

NEWS.

**RAILROAD FROM MONTREAL TO OHTLAND.**—We learn with regret that the directors of this road have decided to proceed to law, and that the shareholders who have not paid are compelled to receive a dividend in the number of shares. The works are commenced between the stations of Beauharnois and the Richelieu, all the materials for the bridge are purchased; the iron is also purchased, and must be paid for, and it is here, that they will not pay. What a disgrace for Montreal! The little town of Portland has nearly thirty miles completed, and the shareholders there, came themselves to the office to pay the demands upon them; here, they must be contented, and yet they will not pay. Must it then be abandoned, and the reason be given, that Montreal is in a state of bankruptcy? There appears to be no other alternative.—*Minerva.*

**ACCIDENT.**—About eleven o'clock last evening, private John Watt, 93d Highlanders, who was on sentinal duty on St. Charles' Battery (where the mortars are placed) inadvertently walked over the wall, and was precipitated into the street below, a height of between 90 and 100 feet. The relief going round found his firelock in the sentry box, and guessing the cause of his disappearance from his post, went in search of him. He was met coming through Palace-Gate, and immediately conducted to hospital, whether he proceeded on foot. His skull is said to be badly fractured, and we hear that a fatal result is apprehended. Watt is an old soldier, having been about nineteen years in the service.—*Quebec Courier, 5th instant.*

**THE THREATENED DUEL.**—A difference of some trivial kind lately occurred here, between two amateur performers at the Lyceum Theatre, which ended in a blow—the blow brought on something like a challenge, and as it was not immediately taken up, the second of the challenger so provoked the other party that he challenged the second, and the second and one of the original parties went to the field, leaving out the other principal in the quarrel. All was arranged, when the challenger very wisely walked up to the challenged, and apologized. Here the matter would have ended, but a contemporary (the *Canadian*) having published the particulars, the Editor of that paper has been challenged by the person who had apologized on the field. We would not have noticed this affair at all, excepting to express our unqualified disapprobation and perfect contempt for the practice of duelling. Of all the follies that man has ever been addicted to, there is no one so utterly foolish and absurd as that of duelling. It is inexplicably wicked, and it is incomprehensibly silly, for it determines nothing, but leaves the matter in dispute exactly where it commenced. For the credit of our rising city, we hope this practice will be discouraged by every man of influence and respectability in the community.—*Toronto Banner.*

At New Brunswick, it is said that a sum of \$3,000 has been placed at the disposition of the Executive for the purpose of assisting the emigrants who may arrive in a state of destitution in the approaching season.

The statement of the revenue up to the 5th of April last is most encouraging, when the fearful calamity of the failure of the potato crop is considered. There has been a net increase of £1,533,668 on the year as compared to 1846, and of £403,632 as compared to the first quarter of 1846. An increase has occurred in every branch of the revenue except the taxes and Crown Lands; of the, the Post Office has yielded on the year, £380,000, showing an increase of £62,000; and the quarter, £219,001, showing an increase of £1,000.

A number of serious cases of poisoning have lately occurred in England, and there seems to be a fatal mania for this horrible crime.

The Countess of Elgin, daughter of the Earl of Durham, took leave of the domestics of the household and other dependants assembled at Lambton Castle, on Thursday evening, previous to her Ladyship's departure for Canada to join her husband, the Governor-General.

The total number of poor Irish who have arrived in Liverpool during the present year, is upwards of 90,000. Of these about 30,000 are supposed to have emigrated to foreign countries, and 60,000 either to have settled in Liverpool, or to have gone into the interior.

Of the many women tried at the recent assize circuits in England and Wales for the murder of their infant children, not one was convicted, although the evidence against several of them was indisputably clear.

The packet ship Rochester, from Liverpool to New York, on the 18th instant struck on the Blackwater Bank, between Dublin and Wexford. She immediately filled, and it is feared she will become a total wreck. The greater part of the passengers were brought into Wexford by the Arklow, and the remainder were being saved by other boats. The passengers, about 300 in number, were principally mechanics and lower classes, and their appearance at landing was most wretched.

The West Indian Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have purchased the Great Western for £25,000.

The latest accounts of Mr. O'Connell's health are very unsatisfactory. **EMERSON'S IRON CASTINGS.**—Mr. Napier, of the Vulcan Foundry, Glasgow, is at present fulfilling an order for eight engine bottoms of very large dimensions. These bottoms or soles are immense plates of metal, including condensers, on which the engine cylinders rest; six of them are already cast. It requires several workmen fifteen days to prepare the mould for each bottom. The time required for fulfilling the order will be five months; each of these castings requires nearly fifty tons of metal, and the total weight of the eight bottoms will be between 360 and 403 tons, and all for four steamers, without taking into account the weight of cylinders and other engine appendages. It is said these are the largest castings that have yet been done in Glasgow.

On Saturday week, in compliance with a Government order, one-fifth of the men employed in the Irish public works were discharged, in order that there might be labourers sufficient for agricultural purposes.

