

MONTREAL, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1856.

That the Montreal Post does not advocate... follows in the footsteps of the... in its opposition to commerce, it is to be regretted; for we do believe that its position is a land whose...

It would not be fair to enter the arena for their cruelty, with which the Post always remarks, to examine them too minutely; nor becoming on our part, to shrink from grappling with what its statements we do understand, because it has threatened to pour out upon us the full force of its wrath at some future period. We are not so abjectly vain as to be flattered with the prospect of triumphing over any contemporary; nor so distrustful of the strength of our position, as to dread the assaults of any opponents. Our intentions in agitating the question are most patriotic; the common weal is our sole object; and we are certain that if, of the other important questions, who while it has been had been properly understood and honestly stated upon by the masses who have all along been misleading the people, the country would at this moment have been far more flourishing than it can boast of being.

Let not our views be wilfully misrepresented by the Post or its allies. In all questions of this kind, and in that of every other, we hold that the interests of this country ought to be mainly looked to. We are conscious of the importance of the circumstance that "our home is in Canada and not in Europe;" and the matter in dispute is concerning the way in which that home can best be made the scene of comfort and prosperity. The parties would build a wall around our boundaries and exclude us from intercourse with the rest of the world, and from the use of all those useful articles which are supplied by commerce. We, on the contrary, would seek intercourse with all the world, and seek to exchange our products for those of every clime; that could in any way minister to innocent enjoyment, physical or mental.

The Post, like its allies, takes for granted that commerce is fast leading this country to ruin. "It," it says, "the commercial transactions of the day are of no advantage to us; but are rather impeding this beautiful land, every good man and true, will endeavor to make it a matter of investigation, of the interests of a few individuals, or even his own, to the contrary notwithstanding."

Now we only want proof of what is here intimated, of the impending ruin, and we are to become a convert to the prior view. But, never was there a more groundless assumption than the basis of this intemperate reasoning. The agricultural lands are the only portions of this colony which exhibit unequivocal symptoms of decay and premature old age. But, most assuredly this melancholy state of things does not arise from commerce, but from the want of it. Had the habitues been animated by the spirit of enterprise, instead of an obstinate determination to adhere to the absurd usages of their progenitors; if they had not blindly followed a wretched system of agriculture, by which the soil has been exhausted, their affairs would have been as prosperous as they are now declining and wasting irretrievably into ruin. So much is this the case, that those Statesmen which would be the granaries of Canada, scarce produce enough to support comfortably the population, which had been vegetating and increasing on the same spots for generations.

Let the patriots prove that commerce is prejudicial to the public good, and we will join the Anti-Importation Society.

WILLIAM New York Annual Register for 1856, a publication that generally contains more interesting and accurate statistical information than any other issued on this continent has just made its appearance. The statistics from the various departments of manufactures in the State of New York, the estimates give us a remarkably full view of the industry and enterprise of the State. It is a fact well known to all, and which ought to be generally recognized, that the progress of the State, and the welfare of the people, are in a very great measure dependent on the state of the manufactures, and that fully one-third of all the manufactures is employed in the preparation of flour.

It is for this reason that there is less capital employed in the cotton factories, although the raw material is produced in the United States, than in the woolen manufactures. It is, in fact, the cotton factories of the United States, that are the most successful in the production of the raw materials used in manufactures. These they export, and receive...

in return a proportion of the articles into which they have been made by foreign skill and capital; and any attempt to change this natural order invariably produces loss to the country which is made the subject of the complaint. The experience of the United States indisputably proves this, and their statements are best evidence to break down all artificial barriers which prevent capital from flowing into the channels where it can be most profitably employed.

Our anti-importationists must consider it a mighty evil that our Republican neighbors, although they grow the cotton and export it, are yet compelled to go into the British market and purchase cotton goods which have been made from their own produce. Under the influence of such liberal and false notions of trade as our Parties have, continued efforts for more than twenty years have been made in the United States to prevent the manufacture of this article and foster importation; but they signify little in their objects, and will all of a sudden be abandoned, and the cotton will be freely imported, and the tariff in relation to the manufacture of this article will be removed.

