

to me infinitely more palatable than our coarse salt butter, this boiled butter, however, is not commonly used even in Switzerland as a condiment with bread, as fresh butter is, but merely as an article of cookery, for which purpose it is said to be even better than perfectly recent butter. I saw at the Hotel d'Angleterre, in Chamonny the very jar out of which all the butter used in the kitchen was taken; and certainly it would not be easy to find more delicate cookery than we have met with."—*Scribe of Balfour's Canadian Almanac.*

## CANADA.

**A SAD CALAMITY.**—On Wednesday of last week, as some young men living on the bank of the Nation River, in the Township of Winchester, County of Dundas, were out fishing, one of the party fired at a loon, which he observed in the stream. A young man named Barger was in a boat with the bird from where the shot was fired, and mournful to say, received the bill in his breast, and instantly fell never to rise. A coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict of "accidental death" returned.—*Mont. Gazette.*

**LOSS OF THE ENGLISH STEAMER ORION.**—The distressing intelligence of the loss of this steamer, on its passage from Liverpool to Glasgow, reached us yesterday, in the telegraphic report of the "Europa's" news. It will cause many a sad heart in our community, for among the names of those drowned are Mr. and Mrs. James Scott of Montreal; and we need not add that few, very few, of our residents were so widely known and so universally respected and esteemed as Mr. and Mrs. Scott.—*Id.*

**GRAND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.**—In the house of Assembly on Tuesday se'night, the Committee on the Industrial Exhibition at London, presented their report. They recommended the holding of a Provincial exhibition at Montreal on the second Monday of October and the two following days; and afterwards sending to London, such articles as may be selected, in charge of two persons to be appointed by the Governor General; and that the government contribute £2000 towards the object of the exhibition. Thus Montreal is to be selected as the site for the holding of the Grand Industrial Exhibition—a privilege to which she is entitled, and which she has well earned from the exertions she has made in this behalf. Besides the Provincial grant of £2000, it is calculated that a sum of from £1500 to £2000 will be raised by private subscription. With such a sum as this, and with only ordinary good management, it is strange indeed, if the materials are not forthcoming for an industrial Fair which will do honor to the Province.—*Montreal Transcript.*

**GREAT HUNT.**—We understand that a terrible on-slaught upon the deer near the Bay of Exploits has lately been made by the Indians, who are stated to have killed no less than three hundred of them in their passage to and across a river which they had taken in pursuance of their migratory habits at this season of the year. The carcases were left on the ground for the purpose of attracting and of trapping wolves and foxes: the former under a belief that the Act offering a reward for the destruction of wolves is still in force, and the latter, for the high price which is commonly given for the skin. So many as 34 deer are said to have been shot by one young man, resident at Exploits within 24 hours!—*Newfoundland Ledger.*

**GASPE GUANO!**—Sometime during last summer our attention was attracted to a small lake about three miles from our office, the bed of which was a perfect white substance the inhabitants making use of it for putty, whitewashing their houses, &c. We collected a specimen, and by the kindness of T. S. Hunt, Esq., Geological Chemist, (to whom we take this public opportunity of returning thanks) had it analyzed. It was found to be a "Pure Carbonate of Lime, remarkably free from all foreign ingredients, and capable of being used on all these occasions for which whitening is applied in the arts, particularly adapted for putty and glass making, bleaching, and other chemical purposes. As a manure its beneficial effects are too well known to require further mention." Yet strange as it may appear to persons at a distance, the people of this place never had the curiosity to ascertain its virtues. We are happy to say that our exertions to introduce it here have been partially successful, and the difference in the appearance of the crops on land where it has been applied is astonishing. We are about shipping off a few tons of it, for the purpose of introducing

it to the Canadian Public; pecuniary remuneration not being our object so much as a desire to benefit the community. Merchants, manufacturers, and others can be supplied with any quantity, by application to Mess. Torrance & Busted, Montreal, or W. K. Baul, Esq., Quebec who have kindly consented to act as Agents.—*Gaspé Gazette.*

