

It will be seen by the telegraphic reports and extracts which we publish to-day, that the war has commenced in reality. The Austrian troops had crossed the river into the Sardinian territory, and the next arrival will probably bring details of other sanguinary conflicts.

The effect which this war will produce upon Canada will depend very much upon the position which England will be induced to pursue. If he be enabled to remain neutral, and to look on as a calm spectator of the events enacting on the continent of Europe, we may not suffer much from the war.

On the contrary, as an exchange says, the diversion of a large number of persons from agriculture to arms will decrease the production of Europe, and increase the demand for produce from this side of the Atlantic. Beside the decrease of production, war always augments consumption; for any army actively engaged in war cannot be sustained on as little as the same number of men, many of them civilians, in a time of peace.

Whether this advantage will be counterbalanced by some resulting drawback is another question. Canada contributes nothing towards the national defence; and would not be called upon to incur any expenditure on account of an European war, even though England should become involved in it. At the same time, though she would not have to contribute directly towards the support of such a war, she would feel some of its evil effects.

We are told that flour has already risen to eight dollars a barrel and other agricultural productions are high in proportion. So far, then, as a farming community, we are all right; but the future, as we have said, will very much depend upon circumstances, and upon the position which England may be induced to take.

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more general use. With as great a variety in its varieties as any country in the world, it is a singular fact that there is hardly a marble building in Canada. The time will come, no doubt, when this material will be extensively used for building purposes; and it can be hastened by its use in the erection of public buildings, at Ottawa, all the better.

We publish, to-day, several of the new acts passed at the last session of the Provincial Parliament, some of which will repay a careful perusal.

The Act to amend and explain an Act to define the elective franchise, and to provide for the registration of voters, is one which should be properly understood and acted upon in due season. The Bill to amend the Post Office laws imposes a rate of postage upon newspapers transmitted by mail, and makes several other alterations. It will come in force on the first of July next.

As not to amend the laws relating to weights and measures is now in force, fixing the standard weights which shall be allowed to be equal to the bushel of different commodities. This act also provides that one hundred weight, which formerly consisted of one hundred and twelve pounds shall be only one hundred pounds; and a ton shall consist of two thousand pounds, instead of two thousand two hundred and forty pounds, as formerly. This weight to be applied to all goods, wares and other commodities, whatsoever, sold by the hundred weight or ton weight in this Province. As we have said, this act is now in force; but the changes will not affect any contract or agreement made before the passing of this law.

We learn from the Gleaner that on the evening of the twelfth instant, two of the railroads, near Smith's Falls, named Patrick English and Patrick Doyle, had a dispute about some boards, (both parties kept boarding house), and during the dispute English took up stones with which he threatened to strike Doyle, whereupon the latter ran into his shanty and procured a gun loaded with shot which he immediately discharged at English, dangerously wounding him in the breast, and some of the shots also took effect in the stomach of another man standing near. On a warrant issued by W. Gilmilly, Esq., Doyle was arrested, and has been sent to Perth Gaol to stand his trial.—We understand both wounded men are recovering.

Smith O'Brien arrived in Montreal, by steamer, from Toronto, on Saturday evening. He was met at the wharf by a large concourse of the citizens of all nationalities, (though the Irish element, of course, predominated). By the time the Donegan Hotel was reached there could not have been fewer than two thousand persons present. The procession was headed by a band of music, playing the usual national airs. Mr. O'Brien addressed the assembled crowds from the Hotel, and was followed by Mr. Devlin and several other speakers.

Dr. King, giving up all hope of the commutation of his sentence, has, at last, confessed his guilt. The day of his execution is at hand. There are to be no less than seven executions in Canada in the course of next month—one in Hamilton, one in Merriville, three at Brantford, one at Cobourg, and one at Belleville. Truly, the way of the transgressor is hard.

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The London Star says:—One of the steamships belonging to the Danish Steam Navigation Company is expected to arrive in Hull on Sunday with 400 Mormon passengers, en route for Salt Lake, and it is said that about 500 more are shortly to follow.

The Governor General has offered a reward of Two hundred dollars for information that will lead to the apprehension and conviction of Patrick Alias Edward Lawlor, for the murder of Matthew Duhig, on the 24th April last, on the line of the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway.

ARRIVAL OF THE PERSIA. New York, May 11. The Royal Mail steamship Persia from Liverpool April 30, arrived this morning. The main features of her news have been anticipated by the Adela at St. Johns but the details add some facts of interest.

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Richardson, Spence & Co. reported breadstuffs buoyant with a large speculative enquiry. All qualities had considerably advanced, but owing to the unsettled and excited state of the market it is impossible to give quotations. Provisions have generally advanced, but quotations are nominal, and speculative feeling continued.

Sugar buoyant and advanced 6d to 1s. Saltpetre advanced 2s. Pot ashes from 31s to 32s. Lard buoyant, and holders demand an advance.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE—SESSION 1858-59. PRIZE LIST. FIRST LATIN CLASS. 1. Thomas F. Harkness, Kingston.

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CHEMISTRY. 1. Robert J. Foster, Kingston.

NATURAL HISTORY. 1. John Kellogg, Perth, C. W.

MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND LOGIC. 1. Herbert S. McDonald, Gananoque.

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THE 100th REGIMENT SENT TO GIBRALTAR. (From the St. Catherine's Constitutional, May 11.) A private letter received yesterday by a gentleman in town from an officer in the 100th Regiment, states that after undergoing a very creditable inspection at Alderhot from the Commander in Chief, the corps received orders to hold it in readiness for immediate foreign service, and on the 30th ult. we embarked for Gibraltar on the 30th ult. We embarked for Gibraltar on the 30th ult. We embarked for Gibraltar on the 30th ult.

