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The News-Boy of the Kingston Gazette, to his Customers.

IN the silent but swift revolution of years,
One thousand eight hundred and eighteen appears;
And, according to custom, well-founded on reason,
I bring you the wishes and news of the season.
A joyful and HAPPY NEW YEAR may it prove
To yourself, and to all whom you value and love:
And so may you spend it, that, on a review,
The year may look back with a smile upon you.

If our Papers, last year, have been barren of news,
The misfortune, I hope, you will please to excuse;
And not, to enhance editorial crimes,
Impute to the Printer the fault of the times.

The wars of all Europe are over and done;
No army is routed; no victory won;
No kingdom establish'd; no throne overturn'd;
No Poland new-sever'd; no Moscow reburn'd;
No Waterloo pomp any longer appears;
No public parade, for the fall of *Aleiers*;
No BUONAPARTE, casting imperial capers,
To astonish the world, and give life to the papers.

While the sources of news and excitement thus cease,
All Europe seems buried in dulness and peace.
And equally peaceful and dull are the times
With us in these frigid Canadian climes.

No battle or murder alarms the North-West;
The wars of the Scotch there are sinking to rest.
In this tranquil Province, we've not even a riot;
And the Province below, too, is now pretty quiet.

The new-loving public derive no more sport
From their House and their Council, their Bar & their Court;
But, under a politic administration,
Disposed to extinguish the long altercation,
Imprecations and libels and contest decay,
And the spirit of party is fainting away.

No grievance, at last, opposition can number,
Except the mere threat of a duty on lumber,
Which, after some brief patriotic effusions,
Is put out of sight, by a few Resolutions;
And those, in some places, it is but hinted,
Are not in the public Gazettes to be printed,
But sent off in silence, across the Atlantic,
To astonish readers should chance to grow frantic.

Beyond our own limits, no party debates,
At present, resound from the neighbouring States;
But *Deans* and *Reis* now shake hands with each other,
And follow MONROE, as their leader and brother.

On *Yankees* American readers alone,
I have such things as hostilities known;
And there the long contest has grown an old story,
Without much of spirit, or interest, or glory.

Let Poets and Preachers and Patriots hail

The peace and repose, which so widely prevail;
However their benefits may be display'd,
They hang a dead weight on the news-selling trade.
But, if nations wot fight, the poor Printer can't make them;
And so, as things happen, our readers must take them
In the absence of armies and battles and wars,
Give to *Ceres* the honors long given to *Mars*;
Be contented to read her exploits in the field;
To learn what an acre, well cultur'd, will yield;
To reckon the numbers produc'd from one ear,
And measure the harvested crops of the year.

Every thing of this kind, either curious or new,
Display'd in our columns, has past in review.
We have told you of great agricultural feats,
And shewn you great pumpkins, great onions and beets;
Great animals, too, that have leisurely grown,
Until in the market or fair they are shown;
Great oxen, especially *Maximus Chapin*,
The heaviest beast, ever seen such a shape in;
Among other monsters, a whale of a snake,
Which Jonathan saw, and attempted to take,
As, basking in Sun-shine, it carelessly lay,
Stretch'd out at its length, across Gloucester bay;
One part above water, the other part under,
Half seen, and half fancied, this object of wonder,
For week after week, by manoeuvres and motions,
Fill'd the *Yaukies* with guesses and stories and notions,
And quidnuncs and news-mongers every where ran,
To read and to hear and to talk of the fun.

The Kingston Gazette has endeavor'd to state
Whatever is useful or novel or great.
You have read in it lately, in more than one column,
Mr. *Gowley's* new project to make a great volume,
Compos'd of replies to his questions and greetings,
From farmers and magistrates, clubs and town-meetings.

You have seen, in addition to projects and news,
Societies form'd with honey-bowl views,
To draw forth the aid of associating brothers,
For emigrant strangers and also for others;
And, this very week, lest their views be defeated,
"The *Kingston Compassionate*" list is repeated.

As another brief year has now fled away,
And a new year commences its reckoning this day;
Remember the *News-Boys*, who trudge along,
With the *Weekly Gazette*, and an Annual Song;
And be pleas'd, to your beauty, according to fashion,
To place him to day, as a mark of compassion;
That he may print for you a little good cheer,
And once again wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE NEWS-BOY.
Kingston, January 1st, 1818.

