

The undersigned begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of one pound ten shillings from Mrs. Willoughby of Montreal, for the Acmill Mission.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.—The usual dinner given to the children at this season is to take place on Wednesday of next week, at 2 o'clock.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED.—Rev. H. Hotham, No. 105 to 208; Mrs. Atty. Gen. Ogden, No. 157 to 208.

Mr. THOMAS JONES, No. 1, Erie Street, is collecting Agent for the Beefan, for Montreal and neighbourhood.

Local and Political Intelligence.

DISTRESS IN ENGLAND.—The reports from the manufacturing districts are still of a sad character. The working of short time, and the entire stoppage of many mills, continue, with but little alteration.

To these immense numbers of unemployed men must be added other thousands lingering about unfinished and suspended railway works.

CHOLERA.—Reports respecting the appearance of this disease at Falmouth have been officially contradicted. There has been one or more cases of that disease in Paris, but no reason appears for supposing them to have been caused by importation or to belong to an epidemic.

TAPPING A LEADEN HORSE.—For some time back it has been observed that the statue of George III., at the end of the parade, has been in an inclining position, with an evident tendency to fall over.

SEIZURE OF A MONTREAL EXPRESS AT BURLINGTON.—In order to have the benefit of a somewhat later conveyance of letters to reach the Mail Steamer at Boston, a Private Express was dispatched from Montreal subsequently to the departure of the mail via Quebec for Halifax.

ABILITY OF LUNATICS.—At Crichton, in the neighbourhood of Dumfries, there is a lunatic asylum, in which a periodical is printed and published, and which is said to have contained some excellent pieces of poetry.

VALUE OF THE WIND.—A landowner lately claimed compensation from one of the East Anglian railway companies, on the ground that two windmills belonging to him, the nearest of which was 150 yards from the railway, would be deprived of a portion of their motive power, by an embankment 18 feet high.

DEVONPORT, Oct. 24. A Casemated Battery, on an extensive scale, is about to be erected on the ordnance grounds at Eastern King, in the parish of East Stonehouse, better known as the Long-room-Hill.

ITALY.—The people of Piedmont manifest the greatest enthusiasm at the reforms recently made by the King in the administration of the state.

Letters from Rome of the 28th ult. state as follows:—"There is no doubt now that the Cardinal Secretary of State has sent in his resignation, and Pius IX. has seemingly accepted it.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21st, 83, P. M. RAILROAD DISASTER.—The cars which left this city this morning, for Niagara Falls, ran off the track when they had proceeded only about 45 miles on their way.

UNITED STATES.—General Taylor arrived, from Mexico, at New Orleans, on the 3rd instant, and was received with demonstrations of the highest respect and affection.

EX-CHANCELLOR KENT, of New York, one of the most distinguished Jurists in America, died on the 13th instant, from general debility, at the age of eighty-five.

The New York Herald of the 13th instant, mentions the occupation of St. Juan de Nicaragua on behalf of the British government.

Atlantic. It is claimed by the government of Guatemala in opposition to the British. The same journal adds that communications from the government of Central America have been addressed to the American government.

HORRIBLE AFFAIR.—Abraham Tagg, a Sergeant of the XXth Regiment, received his trial before the Supreme Court yesterday, for an assault committed in August last, upon a young woman, with an intent to maim and disfigure.

RAPID TRAVELLING.—Mr. Caldwell, mail contractor, who arrived in town on Thursday morning last with the letter portion of the Express Mail from Halifax, drove his stage from the Bend of Peticodiac to this City, a distance of one hundred miles, in nine hours and three quarters.

PORTLAND, N. B.—Another outrage was committed on the 2nd instant—three of the Police were stabbed by a man who was noisy and insolent and created a disturbance, and whom they were taking to the station-house.

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On the 15th instant, at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, by the Rev. E. W. Sewell, Mr. THOMAS ANDREWS, to JANE, second daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Wilds, all of this city.

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SEVERE ACCIDENT.—A labourer in the employ of the Gas Works Company, Andrew Henderson by name, was severely injured on Tuesday morning by the fall of a wall, outside Palace Gate.

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Our readers will be gratified to learn that the English mail conveyance twice a month will not be interrupted this winter; the contractors having obtained leave to despatch one of their steamers from Liverpool on the 15th of this month, by which, on its return voyage at the commencement of January, our mail will be taken up at Halifax as usual.

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FIRE DEBENTURES.—The commissioners for loans to the sufferers by the Quebec fires have received from government 100 debentures, alphabetically arranged, and extending to the letter C. inclusive, signed by the new Receiver General, Mr. Bruneau.