**MR. WETENHALL'S CASE.**—The case of this unfortunate gentleman was brought up in the Assembly the other day by Mr. Boulton of Norfolk, and the fact was admitted by Mr. Hincks, that he had been stabbed by one of the inmates. The wound he said was "a slight one," but we are informed on the contrary, that it was a severe and dangerous one which induced erysipelas and was followed by death. It is demanded by a regard for the character of the institution that an independent examination into the facts of this case should be made by a committee, and for the satisfaction of the public that their report should be published.—*Examiner.*

## GREAT BRITAIN.

**THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HALL.**—The construction of this dome 200 feet in diameter, though of light sheet iron, will be no joke. We may remind the reader that it will be double the size of our St. Paul's dome, which is about 112 feet in diameter. The dome of St. Peter's, at Rome, is 139 feet in diameter, and that of the Pantheon 112 feet. The central hall will be a polygon of 16 sides, four of which will open into gardens reserved around it. Its main walls will be of brick, and about 60 feet high.—*Bulder.*

## UNITED STATES.

**COMMERCE OF THE WESTERN RIVERS.**—In a document recently ordered by the U. S. Senate to be printed, it is stated that the net value of the commerce of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries, for the year 1849, is estimated at \$256,233,820, and the value of vessels employed thereon, is estimated at \$18,661,500.

**STARCH MANUFACTURE.**—There is an immense Starch Factory at Oswego producing the following results. It consumes 2,000 bushels of ripe corn per week, and manufactures 40,000 pounds or 1000 boxes of Starch during the same time. There are 11 furnaces, with corresponding drying rooms, and 200 cisterns for receiving the Starch in the fluid form. The number of men employed is about 70, and the value of the Starch annually manufactured exceeds \$124,000.

**SAFEGEY AND EXPENSES.**—There are at this time no less than eighteen ocean steam ships—contracted for and on the ways, or receiving their machinery at this port. Setting down their average value at \$275,000, we find that there is here invested, or is in process of investment, an aggregate capital of \$1,950,000, equal to nearly five millions of dollars. New York ocean steam marine will soon furrow every ocean. According to our figures, something like thirty five have already been built or contracted for.—*N. Y. Jour. Com.*

## BIRTHS.

Montreal—26th ult, Mrs Henry Lyman, of a son. 23th ult, Mrs Ches R Bedwell, of a son. 1st inst, Mrs George Johnstone, of a son. Amherstburgh—23th ult, Mrs (Rev) R Peelen, of a son. Kilmanning, Ayrshire, Scotland—16th ult, the wife of Mr John Knox, Merchant, of a son. Quebec—23th ult, Mrs T Wilkens, of a daughter. 4th inst, Mrs Monizambert, of a daughter. Toronto—27th ult, the wife of Capt J H Lefroy, R.A., of a daughter. Whitby—26th ult, Mrs (Rev) J C Gerkie, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

Montreal—9th inst, by the Rev Wm Taylor, Mr Thomas M'Kay, Jr, of Bytown, to Mrs Margaret, daughter of the late James M'Farlane, Esq., of Williamstown. Canton—19th ult, Jrs R Armstrong, Esq., to Mary Eliza, eldest daughter of J G Rogers, Esq. County of Kent—19th ult, H B Mackay, Esq., to Mary M McDonald, eldest daughter of G Gordon, Esq., of Whitby, and late of Fort Rose, Scotland. Kingston—16th ult, Mr Thos Turner, merchant, of Hamilton, to Caroline, eldest daughter of M L Greene. Prescott—19th ult, Mr J A Bell, merchant, to Jane Ann, eldest daughter of S W Brady, Esq. Toronto—26th ult, by the Rev H J Grassett, the Rev E Baldwin, M A, assistant minister of St James' to Francis Emma, third daughter of the late H Grassett, M D, Deputy Inspector General of Army Hospitals. By the Rev Robt Burns, D D, A Fraser, Esq., of Colborne, to Mary Mead, eldest daughter of Benj Torrance, Esq. 1st inst, Mr R Kneeshaw, druggist, to Ann, third daughter of Mr R Bolbrook, Hamilton.