The curiosity of the inhabitants of Southampton was excited last week by the arrival of about twenty Turkish students, from Constantinople, by the Tugus steamer.

The *Carlisle Journal* says there are at present not less than thirty widows keepers of inns in that city.

Several packages of eggs have lately been received in Liverpool from New York.

**PUBLIC SYMPATHY.**—The extent of the public sympathy for the poor Irish sufferers may be conjectured from the following interesting fact stated in one of the London papers:—All the great families are now setting a very gratifying example of sparing flour and potatoes. The Queen neither has potatoes nor any sort of pastry requiring flour. Lord Fitzwilliam, Lord Fortescue, and I believe, very many others, have no hot rolls, allowance their servants use to bread, and give visitors only one small piece at dinner. Sir James has also stopped all pastry and rolls, and though we are allowed a second helping of bread, it is not cut in a bread trough, but the loaf brought in, that there may be no waste. All the cavalry stop 3 lb. a day per horse of oats, which makes an enormous quantity.

**FOREIGN IMMIGRATION.**—A new and eventful chapter seems to be now opening in American history. Never before has there been such a flood tide of immigration from the western Europe as there is and will be the present year. There are few questions of more immediate and pressing interest to the country than the immigration of the coming season from many parts of Europe. Ships are daily landing upon our shores thousands of wretched and famishing Irish. It is estimated by one of the most intelligent of the London journals, that from Ireland alone there will be an immigration to this continent of from 200,000 to 300,000 of her people during the present calendar year. Probably the immigration from the continent will not be so extensive, but yet from Germany, especially, large numbers are to be expected. These will be healthier and better furnished persons than those from Ireland. The French and Belgian governments have adopted the following regulations in regard to German emigrants passing through their territories. Every German emigrant wishing to pass through France in order to embark at Havre will be obliged: 1. To be the bearer of a passport signed by an Ambassador of France; 2. To pay the price of his passage and of his support from the time of his entry into France, into the hands of the captain or his representatives; 3. To exhibit either to the mayor or the Commissary of police the sum of 360 francs (\$37, for each adult, and 430 francs (\$30) for each child under eighteen. The Belgian government has imitated that of France, though its rates are not so high. It requires, before embarkation, evidence of the possession of 200 francs (\$37, for each adult, and 160 francs (\$20) for each child.—*N. Y. Evangelist.*

**ILLUMINATIONS, AND THEIR CAUSE.**—A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, who was an eyewitness to the surrender of Vera Cruz, says: "The general appearance of the Mexican troops was miserable, sickening; their uniform shabby and irregular. The contrast between their and our well-appointed troops was prodigious." And for a series of victories, by our well-fed, well-armed, well-equipped army, over these poor, ragged, wasted, starving creatures, we must kindly bonfires and get up grand illuminations in all our cities. Shameful!—*National Era.*

**LICENSES IN IOWA.**—The Burlington Hawkeye says that as far as heard from, "all the counties have given a decided vote against granting licenses to retail intoxicating drink." In the county of Des Moines, the majority against king Alcohol was about 300. After this vote, the Canton Council of Burlington repealed the license ordinance, so that no further license will be granted in that flourishing town.

**The Ramblers.** of New York, a paper edited by a coloured man, facetiously hopes that the other political parties will be neighbourly, and let the Liberty party have the next Presidency, if they run a good man. The *Ramblers* says it belongs to no political party, but shall go for Gerrit Smith for President, and Frederick Douglass, the famous fugitive slave and orator from the South, for Vice President.—*National Era.*

**ASTONISHING GROWTH OF A CITY.**—The new city of Lawrence, Mass., although not a year old, contains upwards of five thousand inhabitants, and it is estimated that fifteen hundred buildings will be erected there during the present year.

**A FLOT DISCOVERED.**—Some day last week a number of Mexicans were discovered in the act of inciting the citizens of Tampico to revolt and drive the Americans from the place. We are not advised of the particulars, but learn that Colonel Gates banished them from the city, forbidding their return under penalty of death.

Monies received on account of *People's Magazine and Weekly Journal*.—  
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	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
ASHES, Pots, per cwt	17	3	27	6	PEASE, .....	nominal.			
Pearls, .....	27	0	27	3	BEER, Prime Mass.,	per brl., 200lbs.	50	0	62
Flour, Canada Su-					Prime, .....	60	0	62	6
per fine, per bl.					Prime Meez, per				
10 lbs.					tierce, 304lbs.	00	0	00	0
Do. Fine, .....					PORK, Meez, per brl.				
Do. Extra, .....					200lbs.	90	0	95	0
Do. Middlings, .....	none				Prime Meez, .....	75	0	00	0
Indian Meal, 16lb.	none				Prime, .....	65	0	00	0
Oatmeal, bl., 22 1/2 lb.	33	0	34	0	Cargo, .....	00	0	00	0
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.					BUTTER, per lb. ...	7	0	0	8
Best, 60lbs.	none								
Do. L.C. per min.	nominal.								
BARLEY, Minot, ...	3	7	3	9					
OATS, " .....	2	6	2	7					

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