

ertion for putting things into such a state of forwardness, so as to enable them to complete this desirable work early in the ensuing season; but until that is effected, the distance from town to the Dock No 4, is so short, as to render it only a pleasant walk to where the passage boat will ply from; in time to meet the Steam Boat *Pesverance* previous to her departure from Lachine to the Cascades.

*Awful Warning.*—A few days ago a child between 4 and 5 years of age, the son of Mr. Moore, clerk to the Brigade Major, got out of bed, and perceiving a decanter with spirits drank a sufficient quantity to cause his death on the following evening. The most skilful medical aid was procured, but every effort to save the life of the poor child proved unavailing.

A Soldier in a state of intoxication fell from a window two stories high a short time since, and was killed.

*Providential Escape.*—On Sunday morning 29th a lad about thirteen years old went through a trap door of the three story brick house in St. François Xavier Street, occupied by Mr. Merckel, and when in the act of reaching towards a shed only a short distance from the place where he stood, he lost his balance, and fell on the roof of the shed, from which he rolled to the roof of another house still lower, and fell into the yard in rear; the only injury which he received in his fall was a slight bruise on his head, and another on his elbow.

*Ordination.*—On Sunday 1st the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Christmas, took place, in St. Andrews Church, St. Peter street. The ceremony was performed by the Presbytery of New York, who had come here on purpose; the Congregation being it appears under them. The Church was crowded to excess to witness this unusual spectacle in Canada—and we understand that some excellent and appropriate discourses were preached on the occasion.

A Society has lately been formed in this city amongst the *Law Students*, for the very laudable purpose of discussing Legal questions, &c. and that they intend adopting a *Costume* peculiar to themselves. We wish them every success which their endeavours to promote the respectability of the profession and their own prospects in life so eminently deserve.

*Shop Breaking.*—On Wednesday evening 25th the Store of Messrs. McKenzie, Bethune & Co. on the quay, was broken open while the Clerk was absent at the Circus. The desks in the Counting room were forced open, and 28l. taken from one of them. Above stairs the drawers of Mr. McKenzie's desk was attempted, and some trunks forced, but no money being found, nothing was taken. Cash seemed to be their sole object.

The Iron door being locked on the outside, consequently the inner hooks were not fast, and the under part of the door was bent so as to admit one of the gang who must have let in the others by the Counting room window. While there, they were very industrious, for the house was completely ransacked.

The same evening, a Hat Store belonging to Mr. Bagg, of this city, situated in the Old Market, was broken into, and an attempt at robbery made, which was fortunately prevented in the following manner. Two young men, who it appears, slept in the store, happened to enter it at the moment the thief was preparing to carry off his booty. The latter thinking to escape discovery in the dark, retired to a corner to be snug; but unfortunately for him, he happened to skulk into the very place where their matches were kept, and where he was found by the young man when groping about for a match to light his candle. The youth immediately gave the alarm to his companion; but the depredator escaped in the dark. On a light being procured, several fine hats were found packed up for removal, but nothing was missing.

*Burglary and Robbery.*—The shop of Mr. Chalmers, Boot Maker, in Notre Dame Street was broken into, and robbed of a quantity of Boots, Shoes, &c. to the amount of about 50 dollars.

*Suicide.*—On the 17th, the wife of a man named Proulx, at Pointe aux Trembles, hung herself in the garret of their residence. She had before made frequent attempts to terminate her existence by drowning; and, on the evening previous to the day on which she committed the fatal act, she offered money to her servant to induce her to assist her in so doing. This is the fourth or fifth suicide which has been committed by persons of the same family. The Coroner's Jury brought in a verdict of *Insanity*.