

NEWS.

REWARDS.—The Canada Gazette of Saturday last, contains a proclamation offering a reward of a hundred pounds, for the apprehension of the perpetrators of the robbery of the Mail Stage, on the Lachine road on the 29th ultimo. The same Gazette also contains a proclamation offering a further reward of one hundred pounds, for the apprehension of the parties who committed a highway robbery on the 16th ultimo, on Messrs. Barret & Demarceau, on the ice between Laprairie and Montreal. In both cases a free pardon is offered to any accomplice who will give the requisite information.—*Gazette.*

TIMBER TRADE.—We have received a letter signed "A Sufferer," which animadverts on the Crown Land's Department. The writer states that in consequence of the changes in the Commercial policy of Great Britain the Timber Trade may suffer, "and" in the face of this, "the holders of Timber Limits are compelled, by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, to make a certain quantity of timber, or to give up their limits,"—he then remarks that this "strange system of compulsion" is very injurious to those engaged in the lumber trade.—*Courier.*

It is stated by late advices that in many parts of Newfoundland the people are suffering dreadfully from the want of food, and would starve were it not for the relief administered by the public authorities.

THE STORM.—We learn from the *Quebec Canadian*, that the storm of Friday and Saturday night was very violent in the neighbourhood of Quebec. Several buildings were blown down at Ste. Anne de Beaupré, at Charlebourg, and other parishes on the North bank of the river. The ice bridge at Isle d'Orleans has been carried down to the Sault de Montmorency, and the ice thrown up in large masses on the quays of the city.

ATTEMPT AT MURDER.—We understand that a Mr. M'Ewan, a respectable and wealthy farmer, living in the township of Sheffield, whilst returning home a few days ago, overtook on the road a poor man, who was plodding along with some difficulty. Mr. M. asked him to ride, which he did. He stated that he had been sick, and was getting better; that he was in search of something to do to pay his board until his strength returned sufficiently to allow him to work. Mr. M. took him home, gave him his supper and a bed. In the course of the evening, Mr. M'Ewan had counted some money, which he had just received; this was observed by the stranger, who also, it seems, watched Mr. M. and his wife when they went to bed, and noticed that the husband slept at the front; but the wife having occasion, not long after, to get up to look after the children, got in the husband's place. Some time in the night, this ungrateful villain got hold of the axe, and, stealing into the bedroom where his hospitable friends were sleeping, unconscious of there being a viper in their house, aimed a deadly blow at the front of the bed, supposing it to have been the husband. The axe struck the poor woman, fracturing her skull. This awoke the husband, who, not knowing exactly what the matter was, made some noise, when the bloodthirsty brute struck at him with the axe, but fortunately he reached too far, and struck the wall. Mr. M'Ewan then sprung upon the man before he had time to strike again, and threw him on the floor, when he managed to tie him, and then sent for assistance to some of his neighbours. He was examined by the Magistrate, and committed to jail in this city to await his trial at the next Assizes. We hear that Mrs. M'Ewan is so badly injured that her life is despaired of. The culprit assigns poverty and destitution as the reason of his murderous attempt. A very poor reason indeed.—*Kingston Herald.*

HORRIBLE MURDER.—On the 14th instant, a person of the name of James Milligan, of Fredricksburg, murdered his wife under circumstances of singular brutality. The unfortunate woman was about to be confined, and, in absence of the female attending upon her, she was assaulted by her husband, while under the influence of liquor, and the child taken from her in a manner altogether revolting. She survived about two hours. Milligan was committed to the District Gaol here this morning, to stand his trial at the approaching Assizes. We learn that the mother and child were buried on the 6th—and the husband not apprehended till the 22d inst. It appears also very strange that there was no Coroner's Inquest held over the bodies.—*Kingston Chronicle.*

OPENING OF NAVIGATION ON THE WELLAND CANAL.—The Canal is now in such a state, that should no unforeseen occurrence prevent, the water will be let in, at Dunnville, on Thursday or Friday next the 1st or 2d April, and by the 8th or 9th it is expected to be in perfect working order.—*St. Catharines Journal.*

THE DUEL.—The *Toronto Canadian* says, that the names of the two youths, who lately left Hamilton, and indulged in the criminal folly of a duel, at Buffalo, were Hogan and Burrage; and the names of their friends—after which word the *Canadian* judiciously puts a [?]-were J. Cameron and R. W. Cameron. The press of Upper Canada, says our contemporary, "all agree in spirit, very properly condemning the stupid attempt, on the part of the would-be heroes, to acquire notoriety, by pretending to stand fire."

On the evening of Wednesday se'ennight, the "forms," as they are technically called, of the *Liverpool Weekly News* were taken, as usual, to Messrs. Wilmer and Smith's machine, for the purpose of being "worked off." Mr. Ross, one of the proprietors of the paper, finding that an article respecting himself was about to appear in print, deliberately kicked out two of the columns of one of the pages, and, repeating his assault, "knocked into pie" the remaining four columns. Mr. Ross was immediately taken to the police office, where he stated that he was one of the proprietors, and that he kicked out the page for the purpose of preventing the publication of the paper. He did not wish it to appear again, and he would do all he could to prevent it being again published. Of course, says the *Liverpool Mercury*, the officer on duty declined to book Mr. Ross, believing, as most people in his situation would have done, that the proprietor of a newspaper had a perfect right to kick out one of the pages, if he had any particular fancy for that mode of exercise or amusement.

