

MISCELLANEOUS.

LITERATURE.—The progress of literature, that is to say, the perfecting of the art of thinking and expressing ourselves, is necessary for the establishment and preservation of liberty.—Madame de Stael.

"Don't be in a passion, love," said a man to his wife, on Easter Monday. "Held your tongue," she replied, "you were in a passion yourself last Saturday." "Aye," said he, "but that was the last day of passion week."

Some men would as soon part from their blood as their money, and yet neither can be of any service to them without circulating.

A mechanic describing the eloquence of Lord Brougham and that of Sir Robert Peel, said that the former was a *bullet*, the latter a *gimblet*—the one all force, the other all insinuation.

Men fond of distinction are of course fond of advancement, and yet such men often find to their mortification that the more they are advanced the less they are distinguished.

Men who always seem to please themselves are very liable to displease every body else.

A MIRROR FOR VANITY.—Queen Elizabeth, admiring the elegance of the Marquis de Villa de Mediana, a Spanish Nobleman, complimented him on it, begging at the same time to know who possessed the heart of so accomplished a cavalier. "Madam," said he, "a lover risks too much on such an occasion, but your Majesty's will is a law. Excuse me, however, if I fear to name her, but request your Majesty's acceptance of her portrait." He sent her a *looking glass*.

AN UNPRONOUNCABLE NAME.—The following Austrian title, we beg leave to assure the mere English reader, is only one word, whatever he may think from its length:—

Oberregierungsamts lungsrathsverhandlungspapier aufsehergehilfe.

The nearest approximation which it occurs to us we can make to this gigantic word in English, is the following: President of the board of controul and one of the commissioners for the affairs of India.—*Royal Ladies' Magazine*.

MARCH OF INTELLECT.—A friseur, who resides within a short distance of Aldgate pump, has a board with the following inscription:—"Hair cut fashionably, philosophically, and anatomically!"

HOW TO PLEASE YOUR FRIENDS.—Go to India, stay there 20 years, work hard, get money, save it, come home—bring with you a store of wealth, and a diseased liver, visit your friends, make a will, provide for them all—then die—what a prudent, good, generous, kind-hearted soul you will be.

POLITICAL DIALOGUE.—The following dialogue was heard to pass the other day on a hackney coach stand:—"I say, Ned, I know your a politiskun—what's all this here fighting about amongst the Dutch and the Belgians?" "Wot is it about? Wy its about their *fundamental law*. The Dutchmen wants to make the others wear their big breeches, and they wont."

When you talk to the half wise, twaddle; when you talk to the ignorant, brag; when you talk to the sagacious, look very humble, and ask their opinion.

AMERICA.

SOUTH AMERICA. BUENOS AYRES, February 19. —War between the boundary (shore) Provinces and those of the interior, has commenced, the issue of which will probably decide the fate of either party. Many think that even this dreadful alternative is better than the state of suspense and distraction, in which the Republic has been so long immersed.

UNITED STATES.

BOSTON. BROAD STREET FIRE.—In yesterday's paper we gave a brief notice of the fire on Wednesday night, which was still raging when Thursday's paper went to the press. In that hasty notice, fears were expressed that lives had been lost. The result proved

more melancholy than we anticipated. The alarm was given soon after eleven o'clock. It proved to be in a large four story brick building, the lower story occupied as a bread manufactory, and the upper stories by several Irish families. The whole interior of the building was soon enveloped in flames. The front stairs were immediately on fire, and some of the tenants barely escaped with their lives, from the rear doors and windows. The progress of the flames were, however, so rapid, as in a short time to preclude escape, and the remaining tenants were seen at the windows, calling in vain for help to the spectators below, and exposed to the dreadful and desperate alternative of leaping to the pavement from a deadly height, or of being enveloped in the flames. A man by the name of Sullivan, his wife and child being in this predicament, the child was wrapped up in clothes or a blanket, and thrown out, and came to the ground without much injury; the woman followed, but was somewhat bruised, but not dangerously; the man also jumped out, but was so much injured that his life is despaired of. A man by the name of Murphy, his wife and three children, were burnt to death, and their mangled remains have been extricated from the ruins; they consisted of a girl 10 years old, and two boys, one 5 years and the other 1 year of age. The spectacle of the sufferers and their anxious friends, baffles all description. Another child (some say another woman and child) are still missing.

The whole number of families residing in the building was seven, who have, by this calamity, lost every thing they possessed.

THE NEW CABINET.—As the new cabinet has not yet been fully announced, every thing relating to its supposed members will be read with interest. In the last received Richmond Inquirer, we find the following letter from Washington, giving the reasons of the President for the appointment of Mr Livingston to the Department of the State.

A bust of Clinton, by Causica, a pupil of Canova, is to be made of the finest Carora marble, and placed in the city hall, New York.

HORRID MURDER.—On Thursday night, 21st inst. Josiah Randall, of Franklin, Vt. killed his wife and a son about 14 years of age. Randall commenced the work of death by attacking his wife's mother (who was at his house taking care of his wife, then recovering from a fit of sickness) with a large knife, observing to her that he would kill her. The old lady received a slight wound in the arm, but succeeded in escaping from the house, when he immediately with the ferocity of a demon, attacked his wife, who was in bed in the room, with an infant child, and gave her a mortal wound in the neck, but by the interference of his daughter, about 12 years of age, fled to another room. He then attempted to cut the throats of his little daughter—she resisted, and prevented the fatal effects of the knife by holding her hands round her neck—her hands were badly cut, and a severe wound on both sides of the neck. He then attacked his son, who had at that moment come to the assistance of his little sister, and killed him. The girl, with the utmost presence of mind, went to another room, where two younger children were sleeping, and escaped with them to the garden, where she hid them in the currant bushes, covering them over with a blanket, in which situation they remained undiscovered and unhurt, and notwithstanding her severe wounds she again entered the house, took the infant and then fled to the neighbours and gave the alarm.—The neighbours immediately repaired to the house, where they beheld a most shocking and heart-rending spectacle. Randall was seated by the fire, his son's head severed from the body and burning upon the coals—the body of his wife was lying on the hearth and her clothes were on fire.

