

Morrow. Carroll was employed in street repairs, and was desired to desist by Morrow and his brother, who, after some words, attacked him. Carroll defended himself, and struck Morrow with a shovel which he held in his hand. Verdict, Manslaughter. Sentence, six months imprisonment.

On Thursday week, the following Rev. Gentlemen arrived at St. John, from Nova Scotia: Messrs. Alder, Bennet, R. Knight, W. Crosscombe, and Mr. Richey. The chief object of their visit, no doubt was, the celebration of the Methodist Centenary. The lamentable fire which occurred on the following Saturday night, caused a sudden postponement of the Centenary meeting, £1452 had been subscribed.

A Demerara paper, of 21st July, states, that great mortality prevailed among the Troops in Georgetown Garrison. 45 men and 5 officers, including the Lieutenant Colonel, of the 76th Regt. died of fever, in the four weeks preceding latest dates. It is asserted that the situation of the barracks at Georgetown is the most unfavourable for health that could be found in the Colony.

Abbreviated from the St. John Observer, August 21, 1839.

### DREADFUL CONFLAGRATION!

*Above one Hundred Buildings, and a vast amount of other Property in Ruins.*

But little more than two years have elapsed since the inhabitants of St. John were afflicted (on the night of Saturday, January 14, 1837,) with a tremendous conflagration, which laid in ruins one third of the most flourishing mercantile part of the city, and caused enormous loss and misery, from the vast destruction of valuable property. At this moment another extensive tract of streets and wharves, which a few hours since were loaded with immense quantities of valuable Merchandise, are nothing more than heaps of smouldering ruins. On Saturday evening last, about 9 o'clock, (the same hour and day of the week as the great fire of 1837,) our citizens were alarmed by the dismal tones of the pealing fire-bells. It was immediately ascertained, that the fire had commenced in a building in Nelson Street, occupied by Messrs. Hugh Irvine & Co., shipbuilders, as a store and warehouse; and originated, as is reported, from the carelessness of a boy, who was drawing *ardent spirit* from a cask, and who suffered his candle to come in contact either with the spirit, or with a pile of *oakum*, which was very improperly placed on the top of the cask. In a very few minutes the whole building was in a mass of flame, and instantly communicated to the large and lofty store occupied by Mr. Thos. E. Millidge, General Merchant; and from the extremely awkward situation of the premises, in a sharp angle of a very narrow and crowded street, the dense mass of surrounding buildings and lumber yards, filled with dry and combustible materials, it soon became apparent, that no human power could confine the ravages of the devouring element to the immediate scene of commencement. It was low water at the time, and consequently no sufficient supply of water could for a long time be procured in the neighbourhood of the fire. In an incredibly short time Nelson Street with its alleys and courts, and the North Market wharf were enveloped in flames, the proprietors and residents having time to remove but a small portion of their property, ere the devouring element drove them from the scene of their labours. The spectacle, as viewed from the upper parts of the city, was sublime and terrific in the extreme; and the hearts of the gazers sank within them, as they contemplated the fearfully rapid progress of destruction, the comparative futility of the strenuous exertions which were everywhere making to arrest it, and the alarming probability of its extending over the whole city. The conflagration continued extending with unabated fury till nearly daylight on Sunday morning, sweeping away in its course every building in Nelson and Dock-streets, on the Hon. Wm. Black's, Crookshank & Walker's, Lawton's, Waterbury's, Donaldson's, and the North Market Wharves, the whole north side of the Market Square, including the houses of Thomas Merritt, Esq. in Prince William Street, Dock street down the south side of Union street, to Adams' slip. The arrest of the calamity was as singular and unexpected as its career had been rapid and fearful: when the destruction was at its very height, and its widely-spread extent had so divided the exertions of the people, as to render their efforts almost hopeless, a merciful Providence gave success to their labours, and enabled them to limit the scene of desolation.

It is calculated that nearly 3000 persons have been rendered houseless; nearly all of them being of the labouring class. Mercantile men also generally agree in estimating, that a much greater quantity of valuable merchandize has been destroyed than in 1837.