THE WEATHER has now set in cold, and a moderate fall of snow on Sunday has put the winter-roads in good order for sleighing. The thermometer is reported to have been as low as 10 below zero, in the night.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. The Hon. JOHN A. MACDONALD, to be Commissioner of Crown Lands, in place of the Hon. D. B. Papineau, resigned.

JOSEPH EDUARD TURCOTTE, Esq., to be Solicitor General for that part of the Province formerly Lower Canada.

JOSEPH E. TURCOTTE, Esq., to be a Queen's Counsel in that part of the Province formerly Lower Canada.

OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq., to be Supervisor of Tolls on the St. Lawrence Canals, west of Lachine.

George B. Hall, of Peterborough, to be Judge of the Colborne District Court in the place of Burrage Y. McKyes, Esquire, deceased.

James Macpherson Lemoine, to be Revenue Inspector in and for the District of Quebec.

P. S.—At the time of going to press, the Telegraph gave no account of the arrival at Boston of the Mail-steamer Hibernia.

BIRTHS. On the 18th instant, the lady of JOHN BURROUGHS, Esq., of a son.

On Montreal, on the 8th inst., Mrs. CASTLE, (City Bank) of a son.

MARRIED. On the 15th instant, at Christ Church, Montreal, CHARLES WALCOT, Esq., Commissariat Staff, to FANNY, eldest daughter of the Rev. W. AGAR ADAMSON, A. B., T. C. D., Chaplain to the Honorable the Legislative Council of Canada.

On the 20th instant, MARGARET ANN, aged 13 years and 8 months, eldest daughter of Mr. John GRACE, St. John Street.

At Nicolet, C. E., on the 6th instant, Eliza, youngest daughter of the Rev. Henry BURGESS, aged 2 weeks.

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EVENING SALE. PLATED WARE AND FANCY ARTICLES.

BY AUCTION will be sold, on MONDAY and TUESDAY Evening next, the 27th & 28th inst. at the Rooms of the Subscriber, Palace Street.

A Variety of Plated Ware and Fancy Articles, consisting of Branches, and other Candlesticks, Cruet Stands, Salvers, Liquor Frames, Fruit Baskets, Toast Racks, Butter Coolers, Snuffers, & Stands, a German Silver Tea Set, Ivory handled Knives & Forks, Buck do., Papier maché Work Boxes, Dressing Cases, Envelope do., Instandts, Work Tables, Tea Trays, Rose Wood Work Boxes, various sizes, Rosewood, Mahogany & Victoria Desks, Ladies' & Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, Silver Pencil Cases, Penknives, Snuff Boxes, Cards, Chessmen, Dominoes, Back-gammon Boards, Cigar Cases, Wax Dolls, Hair, Tooth, Nail & Clothes Brushes, Fancy Note Paper, Envelopes, Family Stationary, Foolscap & Letter Paper, Blank Books, Quills, Pencils, Three Cases of States, assorted sizes. And a variety of other articles.

100 doz. of very Superior Golden Sherry, & 14 casks of Scotch Ale, in Quarts & Pints, belonging to a Bankrupt Estate, which will be sold without the least reserve.

Sale each Evening, at SEVEN o'clock. Conditions—Cash. B. COLE, A. & B. Quebec, 22nd Decr., 1847.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE. THE Council of Bishop's College beg to announce to the public that LEAST TERM commences upon FRIDAY, the 21st JANUARY, 1848. Candidates for MATRICULATION are requested to present themselves on that day to the Principal for examination, and to give him immediate notice of their intention of so doing. Quebec, 21st, Dec., 1847.

FOR SALE, At the Book-Store of G. STANLEY, 4, St. Anne St., (early next week) SERMON Preached on the occasion of the death of Mr. MICHAEL MASON, By the Rev. R. V. ROGERS, Minister of St. James Church, Kingston. (Printed from the BEEFAN of Decr. 16, 1847.) Price 3d. each.

VISITING CARDS, In Copper Plate or Letter Press PRINTED on short notice and on moderate terms, at the Bookstore of WM. STANLEY, 23, St. John Street. Quebec, 20th Dec., 1847.

FOR SALE, RIGHT MUSCOVADO SUGAR, B Yara Tobacco, for making Cigars, Lance Wood Spars, for Carriage Shafts. J. W. LEAYCRAFT. Quebec, 8th Decr., 1847.

THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. Established, 21st August, 1847. FOR THE THREE-FOLD PURPOSE: of making the knowledge and practice of Life Assurance, in its various branches, general amongst all classes in British North America; of affording to all residents therein the opportunity of availing themselves of these important benefits at the lowest cost compatible with safety; AND of retaining within this Province the accumulations thus made, to the equal benefit of our country and the assured.

CAPITAL, £50,000. HEAD OFFICE, HAMILTON, CANADA WEST.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: HUGH C. BAKER, PRESIDENT. JOHN T. BRONGDEEST, VICE PRESIDENT.

