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For Sale or to Let, A FIRST CLASS TWO-STORY FIRE BRICK HOUSE, situated on the St. For Road, at a few acres from the Toll Gate. Possession to be given on the 1st May next. Apply to P. GAUVREAU, Architect, 142—u. Quebec, Nov. 27, 1861.

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RECEIVED, A Supply of COD LIVER OIL, of the very finest quality, which the Subscriber guarantees to be fresh and pure.

For Sale by JOHN S. BOWEN, Druggist, 14 Buede Street, Quebec, Oct. 18, 1862. 125

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AND HIS INTENDED BRIDE.

ANOTHER supply of the above, and other members of the Royal Family, expected on TUESDAY next. Orders taken at the Store of COOMBE & Co. Quebec, Nov. 29, 1862. 143

THIRD DELIVERY. SCOTCH WOOL HOSIERY! UNDERCLOTHING OVER-STOCKINGS, IN ALL SIZES.

Dumfries and Hawick made KNITTED PATTON'S ALLOA YARN, IN ALL COLOURS. Fancy Flannel Shirts, NEW PATTERNS. Gents' Cardigan Jackets, Wool Scarfs, Cravats, Neck Ties, Mitts, Mittens and Gaiters, IN ENDLESS VARIETY. Wm. LAIRD & Co. Quebec, Nov. 11, 1862. 155

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GAS LUSTRES.

THE GAS COMPANY have on hand a number of LUSTRES of handsome patterns and superior quality, and will dispose of them at a considerable reduction from the usual prices. P. PEEBLES, Manager. Gas Works, Quebec, Nov. 25, 1862. 115

CARIOLE FOR SALE.

A HALF-COVERED CARIOLE, in good order. Inquire at GINGRAS, Ursule Street, Quebec, Nov. 15, 1862. 137

NEW FRUIT.

JUST ARRIVED: KEOR MALAGA GRAPES, Boxes Fresh ELEME FIGS, Boxes Choice LAYER BAISINS. WOODS & Co., Upper Town Market, Quebec, Nov. 23, 1862. 140

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Crop 1861 Received, 27 "Ehemian," do Eleme Figs, do Flesco Figs. For sale by JOHN TEAFFE, 20 St. John Street, Quebec, Nov. 14, 1862.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

Just Received, JAMES McALPINE Old Cabinet U.S. QUEBEC WHISKY (ancient jars). For sale by JOHN TEAFFE, 20 St. John Street, Quebec, Nov. 26, 1862. 142

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200 BAGS ABRACAN, Now landing ex "M. G. MOUNTAIN." For sale by M. G. MOUNTAIN, 125. Quebec, Oct. 18, 1862.

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3,000, 2 INCH BY 14. For sale by M. G. MOUNTAIN, 125. Quebec, Oct. 18, 1862.

Landing ex "Great Britain," 200 KEOR MALAGA GRAPES, 50 BARRIS Choice LAYER BAISINS, 3 Hogheads English Town Glue.

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Ex S. S. St. George: 500 HDS. East India PALE ALE, 25 do do MILD do. Just received, and for sale by ADAM WATTERS, 140. Quebec, Nov. 22, 1862.

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LOCHFINE HERRINGS!

Ex S. S. St. George: LOCHFINE HERRINGS in firkins and half firkins. —ALSO— Red Herrings, Ling Fish, and Scotch Splidings, in prime order, Just received, and for sale by ADAM WATTERS, 140. Quebec, Nov. 22, 1862.

UNCOLOURED JAPAN TEA!

Received ex S. S. Nova Scotia: 250 CADS. SUPERIOR UNCOLOURED JAPAN TEA. For sale by E. & W. POSTON & CO. Quebec, Nov. 18, 1862. 138

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THE undersigned offer for sale the above known BRAND PORT WINE of ten different qualities. HUNT, BROCK & Co. Quebec, Nov. 18, 1862. 138—1m

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BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

BUCKWHEAT Flour, Kindred Cornmeal, in Patent Flour, in barrels; Family Flour, in barrels; U. C. Oatmeal. For Sale by J. WHITEHEAD, Quebec, Nov. 20, 1862. 139

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!!

JUST received by Express, a supply of FRESH OYSTERS in Tins and Kegs. For Sale by J. WHITEHEAD, Quebec, Nov. 20, 1862. 139

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FRESH FIGS.

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Young Hyson Tea.