(The services of the military and people are warmly eulogized.)

It was providential that the night of the fire was peculiarly calm; as, had there been any wind, with such extremely dry weather, but little hope could have been entertained of saving any considerable portion of the city.

It is gratifying to state, that we have heard of no loss of human life during the awful catastrophe; nor of any accident beyond severe bruises. So rapid was the career of destruction, that the removal of goods was often arrested by the sudden arrival of the flames; several gangs of rigging, blocks, &c. for large new ships,

were at one time thrown into scows for safety, but before they could be removed, the falling and flaming ruins of buildings covered and entirely destroyed them.

**PRIZES.**—The Literary and Historical Society of Quebec offers 10 first prize Silver Medals, and 3 second prize, for the following articles: first prize,

On any department of Natural History, the subject having relation to British North America. On any part of the History of Canada, its Antiquities or the Language and Manners of the Aborigines. The best Poem on any subject relating to British North America. For any good Historical Essay, tending to fill up the chasm in the History of Canada, between the close of Charlevoix's work and the year 1749. For the best Paper on any subject connected with Science. On any subject relating to the useful Arts, particularly those that may be applicable in British North America. The best Essay on useful and ornamental Architecture, applicable to public and private buildings in Canada, and which may tend to improve the taste in this branch of the fine Arts. The Society reserves to itself the right of withholding the Prizes, if, in its judgment, no papers worthy of them should be presented. Also for the best oil painting, Historical, or Landscape, on any subject relating to North America. For the second best do.—A second Prize Silver Medal. And to Amateurs,—For the best Oil Painting on an original subject,—A first Prize Silver Medal. For the second best ditto—A second Prize Silver Medal. For the best original Landscape in water colour—A first Prize Silver Medal. For the second best ditto—A second Prize Silver Medal. The Paintings will remain the property of the Artists who sent them.

**CONDITIONS.**—The Prize productions to be in the English, French or Latin language, and open to all persons residing on the continent or islands of North America. Every Prize production is required to be accompanied by a sealed note, bearing as a superscription the title of the production, and containing the author's name and place of residence, and to be transmitted, post paid, addressed to the Council Secretary, and received by him before the 20th February next. The Prizes will be awarded on the last Thursday of April next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Quebec, 16th July, 1839.

The Montreal *Natural History Society*, also offer, for Prize Medals, for the four best Essays, on any of the following subjects: On cultivating Maple for the purpose of producing Sugar on a large scale, &c. On the existence of Coal Fields in the district of Montreal or Three Rivers, &c. On the destruction of Forest Trees for timber and fuel, and the necessity of planting for a future supply, &c. On the practicability of cultivating in the Canadas the Weld, Wood, Safflower, and Madder; on Native Plants suitable for Drugs or Dyes and Blood-root or other Lichens; on the cultivation of Poppies and Sunflowers, for the expression of Oil from their Seeds; and, also, on the cultivation of Plants for Medicinal purposes. On the Pigments discovered in the Canadas, with statements of their abundance, and their application to the purposes of Paint. On the Ottawa River, the Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral productions of its shores, &c. On the Mineralogy of the district of Montreal. On the Botany of the Island of Montreal. On the manner in which Hemp and Flax may be profitably cultivated in the Canadas. On the effects of Frost on Building Materials, and on the Pavements of the Streets.

The Conditions attached are—

The Essays shall be presented on or before the 20th February, 1840. The Essays may be in either French or English. Each Essay to have a motto, and accompanied with a sealed note, superscribed with the same motto, containing the name and residence of the author. The successful Essays to remain the property of the Society. The Society reserves to itself the right of withholding the Prize, should no one of the Essays on any particular subject appear deserving of it. The Essays to be addressed to J. S. McCord, Esq. Corresponding Secretary of the Society.

The Medals will be Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

A Public Meeting will be held to-morrow, for the purpose of rendering assistance to the sufferers by the St. John fire.

The Hon. S. Canard arrived in Town, unexpectedly, on Wednesday evening, his letters having been delayed on the road. The committee appointed to celebrate Mr. Cunard's success in establishing a Steam Packet line, met on Thursday, and the general committee on the subject waited on Mr. Cunard at two o'clock this day, with the address which had been agreed on.