My Dear—As you are aware we reviewed the Duke of Cambridge on the 12th instant, and his speech to us was then considered very ominous, especially in connection with the rumors then flying, that he had come to Alderhot to select five regiments for Gibraltar. He closed his speech with the words—"You are fit to go anywhere and everywhere, and— He evidently intended to say more, but checked himself in time. And for once rumor has proved true—five regiments have this day been ordered to the Mediterranean. We received orders on Saturday (the 23rd) to hold ourselves in readiness, and we expect to sail on Saturday, (30th) for Gibraltar.

Hurrah! we shall soon have something on our colors! and I may have some medals at last. Report says that the Austrians and Piedmontese have fought a battle, and that the French troops commenced marching on Good Friday! Almost good news to be true! The 100th regiment will be one of the first in action, and rest assured that it will do us duty well, and that Canada will never regret that she entrusted her honors to the loyal Hundredth.

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J. MENZIES, Auctioneer, May 14, 1859. 36 H FOR SALE Wholesale and Retail, AT THE CHEAPEST SPOT IN TOWN, An immense Stock of Goods of all descriptions, Foreign and Domestic, Staple and Fancy Goods, at Prices unprecedentedly LOW.

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A Large Stock of Fresh GROCERIES always on hand. 500 TONS OF READY MADE CLOTHES of all sizes and descriptions and to suit all classes of Customers. A Liberal Discount to Wholesale Purchasers.

D. KERR & CO. Perth, May 7th, 1859. 36 g Appleton Foundry. RAMSAY, C. W., McRAE and PEARCE, IRON & BRASS FOUNDERS, MACHINISTS, AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT MAKERS.

BE respectfully intimated that they are prepared to manufacture Threshing Mills, Cultivators, Cat Crushers, and all kinds of Agricultural Machines; from their practical knowledge of the business in all its branches, and combining cheapness with durability and finish, they hope to merit a share of public patronage.

MILL CASTINGS of every description made to order, and repairs of every kind of Machinery attended to with punctuality and despatch. Cooking, Box, and Parlour Stoves, on hand.

N. B.—A Registration has been applied to the Patent Office for the Plough. May 16, 1859. 36 f BROCKVILLE & OTTAWA RAILWAY.

QUEEN'S BIRTH DAY. GRAND PLEASURE EXCURSION. A grand tour to Brockville, to visit in the celebration of Her Majesty's birth day. On which occasion the Brockville Rifle Company, the Brockville and Perth Fire Companies and the BROCKVILLE TERRIBLES will parade in full force: To be followed in the evening by a Torch-light procession and FIREWORKS.

The Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company will afford an opportunity to Her Majesty's loyal subjects to join in the celebration of Her Majesty's birth day.

On Tuesday, the 24th inst., an excursion train will leave Perth for Brockville and intermediate stations as follows: Fare to and from Leave Perth at 8.30 a.m. Fare to and from Brockville,..... do \$1.00 " Pike Falls 8.50..... do 90 " Smith Falls 9.20..... do 80 " Storey's 9.30..... do 75 " Irish Creek 9.45..... do 70 " Wolford 10.00..... do 50 " Belts 10.15..... do 50 " Jolly's 10.20..... do 45 " Bellamy's 10.30..... do 40 " Clarke's 10.40..... do 30 " Picket St. 10.45..... do 25 arriving at Brockville 11.10 a.m.

Returning will leave Brockville at 4.50 p.m., and 10.30 p.m. ROBERT WATSON, Managing Director B. & O. Railway.

NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS. PLANS AND DESIGNS FOR THE Several Public Buildings proposed to be erected in the city of Ottawa, addressed to the Honble. Commissioner of Public Works, will be received up to the FIRST DAY OF AUGUST NEXT, at the Office of the Department of Public Works.

THEY ARE TO COMPRISE— 1st. Elevations, Plans, Sections, Longitudinal and Transverse, Specification and estimate of Buildings for the Provincial Parliament and Library, the latter to be fire-proof. 2nd. Elevations, Plans, and Sections with Specifications and Estimate of the Buildings for the Public Departments. 3rd. Elevations, Plans, and Sections, with Specifications and Estimate of the residence for the Governor General, with all the requisite out-offices, &c. 4th. For the most approved sets of designs for the Parliament Buildings, £2000 to be awarded as the First Premium, and £100 as the Second. For the Government House, £100 will be awarded as the First Premium, and £50 as the Second.

The plans selected to become the property of the Commissioner of Public Works, with neatly pointed joints, and out stone quoins, window dressings, cornices and moldings, the material being found in the vicinity of the City of Ottawa; interior walls to be of brick-work. The Commissioner of Public Works, with a due regard to ample accommodation, and the most approved arrangements for ventilation and heating, limits the expenditure on these Public Buildings to the following outlay: For Parliamentary Buildings,..... \$300,000 Government House and Offices,..... 100,000 Due provisions to be made for the supply of Water, Gas, &c. &c. The Drawings are to have a motto attached thereto, accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name and address of the competitor, only to be opened upon a selection of designs answering to the motto aforesaid. All information as to the sites for the Buildings, their size, the number of rooms, &c. &c., necessary to the preparation of the Plans can be obtained at the Office of the Department of Public Works. JOHN ROSE, Commissioner of Public Works, Department of Public Works, Toronto, May 7, 1859. 36 i

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