Received ex Anglo-Saxon: SUPERIOR YOUNG HYSON TEA, in Half Chests. For Sale by E. & W. POSTON & CO. Quebec, Nov. 25, 1862.

FRESH ARABIAN DATES!

Just Received ex Nova Scotia: 3 BARRELS FRESH ARABIAN DATES, (very choice). Choice Extra Fine JAVA SOUGHONG, FRESH MUSHROOMS in Tins. J. WHITEHEAD, John Street, Quebec, Nov. 25, 1862. 141

COAL OIL.

100 BARRELS PARSONS No. 1, 50 BARRELS CANADA, 25 " PORTLAND KEROSENE. For Sale by E. & W. POSTON & CO. Quebec, Nov. 29, 1862. 143

POTEN! POTEN!

JUST received, Choice Irish POTEN, (ANCY). For sale by JOHN TEAFFE, 20 St. John Street, Quebec, Nov. 27, 1862. 142

FOR SALE.

STEAM ENGINES, ready for being fitted up. 1 Second hand beam Engine in excellent order, 27 H.P. boiler long, 8 1/2 feet stroke, malleable iron shaft and 6 feet long. 1 Engine 12 inches diameter, 16 inch stroke, with a boiler 13 1/2 feet long and 4 1/2 feet diameter, 5 H.P. 1 Double Cylinder Engine of 10 inch diameter, with boiler 9 1/2 feet long, 3 1/2 feet diameter with 6 H.P.—11 inches, 3 of 10 inches, and 2 of 7 inches. 1 Engine, 6 inch diameter, 9 inch stroke, with boiler 9 1/2 feet long, 2 1/2 feet diameter, with two 7 inch flues, 1 1/2 H.P. All in excellent order, and will be sold for cash, or satisfactory notes at 3 and 6 months equal proportions. GEORGE BISSETT, Quebec, 26th Nov., 1862. 141—1m

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UPPER TOWN MARKET PLACE. BEHAN BROTHERS, (Late O'Sullivan & Behan) FALL & WINTER DRY GOODS.

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THE LOWEST PRICE MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES ON EVERY ARTICLE.

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LINSEY WINSEYS, and every Variety of Quality, from 7 1/2 PER YARD UPWARDS. Wm. LAIRD & Co. Quebec, Dec. 2, 1862. 144

EDUCATION.

MISS ANDREW is prepared to give Lessons in the MONOCHROMATIC LANDSCAPE DRAWING. For particulars inquire at Mr. Andrew's, No. 4, Grande Allée. No. 6, St. Louis Road, } Oct. 4, 1862. } 119

P. E. POULIN, MANUFACTURER OF SILVER SMITHS.

SILVER SMITHS, Ac. Corner St. John and St. Peter Streets, Quebec. Gilding and Electro Silver Plating done on Brass, Copper, German Silver, Steel, Iron or Lead. All work warranted to order and repaired. Quebec, Oct. 16, 1861. 118—12m

EXECUTION OF THE MURDERERS AYLWARD.

Terrible Scene.—Man and Wife Hang Side by Side.—Conduct of the Crowd.—Immense Numbers Assembled.—The Criminals.—Dying Declaration of the Prisoners.—The Scaffold.

(From the Hastings Chronicle.) The execution of the law was carried into effect on Monday last, in the case of Richard Aylward and his wife Mary Ann. Notwithstanding every exertion was used by the counsel for the prisoners and their friends to effect a commutation, the Executive refused to interfere, the evidence given by the witnesses rendering it impossible for them, with due regard to the interests of the community, to prevent the majesty of the law from being vindicated. The facts sworn to by the various witnesses on the trial, are so fresh in the minds of our readers, that it is unnecessary for us to detail the circumstances of the murder at length, and we merely refer to it in order to show in what particulars the declarations contradicted the testimony. If the declarations made by the prisoners be true, then the witnesses have a fearful responsibility to bear, namely, the death of two fellow beings by a conspiracy so atrocious, and without any conceivable object, that we can contemplate without shuddering.

