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ALMS HOUSE AND WORK HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK, GEO. MINCHIN, ESQ.

SAVINGS BANK.

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK.

HENRY O. CLOPPER, ESQ.
JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.
MR. PETER FISHER.

There are no later advices than those furnished in our last.

A very interesting article from the *Montreal Gazette*, under the head "M'GILL COLLEGE," is in another column.

We have great satisfaction in copying the subjoined advertisement. It will be seen that the competition for three of the Medals offered, is open to all inhabitants of the British North American Provinces; and the time mentioned will leave no individual, who with opportunity may also have the talents requisite, an excuse for suffering them to lie dormant and benighted in the mind. For the honor of the youth (as well as others) of this Province, we hope that they will shew the superiority of their wisdom by endeavouring to obtain a prize. Let no one be discouraged under an apprehension that the Canadas because they exceed in population, must therefore be too prolific in abilities to leave us a probable chance of success; for genius is far from being indigenous to crowded cities; and few, perhaps, consider how much may be accomplished by following up systematically, a virtuous purpose to its consummation.

The mere intrinsic worth of the reward is not of course to be regarded; the object transcends metallic value; it will enrich the mind, "the soul's pure fountain," with an enduring favour in the estimation of the great and good.

The Natural History Society of Montreal appears to have been established with the praiseworthy intentions of promoting a general development of the talent of the British North American Provinces, not less for the sake of the interests of their inhabitants, than with a view to exhibit the real value of these Colonies to the notice of the Mother Country. We trust, therefore, that so good a spirit may rapidly spread and be imbibed throughout them, and that an example so enlightened may quickly be followed wherever practicable.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY of MONTREAL, anxious to encourage a spirit of research, and to create a taste for scientific pursuits, have resolved upon offering FOUR SILVER MEDALS for Essays on scientific subjects, thereby endeavouring to rouse the dormant talent of the Province, by exciting a praiseworthy emulation.

For THREE of these Medals, the competition will be open to the public generally, and ONE only will be exclusively confined to the competition of the several classes of Members.

The Medals offered are as follow:—

1. A Silver Medal for the best Essay descriptive of the QUADRUPEDS of BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, their generic and specific characters, their modes of life and the uses to which they can be applied. This essay to be open to general competition.

2. A Silver Medal for the best Essay descriptive of the PLANTS indigenous to the CANADAS, their generic and specific characters, their habits, and their uses, medical and economical. This essay to be open to the competition of the Honorary, Corresponding, and Ordinary Members of the Society, resident in the BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES, only.

3. A Silver Medal for the best Essay on any branch of general literature, the particular subject thereof to be chosen by the respective authors. This essay to be open to general competition.

4. A Silver Medal for the best Essay on any branch of philosophy or science, other than Natural History, the particular subject thereof to be chosen by the respective authors. This essay to be open to general competition.

The Society being anxious to encourage general talent, imposes no restriction as to the qualification of competitors for the Medals, further than that they shall be resident, or usually so, of some of the BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES, nor to the language in which the Essays are to be written.

The Essays intended for the competition are to be transmitted to, and to be received by A. F. HOLMES, Esquire, M.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Society, on or before the 20th of February, 1830, accompanied by a sealed note containing the name of the author, and a motto similar to one to be inscribed at the commencement of the essay. The Essays which do not obtain the prize will, if required, be returned with their accompanying notes unopened to any designated address. The Society also reserves to itself the right of retaining the successful Essays, as well as the power of refusing any of the Medals, should none of the Essays be deemed, in the opinion of the Judges to be appointed, worthy of it.

The Committee of Judges to whom the Essays will be referred will be appointed at the Monthly Meeting of the Society in February, 1830, and will be composed of Members of the Society, and of other individuals residents of MONTREAL, distinguished for their literary and scientific acquirements, and the Society will recommend competitors resident in MONTREAL, and those who writing might possibly be familiar to the Judges.

to be appointed to procure assistance of some friend to copy the Essay intended for competition in order that not even the slightest grounds for supposed partiality may exist.

The Medals will be presented to the successful candidates or to their authorized representatives at the Annual Meeting of the Society on the 18th May, 1830.

HON. JOHN RICHARDSON, President.

A. F. HOLMES, Corresponding Secretary.

ROBERT ARMOUR, Jr. Recording Secretary.
Society's Room, June 8, 1829.

We are truly sorry to see, in the last St. John papers, a most afflicting account of distresses in the MADAWASKA Settlement. The papers came too late to permit a further notice this week.

There will be a Public Examination of the Pupils attending the Grammar School connected with the College, on Tuesday, the 28th inst.; and of those of the English School, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M.

SAINT JOHN, July 15.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—Yesterday arrived the Brig Chance, 14 days from St. Thomas'. About 10 o'clock, forenoon, while passing Grand Manan, the Master, Mr. THOMAS ELLIS, accidentally fell overboard. The vessel, which at the time was going 8 knots an hour, was immediately put about, the boat was lowered, the body was recovered from the water, and every means which the persons on board could devise to resuscitate it were applied, but unhappily the vital spark had fled. Mr. Ellis had for many years been a Ship Master out of this Port, and was deservedly esteemed for his ability and integrity in the line of his profession, and for the general excellence of his character. This dispensation has involved an affectionate family, and a large circle of friends, in deep affliction, and has called forth the sympathy of all with whom he was acquainted.—Mr. E. was a native of Liverpool, (England,) he was 32 years of age, and has left a wife and three small children.—*Gazette*.