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BANKERS—THE BANK OF MONTREAL. SECRETARY—T. M. SIMONS. SOLICITOR—G. W. BURTON.

AGENTS AT QUEBEC, WELCH & DAVIES. MEDICAL REFEREE—J. MORRIN, Esq., M. D. Office, No. 3, St. James Street, Quebec.

Premiums to Insure £100 upon a Single Life.

Table with columns: Age next Birth Day, For one year only, For seven years only, FOR LIFE (without profits, with profits). Rows 15 to 60.

The Premiums for LIFE may be paid in quarterly or half-yearly instalments, with the understanding, that should death occur in any year before the payment of all the instalments, those remaining unpaid shall be deducted from the policy.

EXAMPLE.—A person aged 26 next birth-day, can, by the payment of £1 11s. 1d., secure the sum of £100, should he die within the year. By an annual payment of £1 12s. 7d. he can secure the same sum should his death occur in Seven years.

By an annual payment of £1 15s. 6d. he can insure the same sum at his death, whenever it may happen.

By the increased yearly payment, of £2 4s. he can secure the same sum at his death, whenever it may happen, and participate in all the profits of this branch of the Company's business.

Policies will be granted upon a single life at the above rates, for any sum from £50 to £1000.

The lives of Females will be insured at one year below actual age.

All policies will be payable within three months after proof of death is lodged with the Secretary.

The travelling and residence limits are very liberal.

The Medical Fee for examination will in all cases be paid by the Company, and no entrance fee or stamp duty will be required.

At any time he has the option of discontinuing the payment of the premium, by which means the Policy becomes void. But policies taken out FOR LIFE become of immediate value, and the Company pledge themselves to purchase them, if required, after a duration of five years.

Again; should the Assured be desirous at any time of discontinuing the payment of the Annual Premium, the Company will grant him a Policy payable at death, (without any further claim for Premiums) for a sum which will equitably represent the value at his past payments, deferred until death.

In addition to the preceding Tables, the Company is prepared to grant Policies to meet any particular case which may occur, either upon Joint Lives or Survivorships, upon two or more Lives; or Deferred or Temporary Assurances for any desired term. As also ANNUITIES, whether immediate, deferred, reversionary, or certain; or ENDOWMENTS.

To the intended Assurer, who may feel disposed to make an absolute Contract with the Company, (being interested neither in its profits nor risks) this Company offers a scale of premiums from 10 to 15 per centum below the rates of the generality of British offices—an important reduction in an annually recurring payment.

TABLE OF IMMEDIATE ANNUITIES, For every £100 invested with the Company.

Table with columns: AGE, AMOUNT, AGE, AMOUNT, AGE, AMOUNT. Rows 20 to 40.

EXAMPLE.—A gentleman aged 55, depositing £1000 with the Company, will receive a Deed, guaranteeing to him a payment of £96 12 6 for every year he may survive; or, for a trifling reduction in the amount, he may receive the same either half-yearly or quarterly.

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.

NEW BOOKS.

JUST RECEIVED PER "ELIZA HALL" From Liverpool on the 12th inst., AND FOR SALE AT THE BOOK-STORE OF GILBERT STANLEY, No. 4, ST. ANNE STREET. CATALOGUES are now ready, and may be had at the Shop. Quebec, 18th Nov., 1847.

W. LECHÉMINANT, No. 4, Fabrique Street,

OFFERS FOR SALE the following articles, all warranted of the very best quality, viz:—Superior Porpoise Oil, Sperm, Olive and Salad Oils; Sperm, Adamantine, Wax Wick and Tallow Candles; Castile and Toilet Soaps.

Smoked Hams, Dried Bacon, Smoked Bacon, Fresh Lobsters, and Salmon in tins; and a variety of Preserved Meats, hermetically sealed.

Spanish Grapes, Lemons, Prunes, Raisins, Almonds, Apples of various kinds, &c. &c. Quebec, 7th Dec., 1847.

Quebec Provident and Savings Bank. (ABSTRACT.)

Aug. 31—Balance at the credit of Depositors £20,410 3 9 Deposited from Sept. 1st to Nov. 30th inclusive... £20,951 10 1 Withdrawn in the same period... 14,307 8 10 Increase since 1st Sept... 6,644 1 3

Nov. 30—Balance at the credit of Depositors this day... £27,054 5 0

Office open daily from TEN to half-past Two o'clock; and on MONDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, from SIX to EIGHT o'clock. Copies of the Rules, and every necessary information, may be obtained on application at the Bank.

C. H. GATES, Cashier. Office, Freemason's Hall, next the Post Office. Quebec, 9th December, 1847.