Alexander Munro, son of the murdered man, swore that he and his father were working on their own farm, when they heard a shot fired in the direction of Aylward's house,—when they went home, and were informed that the prisoners had shot their horses;—when they went to Aylward's house and demanded the horses which they had shot. Aylward replied that he had not shot the horses, but would do so. Munro then said "Maybe they are there now." The two men and the boy then went in the direction of the wheat field, upon which the alleged depositions were said to have been committed. On their way to the field some alteration took place, the nature of which is not known, when Aylward turned upon Munro, pointing the gun. A scuffle ensued, during which Aylward pulled a pistol out of the pocket of his pantaloons, which was kicked out of his hand, and Munro told his son to pick it up. The boy turned to get the pistol, leaving Aylward standing over him with the gun pointed at his shoulder, which he fired and shot him in the back. He did not see his father, but saw Mrs. Aylward standing in the place where he left the men scuffling. He went home, and in a few minutes his father came in, having a deep cut on his head. Another witness, Mr. Johnson, testified that Mr. and Mrs. Aylward passed the place where he was working, she having the gun in her hand and he dragging the bloody scythe after him, with which it is supposed the deed was committed. She stopped and told him the circumstances of the murder, showing at the same time the manner in which she had done it. Mrs. McCrea also testified to the female prisoner telling her how she had committed the deed. This was all in the presence of her husband. The witness Isabella McCrea, to whom the unfortunate prisoner refers in her declaration made in the presence of J. P. McDonnell, Esq., swore that in a conversation with the female prisoner in the presence of her husband, she stated her intention to tempt Munro over to her door-step, and back up and shoot him on her threshold, and leave him dead at her door, when her husband could testify in her behalf, while if he killed Munro, she could not testify for him. It was merely the evidence of this witness that established the malice necessary to the crime of murder, together with the terrible expressions which the witnesses swore were made use of by her after the deed was committed, such as "May God Almighty increase his pains," and that "Dick had shot young Baldy, and if he is not dead, I hope he is."

STATEMENTS OF THE PRISONERS.

There is no doubt, as the Counsel for the prisoners remarked, that if she had not furnished the evidence against herself there was some reason, that all this was false. It is almost impossible to conceive how so many seemingly intelligent witnesses, without some reason (and we have heard of none), could conspire together to take the lives of these unfortunate people without the slightest provocation; and yet such would be the case if the testimony of Mrs. Aylward is to be believed. God forbid we should say the prisoners died with a lie on their lips and in their hearts, or that the whole of those witnesses committed perjury. We leave the matter in the hands of a higher power, and if not even a sparrow falls unnoticed, may we not hope that he will judge between the witnesses and the culprit, and mete out to both the strict justice which frail man failed to do.

CROWDS AT THE SCAFFOLD.

From an early hour in the morning, and even the day before, large sleigh loads of people were seen wending their way to town to witness the Execution, it having become known that the executive would not interfere in their behalf; and by 7 o'clock a large number of persons were on the ground, and the streets thronged with men and women, hastening to the place of execution. By ten o'clock there could not have been less than 5,000 on the ground, one-fourth of whom were women,—some of whom were informed had travelled in the night from 60 to 75 miles, and were on the ground by daybreak, and did not leave it, notwithstanding the intense cold, until 12 o'clock, when the final and awful scene closed. In the immense crowd present, we saw numerous instances of young men drunk and unable to stand without assistance; and quarrelling, hooting and yelling, combined to make it one of the most terrible and heart-rending scenes we ever witnessed; and we cannot but pause and ask, what good effects arise from these disgusting public executions? Do they not rather impart to the wretched taste of low morals, than act as a warning to others. If a fellow creature has really forfeited his life, and the law deems it necessary to execute him as an example to evil doers, would not every purpose be answered by a private execution, at which only a limited number of persons were present,—the officials of the County, &c. We think humanity and justice will answer you.

BEHAVIOUR OF THE CROWD.

The conduct of the crowd was bold in the extreme, and we cannot admire the taste of the fair daughters of Hastings who thronged to witness the scene. Many were there whose better sense should have kept them away, leaning on the arms of their young gallants, and apparently regardless of the fact that two fellow beings were about to be ushered into eternity. Mrs. Aylward has since her sentence rendered herself the object of attachment to all those who visited her; by her intelligent and becoming deportment. Her sole desire was that her children might be properly taken care of. Several parties who were constant visitors to the cell, among whom is the Rev. Mr. Brennan, express themselves strongly in the belief that the murder was unpremeditated, and committed in a moment of passion, on seeing her husband in danger.—She gives the following history of herself, with a contradiction to the rumor that they were brother and sister:—

HISTORY OF MRS. AYLWARD.

"I was born in Tours (or Tour), parish of Arrpatrick, County of Limerick, Ireland, I am 23 years of age. I was 12 years of age when I left Ireland. Kelterrin is the name of the Post Office where I direct my letters home. I landed at New York, remained there a fortnight, and then went to my sister's with my brother, (John O'Brien, who is now dead,) to my sister Ellen in Lakeside County, in the State of Connecticut (United States). I was married to Richard Aylward on the 15th day of Aug., 1855, at Keypack, by the Rev. Mr

Local and Miscellaneous.