The Great Britain steamer has now been stuffed according to Mr Brunel's plan, with fagots, brushwood, sand bags, chains and bolts, &c. There will be no danger of her until April, when Mr Bremner expects to commence operations to raise her. She has quarried down six feet of the solid rock, and turned it up like a plough forward. There are four feet of sand above the rock—in all, 10 to 10½ feet. She must be raised 13 feet perpendicular height, and then her bottom patched, launched, and taken probably to Liver-

pool; but, if possible, to Bristol, by two steamers. The sand now in her, which the water is over, will make her fully 300 tons weight.

FATHER MATTHEW AND THE FAMINE.—For the honour of temperance, the total abstinence of Ireland are in a great measure exempt from the scourge. In a speech at Lisgood, Father Matthew said, "Thousands upon thousands now pine in want and woe, because they did not take my advice; to them the horrors of famine and the evils of blight, are aggravated, while tens of thousands of those who listened to me and adopted my advice, are now safe from hunger and privation, because they had the virtue to surrender a filthy, sensual gratification, and the wisdom to store up for the coming of the evil day." He adds, "By a calculation recently made, it is clearly proved, that if all the grain now converted into poison, were devoted to its natural and legitimate use, it would afford a daily meal to every man, woman, and child in the land. The man or woman who drinks, drinks the food of the starving." This is a striking fact, which will bear to be considered. It contains volumes of argument for total abstinence.

A correspondent of the *Weekly Times* says, on the afternoon and evening of Monday 15th, sermons were preached in Elin Chapel, Fetter-lane, by Miss Fuller, a young lady from Margate. Miss Fuller is about five-and-twenty years of age, and belongs to the body called Primitive Methodists; or, at all events, the congregation in Elin Chapel are in connection with that body. The novelty of a young lady discharging the functions of a minister of the gospel, attracted, as might be expected, a crowded congregation. The service was in all respects conducted in the usual way. Miss Fuller commenced by giving out five verses of a hymn, all of which she read, and afterwards gave it out again in two lines at a time, as the congregation proceeded with the singing. Then came an extemporaneous prayer, of considerable length, comprehensive in its matter and beautiful both in the language and delivery. The sermon followed, which lasted nearly an hour. Miss Fuller is rather short in stature. Her countenance wears an expression of mildness mingled with self-possession. She is good-looking, and has altogether an interesting appearance. Her voice is pleasing, and in some of its intonations exceedingly musical. Her delivery, though like sermons, was extemporaneous, easy, fluent, and graceful. She never has occasion to recal a word, nor does she ever hesitate, or stutter. Her theology was sound and practical. Her discourses were altogether indicative of superior talent. Particular parts were characterised by eloquence of an impressive character. Her dress was plain; she wore a cap devoid of ornament, and had on a dark gown, with a light cashmere shawl thrown over her shoulders. The object of her sermons was to promote the cause of religious charity, and a considerable collection was made at the close of both afternoon and evening services.

News have reached this country of the loss at sea, of the Rev. William Niven, one of the Jamaica missionaries of the United Secession Church. He had embarked on the 6th Oct. at the Grand Cayman, for Jamaica, in a schooner called the Wave. The vessel was foundered in a storm, and all on board perished. Mr. N. has been an active and zealous missionary in Jamaica, for eleven years.

In the trials in the Central Criminal Court of the third inst., a letter-carrier, convicted of stealing half a guinea, was sentenced to ten years' transportation; and a savage ruffian, who had killed his wife by a kick, after having deliberately threatened her with violence, was for the manslaughter sentenced to nine months' imprisonment!—the jury having recommended him to mercy on account of his age (fifty-nine). Mark in these instances the difference between taking half a guinea and taking a life! Observe how much the law guards the money-letter, and how little it guards the life. You may work out the question by the rule of three; as ten years' transportation are to nine months' imprisonment, so is stealing half a guinea from a letter to kicking a wife to death.

Gas of the best quality is offered by the Liverpool Guardian Gas Company at 3s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet.

The Steamship *Great Western* is advertised for sale. It is reported that the British Government is in treaty for her.

In Edinburgh, the rents of houses, shops, &c., for the current year are much higher as compared with the former. But the landlords have made a most serious and ungracious advance on the rents of next year. In some cases sixty per cent. over the rent of the present year has been added to that of next. Houses are scarcely to be had even at these high rates. The railways "have done it all."

PRODUCE PRICES CURRENT—MONTREAL, April 5, 1847.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	27	6	a	28	0	BEEF, Primo Mess,			
Pearls,.....	27	0	a	27	6	per brl. 200lbs.	10	0	a
FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per bil.						Prime,.....	50	0	a
196 lbs.	35	0	a	36	0	Prime Mess, per tierce, 304lbs..	00	0	a
Do. Finc,.....	33	0	a	31	0	PORK, Mess, per brl. 200lbs.....	95	0	a
Do. Sour,.....						Prime Mess.....	75	0	a
Do. Middlings, .						Prime,.....	65	0	a
Indian Meal, 168lb.						Cargo,.....	00	0	a
Oatmeal, brl. 224lb.	34	0	a	35	0	BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.						CHEESE, full milk,			
Best, 60lbs. ...	7	0	a	7	3	100 lbs.....	40	0	a
Do. L.C. per min.	6	6	a	6	9	LARD, per lb., best	0	6	a
BARLEY, Minot,...	3	3	a	3	6	TALLOW, per lb.,			
OATS, ".....	2	4	a	2	5	rough.....	0	4½	a
PEASE,.....	5	6	a	5	9				

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