

the accommodation of our splendid collection of natural history. With regard to the recent changes at the Post-Office, he said it was generally felt that what had been given with one hand was taken away with the other. The Post-Office authorities must not deceive themselves, but must realise the fact that the question of inland sample and parcel post must yet be revised in a more liberal spirit, and be placed on a broader and more satisfactory basis. The society would agitate for the removal of the present arbitrary distinctions and the establishment of a parcels post, by which a uniform rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d would be charged for every 4 oz. and under, or 2d. a pound for everything up to a specified limit. In conclusion the noble Lord said he had received a telegram from the Prince of Wales desiring him to assure the Society that, like his father, he took a deep interest in everything they took in hand, and his most earnest hope that all their efforts might be brought to an early and successful close; and His Royal Highness begged the Society of Arts to rely on him in every way, that on every occasion, by presence and co-operation, he had determined to help them in promoting to a successful issue that great council of peace which was to be held in the midst of war.

—Mr. Alexander Munro, the sculptor, who had been for a long time in bad health, died at Cannes on the 1st, ult.

—Bust of the late Earl Derby.—A bust of the late Earl of Derby, executed by Noble, was recently unveiled in Guildhall, London. One of Lord Brougham will shortly be added to the collection.

—M. P. Schendel, the popular painter of moonlight and misty scenes, fish markets and the like, died on the 29th Dec. last at the age of fifty-four.

—International Exhibition.—The following noblemen and gentlemen have consented to act as judges to select paintings for the forthcoming International Exhibition of 1871: Viscount Bury, M.P.; Lord Elcho, M.P.; Sir Coutts Lindsay, Bart.; Alfred Elmore, Esq., R.A. (representing the Royal Academy); Alfred Clint, Esq., (representing the Society of Painters in Water Colours); Henry Warren, Esq., (representing the Institute of Painters in Water Colours); F. Dillon, Esq., H. S. Marks, Esq.

—Mr. Frost, the new Academician, and Mr. Burne Jones, who lately seceded from the Old Water Colour Society, have joined the Committee of the Dudley Gallery.

—Mr. Yvon, the French painter of battle-scenes, has determined to take up his residence in England. He says there will be no demand for Art in France for many a year to come.

Meteorology.

—Observations taken at Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the month of January, 1870; Lat. 44°39' North; Long, 63°36' West; height above the Sea 175 feet; by Sergt. John Thurling, A. H. Corps.

Barometer, highest reading on the 19th.....	30.548 inches
" lowest " 22nd.....	29.120.
" range of pressure.....	1.428
" mean for month (reduced to 32°).....	29.906
Thermometer, highest in shade was on 6th.....	51.2 degrees
" lowest " 26th.....	13.6
" range in month.....	64.8
" mean of highest.....	32.3
" mean of lowest.....	13.4
" mean daily range.....	18.9
" mean for month.....	22.8
" highest reading in sun's rays.....	92.0
Hygrometer, mean of dry bulb.....	24.3
" " wetbulb.....	23.2
" " dew point.....	16.7
" elasticforce of vapour.....	.093
" weight of vapour in a cubic foot of air....	1.1 grains.
" " required to saturate do.....	0.4
" the figure of humidity (Sat. 100).....	71
" average weight of a cubic foot of air.....	573.7
Cloud, mean amount of, (0-10).....	8.3
Ozone, " " " (0-10).....	3.5
Wind, mean direction of North.....	4.50 days.
" " " East.....	1.50
" " " South.....	10.00
" " " West.....	15.00
" daily horizontal movement.....	Anem. broken.
" daily force.....	2.1
Rain. No. of days it fell.....	.6
Snow.....	11
Amount of rain and melted snow collected.....	2.50 inches.

From the Records of the Montreal Observatory, Lat. 45° 31 North; Long. 4h. 54m. 11 sec. West of Greenwich; height above the level of the sea 182 feet; For the month of January, 1871, By CHARLES SMALLWOOD, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.

DATE	Barometer at 32°			Temperature of the Air.			Direction of Wind.			Miles in 24 hours.
	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	
1	29.951	29.998	30.150	17.4	22.3	13.2	W	NNE	W	74.12
2	.601	.464	29.618	19.0	38.2	22.1	SW	W	W	80.00
3	.911	.718	.876	5.8	24.3	10.4	W	W	W	112.16
4	30.211	30.244	30.275	-8.4	1.9	-2.0	W	NE	NE	204.24
5	29.901	29.674	29.560	-6.2	8.2	15.6	NE	N by E	NE	117.11
6	.601	.742	.861	32.3	34.2	27.1	SW	WSW	W	78.91
7	30.200	30.246	30.251	-6.2	13.2	-2.0	W	W	W	94.22
8	.212	.201	.042	-8.3	2.9	-5.0	NE	NE	NE	124.12
9	.349	.402	.400	-12.6	8.0	-5.2	NNE	NNE	NNE	91.10
01	.547	.411	.152	-12.8	10.2	-1.0	NNE	NNE	NNE	81.24
11	.062	.061	.201	7.0	7.8	11.0	NNE	NNE	NE	57.24
12	.300	.352	.446	19.1	20.2	24.1	NE	NE	NE	101.18
13	.411	.401	.362	28.6	40.1	40.1	NE	NE	NE	66.14
14	.441	.562	.650	40.0	33.6	21.0	NE	NE	NE	57.10
15	.324	.114	29.951	17.0	30.4	33.2	NE	NE	NE	221.14
16	29.878	29.914	30.031	30.0	29.1	22.0	NE	NE	NE	197.10
17	30.052	30.126	.201	7.6	19.6	12.0	W	w by N	w by N	114.20
18	.425	.624	.734	7.7	19.6	4.1	NE	NE	NE	247.25
19	.776	.624	.560	-9.4	10.8	0.0	NE	NE	NE	101.10
20	.296	.127	.051	5.1	27.4	29.2	NE	NE	NE	94.00
21	29.882	29.724	29.675	29.0	30.2	27.9	SW	SW	SW	81.12
22	.721	.894	30.095	7.4	1.0	-13.1	NE	NNW	NNW	74.20
23	30.300	30.401	.499	-23.2	-7.2	-21.9	NNW	NNW	NNW	211.10
24	.150	.151	.341	-25.4	13.4	-9.0	NE	NE	NE	204.12
25	.500	.652	.951	-12.1	3.3	-12.4	NE	NE	NE	198.14
26	.782	.794	.350	-22.0	-14.0	-12.4	NE	NE	NE	101.14
27	29.850	29.849	.101	-6.6	14.0	4.2	W	W	W	104.00
28	30.251	30.254	.251	-3.1	8.0	-1.0	NE	NE	NE	97.10
29	.000	29.979	29.974	1.1	14.3	21.2	NE	NE	NE	82.10
30	.201	30.173	30.150	20.1	25.0	14.7	NE	NE	NE	66.20
31	29.824	29.521	29.475	19.0	30.1	33.0	NE	NE	SW	54.10

The highest reading of the Barometer was at 10.30 p.m. on the 25th day, and attained 30.985 inches; the lowest was on the 31st day, and was 29.475 inches.

The highest temperature was on the 13th day, and was 40° 1 degrees; the lowest was on the 24th day, and was -26° 8 below zero. The mean for the month was 11.04. which is 3 degrees lower than the Isotherm for Montreal.

Rain fell on five days, amounting to 0.427 inches. Snow fell on twelve days, amounting to 16.53 inches.

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