COURT OF APPEALS.

The December term of the Court of Queen's Bench, for the hearing of cases in appeal, commenced yesterday morning.

CONFIRMED.—Fishes and the Mayor et al., The People's Building Society and Sprowles (Mondlet J. dissenting); Monts...

REVERSED.—Chabot and Begun; McBlain and Oliver (Edmond and Mondlet dissenting); McBlain and Jamison—same judgment.

THE WATER RATE QUESTION. The Court of Appeals yesterday, gave judgment in the case of Fales vs the Corporation of Quebec, the case brought to try the question as to whether the citizens are obliged to pay for the water they receive, or whether they can insist upon a regular and continued supply.

The Court, not considering that the latter question was exactly raised by the Appellant, did not pronounce upon it, but merely gave the following judgment confirming that rendered by the Recorder, who held that the value of the water actually consumed might be recovered whether the supply were regular and continued or not.

THE COURTS YESTERDAY. BEFORE J. MAGUIRE, Esq., JUDGE OF THE SESSIONS. In this Court, a man named Francois Rousseau, gave bail to keep the peace towards all Her Majesty's subjects in general, and towards Anastasia's subjects in particular.

RECORDER'S COURT. BEFORE J. CHEMAMIE, Esq., Recorder. Six prisoners were brought before this Court, two for being drunk and disorderly, one for breaking windows, and one discharged.

IMPORTANT SALE OF CHRISTMAS GOODS. Last evening the store of Mr. F. H. Hall, National Bank Buildings, John Street, was crowded by spectators, who had been attracted by the notices in the public prints of the important sale of elegant and useful articles which would take place.

RECORDER'S COURT TO-DAY. Seven prisoners were brought before this Court, charged with the usual offences of being loose, idle and disorderly; six were committed, and one discharged.

MASONIC ADDRESS. It will be remembered by many of our readers that at the meeting of the Canadian Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held in July last, an address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen was passed.

ST. JOHN'S DAY. The preparations for the celebration of St. John's Day, this year, by the ancient and honorable fraternity, are on a more extensive scale than any previous occasion.

DR. DENTON'S LECTURES. These gentlemen will, on Tuesday evening next, commence a course of lectures on Geology, under the auspices of the Literary and Historical Society of this city.

THE STREETS. We observe that some of the residents of Mountain Hill, have acted upon the suggestion of a contemporary, and spread ashes at their doors, this is very desirable, and should be done in all parts of the city.

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THE RELIEF FUND.

The following acknowledgment of the receipt of the first instalment of the Quebec subscription to the British Operative's Relief Fund, was received by His Worship the Mayor, on Thursday last—

"Mansion House, London, E.C., Nov. 25, 1862. Sir,—I am desired by the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Committee formed in London for the relief of the Lancashire and Cheshire Operatives, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Nov., enclosing a remittance of £2207 15s 1d, in aid of the above Fund—being the first instalment of subscriptions in Quebec towards the relief of the suffering cotton operatives of England.

"I am desired to express the sense entertained by the Mansion House Committee at this munificent expression of kindly sympathy with our distressed fellow-countrymen.

"I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, JOSEPH GIBBS, Acting Secretary, Lancashire and Cheshire Relief Fund, City Hall, Quebec.

REGIMENTAL SOIREEES. The Sergeants of the 17th Regiment have received permission from the commanding officer to hold weekly soirees, or tea parties, in the library of the barracks.

THE SKATING RINK. This favourite resort for pleasure-seekers, was opened on Tuesday evening. A number of ladies and gentlemen took advantage of the occasion, and were there enjoying the luxury of a good skating match, which was kept up until eleven o'clock.

Mrs. BUCHANAN HALL. It will be observed from public announcement in the usual columns, that Mrs. Buchanan Hall, a lady of rare talent, is about to give a poetical recitation in this city, commencing on Tuesday next.

THE PRACTICE ON THURSDAY EVENING. The vocal and instrumental practices on Thursday evening, in aid of the Operative's Relief Fund, was very numerously attended, one hundred and thirty ladies and gentlemen were present.

THE HISTORICUS. It will be seen, by an advertisement in another column, that this talented company are about favouring us with the first of their highly creditable performances this winter, on Thursday evening next.