### MARRIED.

At Londonderry on the 13th, by the Rev. John Brown, Mr. William Corbet, to Miss Mary Spencer. On the 17th, by the Rev. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Jacob Corbet, to Miss Elizabeth McGinney, all of that place.

### DIED.

Yesterday evening, after a long sickness, which she endured with exemplary fortitude and resignation, Mary, wife of Mr. Hugh W. Blackadar, printer, in the 30th year of her age; funeral on Sunday next at 2 o'clock, from Grafton Street, the friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

On Friday morning last, Peter, son of Mr. James Bruce, of Musquodoboit, after a short but severe illness, aged 22 years.

In this town, on the 20th inst. Mr. Michael Holehan, an old and respectable inhabitant of this place.

### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

#### ARRIVED.

Saturday, August 17th.—Schr Lucy, Bolk, Magdalene Islands, 8 days—dry fish to D. & E. Starr & Co.

Sunday 18th.—Schr Endeavour, and Saucy Jack, LaHave, fish; Queen, Angeline, Sydney, fish; new sloop Lady Hunter, McLeod, Liverpool, N. S. 3 days—dry fish and molasses; Am. schr New Union, Chase, Philadelphia, 14 days—flour and cornmeal, to R. Noble; brig Fanny, Hore, Guyanilla, P. R. 27 days—sugar, to A. A. Black—spoke, 6th inst. lat. 29 43, long. 67 29, brig Kentville, 4 1-2 days from St. Kitts bound to St. John, N. R.

Monday, 19th Schr Speculator, Young, Lunenburg, 16 hours; Mary, Forest, Arichat, 4 days—fish; Mary, Indian Harbour—do; Lively,

Margaret's Bay—fish; transport barque Valleyfield, Boyle, Cork, 39 days—ordnance stores; exchanged signals, on the 7th inst, at 12 o'clock a. m. lat. 43, 33, lon. 47, 44, with a British frigate bound east, probably the Pique or Inconstant hence.

Tuesday, 20th—Brig Ann, Crick, St. Jago de Cuba, 23 days—rum, sugar, etc. to J. Allison & Co. schr. Caroline, McPhee, P. E. Island, 5 days—schr Minerva, Ross, St. John, N. B. 6 days—True Brothers, Slocomb, Port Medway, lumber; Otter, Ragged Islands, dry fish; H. M. brig. Charybdis, Lieut. Tinning, Port Royal Jam. 17 days—schr. Hope, Patch, Campobello, 10 days, via, Yarmouth, 5 days—herrings and shingles to J. Allison & Co. and Fairbanks & Allison; schr Hazard, Crowell St. Andrews, 11 days—lumber and shingles to J. Allison & Co. brig Thomas & William, Reid, Liverpool, G. B. 45 days, dry goods and salt to Fairbanks & Allison; schr Brothers, Sydney, coal; Angeline, coal and dry goods.

Wednesday, 21st—Abigail, Doune, St. Croix, 17 days—rum, to D. & E. Starr & Co; brig Condor, Lanigan, Kingston, 22 days—to J. & T. Williamson.

Thursday, 22d—Am brig Maryland, Smith, St. John's, N. F. 10 days—salmon &c. bound to Boston; schr. Seaflower, Cape Negro, fish; Duck, Arichat, fish; Two Friends, Prospect, fish; Paragon, Annapolis, do.

Sailed this morning, Am brig Maryland, Smith, Boston.

### AUCTION.

## Pine Apples, Turtle and Salt.

BY DEBLOIS & MERKEL,

To-morrow, SATURDAY, at 12 o'clock, at M. G. Black's wharf:

**200 DOZ. PINE APPLES,**  
25 TURTLE,

Just arrived per brig Sophia, from Nassau. Also,

200 Hogsheds Liverpool **SALT,**  
fine Fishery

Balance cargo of brig Thomas and William.

August 23.