Among the passengers who went in the Steam Boat to Annapolis on Monday Morning, was a woman who had lately come from Ireland: she carried in her arms three small children, two of whom were twins, less than two years old, quite small of their age, and the youngest was born on board the Barque Ann, the day of arrival here, exactly a fortnight ago. We do not recollect ever before to have seen an instance of the kind, three children carried at the same time in the arms of the mother, within a fortnight after the birth of the youngest. The woman appeared to be in good health and spirits, and was cheerful and apparently strong.—*Id.*

PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE.—On Saturday morning, Mr. RANKIN, of the firm of R. RANKIN & Co., of this place, had been on board the Steam Boat St. George, previous to her departure from Indian-Town, for Fredericton. When coming on shore, just as the boat was starting, he was met on the plank which formed the gangway from the boat to the wharf, by a person wanting to go on board. The motion of the boat moved the plank, which, together with the two persons upon it, fell into the water, a distance of some feet. The boat was promptly stopped, and assistance was immediately rendered by her people, and by the people on the wharf, and happily both persons were saved, without having sustained any material injury.—*Id.*

INFANT SCHOOLS.—On the 25th ult., a class of infant Scholars, between two and eight years of age, and who had been only four weeks under instruction, together with their teachers and parents, waited upon the President of the United States. After some pertinent introductory remarks, by a Rev. Gentleman, and a corresponding reply by the President, the children were occupied about an hour in exhibiting the improvement they had made, during the brief period of their tuition. The result was highly gratifying to all present.

Infant Schools were first introduced in England—and have excited much interest there, inasmuch as they furnished a place and manner of safe keeping for the children, especially of the operative classes, during the hours in which the mother is obliged to labour, to assist in providing for the family, and also bringing the children under early and pleasing discipline, and unite solid improvement with healthful exercise and infantile amusement.—These schools are thought to be an important improvement in the early training and management of children.—*Id.*

WARD STREET.—In addition to the various improvements now in progress upon our Streets, we have to notice, that the Street from Wards' corner, near the centre of the South Market Wharf, extending southerly to PETERS' wharf, and which until lately had been but partially opened, is now completely so, and is denominated Ward-street. The building adjoining Mr. Ward's store on the West, which for some years had been occupied by Mr. HIRAM SMITH as a grocery, was taken down on Friday last, and it, with every other obstruction, is now, or will shortly be, completely removed.—*Id.*

Jamaica papers, received via St. Jago de Cuba, mention the death of the Hon. Joseph Barnes, Mayor of Kingston.—*Id.*

ROBBERY.—On Thursday the 22d inst., PETER WELSH and THOMAS DONOHUE, underwent an examination before Messrs. Alderman PETERS and ANSLEY, for robbing WILSON REED of a Silver Watch, and other articles.—Welsh is a runaway sailor from the ship James, who had been secreted in the house of CORNELIUS SULLIVAN. On the morning of Wednesday the 1st, while Welsh and Reed were laying on the same Bed, Welsh succeeded in removing from Reed's Pock, a Silver Watch—he then rumaged the pockets of his Vest and Coat, where he found two or three dollars and a silk Handkerchief; with these supplies Welsh and Donohue made off to St. Andrews, but were overtaken by R. BUNTING, in the woods, near Carleton, and the Watch found in the possession of Donohue.—They were both fully committed.—*Id.*

On Sunday last, the Barque George Canning, in beating out of the Harbour, run foul of the Brig Hibernia, lying at anchor near the Break Water, ready for sea, and carried away her bowsprit, head, &c. The G. C., immediately swung round and grounded on the top of the Bar, but at High Water, she was got off without damage, and proceeded the next day on her passage to L'Etang. The Hibernia was brought abreast of Mr. Pettingell's ship yard to be repaired.—*Id.*

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Supreme Court of P. E. Island, commenced its sittings on the 30th ult. His Lordship the Chief Justice congratulated the Grand Jury on the total absence of all criminal cases; he observed that it said much for the moral state of the inhabitants of the Island, consisting of a population of 30,000 individuals, that during a space of four months since the last term, not a single crime was committed to call for the interference of this Court; and he expressed an earnest hope that this happy state of the community might long continue.—*Novascotian*.

We learn from Kingston that the first steam-boat on the line of the Rideau Canal was launched near that place on the 6th instant. She is appropriately called the "Rideau;" and went off the stocks in excellent style, amidst the cheers of some hundreds of spectators,—of whom at least one hundred were on board. She is built by Mr. Robert Drummond, contractor, and is intended at first to pump the water out the Coffey Dam for the completion of the first Lock out of Lake Ontario, and to deepen the water in several places between the works at Bytown and Kingston, and afterwards for a steam-boat for the Rideau Canal. She is eighty feet long, fifteen feet in the beam, and six feet in depth: she is of twelve horse-power, and when launched had her engine on board. The works in the vicinity of Kingston, we are informed, are going on rapidly. One Lock will be completed in the course of eight or ten days; and the dam, which is allowed to be of the best architecture on the line, is in full progress.—Great praise is due to the contractor for his unparalleled exertions,—which must be apparent to every candid observer.—*Montreal Gazette*.

SPOTS ON THE SUN.—In looking through a telescope on Friday, we noticed at least a dozen opaque spots on the Sun's disc. They are generally small, and a good deal scattered. It is a curious question, and one which is not fully decided, whether or not these spots have any connexion with the coolness of the season. In some of the coolest summers since the commencement of the present century, similar spots have been observed in considerable numbers, and some of them very large.—*New-York Journal of Commerce, July 1.*