THE THAW. The thaw of the last few days had the effect of loosening the snow accumulated on the roofs of houses, which very often descended in such quantities as to endanger the lives of passers-by, and was the cause of horses taking fright and running away.

NARROW ESCAPE. A lady passing through John Street yesterday very narrowly escaped being seriously injured by a quantity of ice and snow falling from the roof of a house, and completely surrounding her, but wonderful to say, with the exception of her dress being torn by the ice, she was untouched.

DEPUTY REYNOLDS. We are happy to learn that Mr. Reynolds' wounds are not of so serious a nature as was at first supposed. He was deprived of consciousness by the extraordinary shock, but none of the bones of the head are injured. We sincerely hope soon to see him on his usual rounds.

CANADIANS IN THE FEDERAL SERVICE. Dr. M'gault, formerly of Sorel, has, says the Journal, received the appointment of surgeon to the 8th Michigan Cavalry, U.S.A.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS. A meeting of the Harbour Commissioners was called for Wednesday last, but no business transacted for want of a quorum. An adjourned meeting is therefore called for this evening.

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Mr. STYKE'S CLASS.—On Monday next the pupils of this class will receive their seventeenth and last lesson of the first book of Hullah, and on the succeeding practice will commence the second book. The progress of this class reflects great credit on the Revd. gentleman's talent and perseverance.

A PUBLIC BENEFACTRESS. From Rev. M. Thatcher: To the Editors of the Mercury: In your number of the 15th inst. you say, "A correspondent asks us our opinion of the preparations advertised by Mrs. S. A. Allen, in our paper;" but in the use of which, except the "Zybolaliumum," you profess to have no experience.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. THE BARQUE "SARAH"—A Gaspé Basin correspondent, writing on the 26th November ult., states that the barque Sarah, James, master, lumber laden, is ashore near the light-house, Cape Roquier.

IMPORTS AT QUBBEC. Deal, 12-1 parcels to W. H. Alexander, 1 box to J. B. Livermore, 2 parcels to P. Sinclair, 1 box to Conant & Co., 1 box to J. H. P. Sinclair, 1 box to W. H. Alexander, 1 box to W. Lanier & Co., 1 box to Capt. Travers, 1 box to A. Henderson, 1 box to Capt. Strappell, 1 box to J. Phelan, 1 box to W. P. Gresham.

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REMEMBER No. 10, St. JOHN Street, Quebec, Dec. 11, 1862. NEW NOVELS. RECEIVED A FURTHER SUPPLY OF MISTRESS & MAID, by Mrs. M. CLOUGH, 2s. 6d. ORLEY FARM (ILLUSTRATED), 5s.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! THE Undersigned having re-arranged his stock of Books, recovered from the recent fire, is now selling them off at 50 and 75 per cent. below former prices.

CARRIERS WANTED. WANTED—Several intelligent lads to carry the MERCURY, None but those who understand the language need apply.

SAFE KEY FOUND. FOUND—Near the Quebec Post Office, on MONDAY LAST, a SAFE KEY. The owner can have the same by applying at this office, on proving property, and paying the expense of this advertisement.

SKATES! SKATES! SKATES! THE Subscriber has just received a choice assortment of LADIES' & GENTLEMEN'S SKATES of the latest style, and of superior finish; amongst which will be found the celebrated SHEPHELD CLUB, HYDE & CENTRAL PARK FAVORITES, with a few pair of PARLOR SKATES.

BANK OF UPPER CANADA SEVENTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A Dividend of Three Per Cent. Has THIS DAY, been declared on the Capital Stock of this Bank, for the current half-year, payable on and after

Monday, the 5th January next. The TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 17th December to the 3rd January next, both days inclusive.

MUSIC HALL. THE QUEBEC HISTORIC CLUB THURSDAY EVENING 18th instant, IN 2 NEW PIECES.

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SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned, from now until the 26th instant, at noon, from parties willing to perform the FERRY SERVICE between this city and the town of Lévis, with steamers to be built during the ensuing winter, according to the resolutions passed by the City Council on the 11th November last.

By order, P. X. GARNEAU, City Clerk. 147-148

JUST RECEIVED BY EXPRESS, Fresh Oysters in Tins and Kegs. JOS. WHITEHEAD, 48 John Street, Quebec, Dec. 6th, 1862. 146-47

Just Received and for Sale by WM. HICKMAN, Hair Cutter, Wig Maker and Perfumier, No. 1, St. Joseph Street, Upper Town.

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