Summary of Manufacturers in the State of New York according to the census of 1855.

Table with 2 columns: Name of Manufacturer, Value of Capital, Value of Product. Includes entries for John A. King, J. B. King, etc.

Value of improved Land, Value of unimproved Land, Value of other property, etc. Total value of property in the State of New York for 1855.

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rent for the space of ten years, with a claim to the agreement empowering the lessee to bore and sell themselves any valuable treasure that might be concealed underground. The result of the speculation is turned out to have most probably over to the lessee. The beds, which are situated on the shore, are nearly inexhaustible, and composed generally of pure metal. Hundreds of tons have already been sent to New York, to undergo the refining process. In Tennessee, who handed us a specimen which was found in the office, purchased in sight of a share for \$2,500, and the next day was offered \$30,000 for his bargain. Late some neighbourhood there have been some works in operation for some years. An abundance of coal is supposed to be in the vicinity, several specimens having been found.

The body of Mr. MALLET's body, which had been missing since last Monday week, was found on Monday morning, lying in the River des Prairies, at the foot of the Ste. Anne. An inquest was held by the body of Mr. LA PIERRE, Captain of militia, and a jury of laymen, who returned a verdict of "found drowned" after which the body was decently interred in the burying ground of the Parish Church. On Mr. Mallet's person were found his gold watch, watch chain, and a pocket square. There can be no doubt that the deceased committed suicide by the use of temporary arrangements, it having been ascertained by his friends, that he appears to have been depressed for some days previous to his disappearance. Mr. Mallet was a native of Oxfordshire, England, had resided here for four or five years, was in considerable circumstances, and much respected by his friends, as an amiable and honest man.

Colonel HERRICK, C. B. Provincial Aide de Camp to His Excellency the Earl of Gosport, arrived in town on Monday afternoon from Quebec.

Letter begs are making up at the North River for the following vessels:—Winnipeg, Liverpool; Montreal, Glasgow; James O'Brien, Dublin; William Reid, Newcastle; and Helen May, for London.

New South Wales. From the New York Commercial Advertiser. We have received, by the Independence, the following intelligence from the colony of New South Wales, dated 15th Dec. of last year, from which we are enabled to gather some items of intelligence.

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REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK MARKET FOR WHEAT. SATURDAY, June 16, 1856. The market continues very firm for wheat at \$2.50, at which further sales have been made. Flour is advanced; sales were made at \$5 @ \$6.50, and a few superior at \$6.50.

GRAIN.—All the wheat in market has been sold, principally, we understand, to go to the mill. 1000 bushels handsome white Ontario sold at \$1.44; 5000 do, at good, \$1.37 1/2; 2000 do, Baltic white at the same rate; and 5000 do, handsome Prussia, at \$1.44; 2000 bushels good Dutch Rye, sold at \$1.50; 400 do, inferior, at \$1.00; 1000 do, Rye, and North River, 75 do, at \$1.00.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR OF CANADA.

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The distressed mother of the deceased, as given by herself, she said that she and her husband, with a family of eight children, occupied a small cottage at Herresham, near London...

On Saturday last about four o'clock, while she was up stairs, (all the family being at home excepting her husband), she was suddenly alarmed at a noise coming from the bedroom...

Shortly afterwards she went down stairs, and found the wind blowing furiously, and hail, snow, and rain commencing together, rendered it impossible for her to see the many yards which she had to traverse...

It is not known whether the deceased was in the room at the time of the lightning, but it is stated in the public journals of the morning, that the Hon. Bert had expressed that the instructions which had been given to Lord Grenville...

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Among the many modes of suicide we have had to record, the following is not the least extraordinary. A man living at Harrow, in the Borough, being filled by a young woman who had provided her with a quantity of arsenic...

Last week, in the neighbourhood of Toulon the mountains were covered with snow. This had not been witnessed in the month of June within the memory of man...

An Epigram has lately crossed an Englishman's lips, and is worth a notice. It is in the form of a couplet, and is as follows:—The lead is in the grating-house, the eyes serving for windows, and the stones for seats...

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