### Unexampled Mammoth Scheme!

THE following details of a Scheme of a Lottery to be drawn in December next, warrants us in declaring it to be unparalleled in the history of Lotteries. Prizes to the amount have never before been offered to the public. It is true, there are many blanks, but on the other hand, the extremely low Charge of \$20 per Ticket—the value and Number of the Capitals, and the revival of the good old custom of warranting that every Prize shall be drawn and sold, will we are sure, give universal satisfaction, and especially to the Six Hundred Prize Holders.

To those disposed to adventure, we recommend early application being made to us for tickets—when the Prizes are all sold, blanks only remain—the first buyers have the best chance. We, therefore, emphatically say—delay not! but at once remit and transmit to us your orders which shall always receive our immediate attention. Letters to be addressed, and application made to

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The deeds of the Property and the Stock transferred in trust to the Commissioners appointed by the said Act of the Legislature of Florida, for the security of the Prize Holders.

### SPLENDID SCHEME!!!

1 PRIZE—THE ARCADE,  
236 feet, 5 inches, 4 lines on Magazine street; 101 feet, 11 inches, on Natches street; 126 feet, 6 inches, on Gravier street—Rented at about \$37,000 per annum valued at \$700,000

1 PRIZE—CITY HOTEL,  
162 feet on Common street; 145 feet, 6 inches, on Camp street—Rented at \$35,000—Valued at \$500,000

1 PRIZE—DWELLING HOUSE,  
(adjoining the Arcade) No. 16, 24 feet, 7 inches front on Natches street—Rented at \$1200—Valued at \$20,000

1 PRIZE—DWELLING HOUSE,  
(adjoining the Arcade) No. 18, 23 feet front on Natches street—Rented at \$12,00—Valued at \$20,000

1 PRIZE—DWELLING HOUSE,  
(adjoining the Arcade) No. 20, 23 feet front on Natches street—Rented at \$1200—Valued at \$20,000

1 PRIZE—DWELLING HOUSE,  
No. 23, North east corner of Basin and Custom house street; 40 feet front on Basin, and 40 feet on Franklin street, by 127 feet deep in Custom house street, rented at \$1500, valued at \$20,000

1 PRIZE—DWELLING HOUSE,  
No. 24, South west corner of Basin and Custom house street; 32 feet, 7 inches on Basin, 32 feet, 7 inches on Franklin, 127 feet, 101 inches deep in front of Custom house street; rented at \$1500 Valued at \$20,000

1 PRIZE—DWELLING HOUSE,  
No. 339, 24 feet, 8 inches on Royal street, by 127 feet 11 inches deep—Rented at \$1000; valued at \$25,000

1 Prize 250 shares Canal Bank Stock \$100 each 25,000

1 Do 2000 do Commercial do do 20,000

1 Do 150 do Mech's & Traders' do do 15,000

1 Do 100 do City Bank do do 10,000

1 Do 100 do do do do 10,000

1 Do 100 do do do do 10,000

1 Do 50 do Exchange Bank do do 5,000

1 Do 50 do do do do 5,000

1 Do 25 do Gas light do do 2,500

1 Do 25 do do do do 2,500

1 Do 15 do Mech's & Traders' do do 1,500

1 Do 15 do do do do 1,500

20 Do each 10 shares of the Louisiana State bank \$100 each prize \$1000 20,000

10 Do each 2 shares of \$1000 each, each prize \$200 of the Gas Light Bank, 2,000

200 Do each 1 share of \$100 of the Bank of Louisiana 20,000

200 Do each 1 share of \$100, of the New Orleans Bank 20,000

150 Do each 1 share of \$100 of the Union Bank of Florida 15,000

600 PRIZES \$1,500,000

TICKETS \$20—No Shares.

The whole of the Tickets, with their Numbers as also those containing the Prizes, will be examined and sealed by the Commissioners appointed under the Act, previously to their being put into the wheels. One wheel will contain the whole of the Numbers, the other will contain the Six Hundred Prizes, and the first 600 Numbers that shall be drawn out, will be entitled to each Prize as may be drawn to its number, and the fortunate holders of each Prize will have such property transferred to them immediately after the drawing, unincumbered, and without any deduction!

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