

scarcely had he introduced the flaming candle into his mouth when he uttered a slight cry, and fell powerless to the ground. A blueish flame was seen to flicker about his lips, and, on an attempt being made to offer him assistance, the bystanders were horror-struck to find that he was burning internally. At the end of half an hour his head and the upper part of his chest were reduced to charcoal. Two medical men were called in, and recognized that Xavier had fallen a victim to spontaneous combustion. This conflagration of the human frame is frightfully rapid in its progress; bones, skin, and muscle, all are devoured, consumed, and reduced to ashes. A handful of dust on the spot where the victim fell is all that remains."

**EXHIBITION OF WORKS OF INDUSTRY OF ALL NATIONS.**—Preparations for the Indian contribution to the great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of all Nations are already begun at Bombay. "The most remarkable manufactures in Western India are silks and damasks—black-wood furniture, and open carved work—inlaid work of ivory, colored woods, and metal—lapidary work, especially in agates, jaspers, and cornelians—silver work—arms, bows, arrows, swords, shields, and matchlocks." And many others have been prepared. Each province of India ought to send its own peculiar manufactures, and some specimens of its industry. They will form no insignificant addition even to the grand spectacle which will be presented, and many of the rude machines of the natives will be found to be as remarkable for their ingenuity as the more perfect contrivances of European artificers.—*Allen's Overland Mail.*

**A HARD HIT.**—The Rochester *Star of Temperance* thinks it owes an apology to liquors. It had always represented them as it really believed they were, not only the most useless, but most injurious class in the land. It could not discover a single way in which they were a benefit to the community—that is, in the way of selling liquor for a beverage—but it acknowledges it was in the wrong. It perceives that, in a number of the States, the State Prison is a source of revenue—more than pays expenses; and as the liquor-seller's business, as has been officially shown, sends at least seven tenths of the inmates to those places, of course a part of the surplus revenue ought to be passed to their credit. This is, however, it believes, the only service they have rendered the State!—*N. E. Washingtonian.*

**LOTTERIES IN WISCONSIN.**—The three Milwaukee Dailies have been fined by the Court for advertising a lottery got up for charitable purposes, in violation of a recent law.

**COST OF DYING IN CALIFORNIA.**—A correspondent of the Washington Union furnishes that paper with a bill from San Francisco, for services rendered to his deceased brother, which was as follows:—Thirty-six days' attendance (seven days at \$25, and twenty-nine days at \$20), \$755; washing and laying out his body, \$16; mattress and blankets spoiled, \$20; coffin, and sending to get it made, \$60; paid for digging his grave in a storm, \$20; paid for carriage to funeral, \$1; assistance of man at funeral, \$5. Total, \$880. The expense of dying at San Francisco, it is very evident, is as great as the cost of living.

## ARRIVAL OF "EUROPA."

New York, April 4.

**MARKETS.**—Coffee in London is down 6s. to 15s. from the prices of a few weeks ago. Corn Market steady. Yellow has advanced 6d. White unchanged but firm. Flour without change. Trade is not good in the Manufacturing Districts.

**THE CONTINENT.**—There is little of moment from the Continent. All quiet in France. The elections have passed off quietly.

**ENGLAND.**—The Chancellor of the Exchequer has presented his Budget for the ensuing year; and although he had the pleasure of announcing a surplus of nearly two and a half millions, still the manner in which that surplus had been disposed of is anything but satisfactory to the country. Ministers are said to hold office by a very precarious tenure. In developing the views of Government on financial matters, the Chancellor was obliged to proceed to two kinds of estimations, viz., the Income and Expenditure to the 5th of April, 1850. He estimated that the income of the financial year, ending 5th April, would amount to £52,755,500, and the expenditure to £51,533,651. He estimated the probable surplus to the 5th of April, at £2,500,000. To the estimate for the year ending 1851, he feared he could not hold out the hope of such a favorable state of Customs, chiefly owing to the reduction of sugar, and partly from a reduced imposition on other articles, such as

corn, brandy, &c. He estimated the receipts from Customs, including corn, at £20,000,000, making a total probable income of £52,285,000; for the financial year ending 5th April, 1851, £56,513,582; but that amount was contingent on certain things named. He proposed to take for a total margin £150,000—consequently the probable expenditure would be about £50,563,528. Under these circumstances there would be a surplus increase beyond the expenditure of the year, in round numbers of £1,500,000. His own proposals for disposing of the surplus are various, among which is one to apply one half the surplus to a reduction of the taxation, and the other half to the reduction of the National Debt.

## WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Montreal, April 8, 1850.

**Flour.**—A sale of superfine has been made for June delivery, at 2s 6d.

**Provisions.**—Scarcely any thing doing. Pork may be quoted at \$14 for mess, and \$10 for prime mess.

**ASHES.**—Nominal; none arriving.

**EXCHANGE.**—Bank—60 days, 11 per cent. Montreal Bank Stock is in demand; a small transfer has been made at 2 per cent. premium. Montreal Mining Company.—A few shares were sold last week at 17s 9d to 18s 6d per share.

The Banks here have ceased to redeem Provincial debentures at maturity. There were none issued during the week ending 29th March.—*Witness.*

## BIRTHS.

Montreal—23th ult, the wife of Mr George Grant, Commissariat Department, of a son. 1st inst, Mrs Gen Matthews, of a daughter. 2d inst, Mrs F. Baird, of a son. 5th inst, Mrs John Collins, of a daughter. 12th inst, the wife of Mr Henry Rose, Printer, of a daughter. Guelph—16th ult, Mrs John Cuthbert, of a son. 19th ult, Mrs Joseph Munnick, of a son. 21st ult, Mrs Noah Sankey, of a daughter. Toronto—26th ult, Mrs H Joseph, of a daughter. Yorkville—25th ult, Mrs J C Gilmour, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

Montreal—3th inst, by the Rev Dr Leach, John Ashworth, Esq, to Julia, third daughter of the late Thomas Phillips, Esq. Boltsido, near Fergus—2d ult, A D Ferrer, Esq, to Magdalene, third daughter of A D Fordyce, Esq. Belleville—11th ult, by the Rev W Gregg, AM, Wm H Ponton, Esq, to Mary, sister of the Hon John Ross. Brockville—5th inst, Mr Chas Fletcher, to Miss Elizabeth F Dunn. Galt—26th ult, Mr James Robson, to Miss Elizabeth Elliot. Mr John McKenzie, of Puslinch, to Miss Ann M'Royce, of Eversly. Guelph—21st ult, by the Rev J G M'Gregor, Mr Francis Sheridan, to Mrs Ann Black. Inverness—19th ult, by the Rev R A Flanders, Mr Thomas M'Cammon, to Miss Jennet Brodie. Leeds—26th ult, by the Rev R A Flanders, Mr Jas Wilkin, to Miss Mary Bailey. 27th ult, by the same, Mr Alex Kinnear, to Miss Susan Bailey. Newburgh—10th ult, Mr S Madden, to Miss Rebecca Thibodo, of Bath. Niagara—21st ult, by the Rev Theo Green, Mr John Sandham, of St Catharines, to Mary, youngest daughter of Mr Wm Moffatt. Toronto—19th ult, Mr Daniel Roblin, to Miss Esther Blakely. Toronto—27th ult, by the Rev H J Grasset, Robert Elgie, to Elizabeth, daughter of Robt Wiles, Esq, of Markham.

## DEATHS.

Montreal—23rd ult, Wm Henry, second son of H L Routh, Esq, aged 2 years and nine months. 26th ult, Sophia, wife of C J Dunlop, Esq, aged 29 years. 23th ult, James Connell, Esq, aged 72 years. 30th ult, Patrick Gabriel, youngest son of Mr John Feron, aged fifteen days. 1st inst, Mr John Carmichael, of Cote St Paul, aged 61 years. 7th inst, William Hall, Esq, Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at this Port. Bristol—between the 13th & 23rd ult, Margaret, John, Mary, William, James, & Peter, children of Mr Peter Kerr, from 3 to 11 years of age. Compton—18th ult, Albert, son of Wm Farwell, aged 2 years and six months. Galt—22d ult, Mr Walter Veitch, aged 37 years. Hamilton—14th ult, Elizabeth Whitcomb, aged 22 years. Quebec—2d ult, Mr John Jones, aged 33 years. 27th ult, Mr Williams, bailiff. 30th ult, Patrick, youngest son of Mr John Jordan, aged 3 years and three months. Charles Frederick, eldest son of R Maxwell, Esq, aged 16 years and nine months. 2nd inst, Martha Jane Higgins, wife of Mr John Walton, builder, aged 44 years. 3d inst, Belinda, only daughter of Mr B Burland, aged 6 years and four months. Salford—23d ult, Mr S Tollman. Toronto—20th ult, Mr James Fraser, aged 24 years. 24th ult, Aashel Davis, Esq, of Wellington Square, aged 76 years. 26th ult, Mr Jas M'Leod. 30th ult, Chas, youngest son of the Rev W Rantoul, aged 6 years and six months.