. Bellamy, arrived at Plymouth from Portisouth, with detachments of the 43rd and 24th Regts. on Monday, embarked detachments of the Royals, and sailed for Cork the next day, where she will embark other detachments, and proceed from thence to Quebec.

Hercules, 64, Capt. J. T. Nicolas, C. R. has had her new trifling defects made good, and being ready for sea will go out of Plymouth harbour in a day or two. She is ordered to get ready to convey the service companies of the 48th Regiment from Cork to Gibraltar, and there embark the 52d for Barbadoes, and there receive the 3rd Regiment and convey them to Halifax.

Hostings, 74, Capt. Loch, is still in the basin at Portsmouth. Mr. Jones, the supernumerary purser, has commenced arranging the requisite things for the accommodation of Her Majesty the Queen Dowager and suite. The first week in October appears to be the time fixed for their departure from Spithead.

Jupiter, troop-ship, Master Com. R. East will shortly go out of Plymouth harbour, having completed her equipments, and will proceed to Cork to convey the 95th Regiment to Ceylon.

COMMERCIAL.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS, Sept. 7.
ASHES.—There has been a very animating demand for Montreal Pots, and upwards of barrels have found buyers, chiefly on speculation, at 27s 6d a 28s, with a few at 28s 6d. Montreal Pearls, about 200 barrels have been sold at 32s 6d for old, and 33s a 33s 6d new brands.

The prevailing weather for some time having been favorable for the harvest, prices of Grain and Flour have declined 20 a 25 cent. The previous high rates had advanced the averages so as to reduce the duty to 2s per quarter on Wheat, and is 7d per bush on Flour, but the duties must shortly rise rapidly, and if prices remain as they now the duty in the course of next month will be 11s 2d a 12s 5d per barrel on Flour. Flour, duty paid, would now probably be 33s a 35s per barrel.

LONDON MARKETS, Sept. 7.
We have but little English Wheat for sale since Monday, yet the quantity remaining on the demand; the finest samples of Monday's currency, but other sorts are slowly at 1s a 2s per quarter declining; in fact scarcely any business doing. Barley, Oats and Peas without alteration in value. We have not many Irish Oats fresh up this day but several vessels have arrived from Limerick chiefly with new Corn. There is a dull trade for this article to-day at a rate of 6d per quarter from the terms of day last. Our dealers and consumers do not purchase beyond their immediate