Randall was immediately arrested and committed to prison at St. Alban's. He has heretofore been known at times to have been partially deranged, and these deeds of darkness are attributed to a fit of insanity.—*Barlington Sentinel*.

COLONIAL.

ST. JOHN.—The new Steam Boat John Ward, of 60 horse power, intended to ply on the Main River, (and which the Machinery arrived in the Isabella,) was launched at half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon, from the building yard of the Messrs Olve at Carleton. We have only time to state that she made her way into the element for which she is destined, in a fine style, and

amidst the cheers of a great concourse of spectators; and promises to be a most commodious and comfortable, as well as speedy means of conveyance between this City and Fredericton. Length on deck 120 feet, breadth of beam 24 feet, length of keel (about 1000 ft)—She will be ready to take her station in the line from the 1st to the 10th of June.

We have just been informed that the Machinery for the St. John and Annapolis Steamer has been contracted for at a celebrated establishment in England—and that the Engine will be one of 50 horse power, instead of two of 20 each, as at first expected.

A Bell of weight 1131 lbs and which cost £91 9s. has just been imported for the Catholic Chapel in this city. It is of a deep and mellow tone, and when it mingles its sounds with those of our "church going bells," each of which has its own different and peculiar note, the chime will be most harmonious and agreeable. May the spirits of those whom they summon to the House of Prayer have the same pleasing accordance!

On Tuesday last, the Tenders for erecting a Light-House and residence for the Keeper, on Point Lepreau, were opened by the Commissioners, and Mr J C Waterberry's proposal to erect and finish them for £322 was accepted.—The frame and other materials for similar buildings to be placed on the Ganet Rock, are now in a forward state in this City, and will be conveyed thither in a short time, ready for immediate erection. Both these establishments are therefore expected to be in useful operation within a few months.

A scientific gentleman, recently from England, who had visited the Coal Mines at Grand Lake, in this Province, gives it as his opinion, that were the Mines properly worked, Coal of a superior quality would be found in the sub-strata, well suited for all the purposes for which that article is used. It is much to be regretted that public enterprise has not hitherto been directed to so valuable a source of wealth as that likely to be found in working these mines, which, it is thought, at a trifling expense, and with little risk of capital, might be done with advantage to the country as well as profit to those who should engage for it. The arguments which might be used to urge further investigation into the subject, are so numerous and sensible, that we will not at present go farther into them, but trust that, as persons every way capable of undertaking the necessary labour are now here, so good an opportunity of at least actually ascertaining the practicability of the undertaking, will not be allowed to pass without some steps being taken towards its accomplishment.

As the Quebec and Halifax Steam Navigation Company may now be considered to have carried their plan into operation, and as the undertaking is one of great moment to the whole of the British North American Colonies, we have obtained a copy of the Proceedings of the General Meeting of Stockholders, held in this city together with the first report of the Committee, which we publish as well as for the information of subscribers at a distance and in the other Provinces, as for the general satisfaction of our readers, all of whom we are persuaded must take a lively interest in the success of an enterprise which must tend to the mutual benefit of this extensive portion of the British dominions.

QUEBEC, 19th April, 1831.

A General Meeting of the Stockholders of the Quebec and Halifax Steam Navigation Company was held this day in the Reading Room of the Quebec Exchange, in conformity with the Act of Incorporation, and pursuant to advertisement published in the Montreal and Quebec Gazettes, and in the Quebec Mercury.

G. Pemberton, Esquire, in the Chair.

J S Shaw, Esquire, Treasurer and Secretary to the Committee read the following Report:

The Committee of Management chosen at the General Meeting of the 1st February, 1830, for the purpose of carrying into execution the proposed Steam Navigation between this port and Halifax, have to report, that they have obtained an Act of Incorporation, under the seventh clause of which the present General Meeting of Stockholders is now convened.

The Committee have further to report, that Subscription for Shares have been obtained to the following extent, viz:

In all 569 sh. amtg. £14225 ey.

of which the Committee have called in three instalments amounting to 201 per share which have been paid both here and in Montreal with very few exceptions. The Committee regret that it is their disappointment in not having received a greater amount from the Agents at Halifax and Miramichi, although it appears that the different instalments, had very generally been paid to the Agents, yet the Committee have only received remittance to the following amount.

From the Agents at Halifax	11832	2	11
From the Agent at Miramichi	394	3	4
And from various of the Stockholders at Miramichi, remitted direct to the Committee here,	308	6	8—
	L702	10	0

The Committee lay before this Meeting an extract from the last letter received from J. Cunard Esquire, the Agent at the place, dated 27th January last, "I have on hand five pounds on each share of the first instalment of those on which no remittance has been made, and fourteen pounds nineteen shillings on the second instalment, and the moment a good bill or draft can be procured, it shall be forwarded, but up to this period neither has offered although advertised for since November, this is the chief reason why the shares have not been more punctually paid, the money being as well in the hands of parties as lying dormant."

The Committee with an earnest desire, that the vessel should in every respect be suited to the proposed navigation, procured plans from various parts of Great-Britain at an expense of Seventy Guineas,

Upon the most approved of these the Hull of the Steam vessel was contracted for to be ready to launch in the course of the present month for 5575l. currency, and there has been various extra work performed by the builder, that will in all probability amount to 150l. more, making for the Hull, Boats and Spars

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