Fortifications.
The editor of the New-York Columbian, in noticing the speculations of London prints, relative to the policy by which the American Government were influenced in increasing our naval establishment, furnishes us with the following interesting information:
"Topographical engineers are busily engaged in surveying and making maps of our coasts. The scientific General Bertrand, late of the French army, is making a tour of observation in the service of the United States. Our frontier ports in the north and west are principally undergoing great and important repairs or additions.
"On Lake Champlain, at Rouse's point, a formidable fort is erecting. During the last autumn, the water in that Lake was some feet lower than it has been known for forty years. The favorable moment was seized on to lay the foundation of the work. An eminent engineer was employed to construct and superintend the building of this battery, which it is believed, in the event of another war, will be of great importance, as a means of defence.
"At the foot of Lake Ontario, at Sackett's harbor during the last two years, a most splendid range of barracks has been erected. They are entirely of stone, and two stories high; thus affording the men lodging rooms, separate from the rooms in which they cook. They are commodious and extensive, and evince a determination on the part of government, to render Sackett's harbor a permanent and strong military post. The parade and other public grounds contiguous to it, are laying out in a manner to blend taste with usefulness. A great proportion of the labor has been performed by the soldiery.
"At the other extreme of Lake Ontario, is fort Niagara. It will be recollected that this fort is nearly opposite to Fort George, on the British side of Niagara; and that it is built at the mouth of that river where it enters into Lake Ontario. It is a most commanding spot of land, and completely overlooks, and consequently is capable of silencing the British batteries on the opposite shore. Early in the late war this fort was surprized and taken by the enemy. While in possession of the British it was much improved and strengthened. Among other things in the interior of it, a covered work was built under ground, bomb-proof, and capable of containing at least 500 men. The wash of the Lake was undermining what is termed the old French main house, a massy stone building, of uncommon solidity, that has stood more than a century, and on the top of which cannon were placed during the late war. For the purpose of protecting this building, and increasing the strength of this already powerful fortress the foundation of additional works was laid during the summer of 1816, and they have still been progressing whenever the seasons would permit. It is still probable, however, from their nature and extent, it will require one or two years more to complete it. Fort Niagara may be considered almost impregnable.
"In May last Major Gratiot of the engineer corps was ordered to Michilimackinack, for the purpose of laying out, and commencing immediately, new and additional works at that place. From thence, it is understood, he may proceed to the upper military posts, having the same object in view."
From the Boston Daily Advertiser, of Wednesday.
A Berlin article of Sep. 23, states, that after long discussions, it has been determined by the government to impose a duty of 30 per cent on all British manufactures, imported into the Prussian states.
At Toulouse, a person had been condemned to three months imprisonment and a fine, for having traced on the land the figure of an eagle!
Annapolis, Nov. 20.
Extraordinary Increase
James Williams, Esq. of this City planted one potato, from which he gathered one hundred and two thirds, weighing ninety four pounds!
In May last he planted one pumpkin seed, from which he gathered fourteen pumpkins, weighing as follows—one of 130 lb. (109, 86, 83, 59, 50, 47, 32, 23, 22, 19, 12, 6, 6, amounting to 684 lbs.

Bible & Prayer Book Society.
At a General Meeting extraordinary, held in St. George's Church, on the 20th instant, it was resolved, that each subscriber be permitted to demand, gratis, of the Secretary Bibles and Prayer Books, to the amount of two thirds of his subscription; and that each Donor have the same privilege to the amount of one fifth of his donation.
JOHN WILSON, Secretary.
Dec. 23. [30]

FOR SALE.
By public Auction
If not disposed of previously by private contract on the 14th day of January, 1818, on the premises, that eligible situation in the Town of York, adjoining the Mansion House Hotel, consisting of a good dwelling House, Stables, and two Acres, standing on the fifth of an acre, all being in complete repair, and now renting for the sum of £100 City per annum. Time of possession and terms of payment will be given on the day of sale, together with an indisputable title, by the subscriber.
ALSO,
Lot No. 19, in the 3d concession of the Township of York, on Young Street, commonly called and known by the name of Springfield, together with all the out houses, Barns, &c. standing on the premises; it being but a few yards from an excellent Saw Mill, with a new falling Creek running in the front, and but three miles from the Capital of the Upper Province, must make this property in a few years a very valuable acquisition. Terms of payment and further particulars may be had from the subscriber at his house on Young Street, and letters post paid will be immediately attended to.
FRANCIS JACKSON.
York Dec. 13, 1817. 31W4

BOOK STORE
Removed opposite the Sign of the Bible.
J. B. Cheesman,
RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the Public, that he continues the BOOK BINDING, and BLANK BOOK MANUFACTORY in all its various branches, two doors from the Book Store.
Blank Books Ruled and Bound to any pattern; Libraries repaired and old Books re-bound to match in Sets, or in any style. He has on hand, at the Book Store, a general assortment of
Blank Books & Stationary;
Consisting of Ledgers, Journals, Invoices, Day, Letter, Guard, Orderly, Receipt and Memorandum Books. Also, just received, an Invoice of Books; among which are, Hutton's Mathematics, Benjamin's Architecture, Walker and Johnson's Pronouncing Dictionaries, do. in Miniature; Nugent's French & English Dictionary, Perrin's French Grammar, and Murray's School Books; German Flute Preceptor, Smith & Little's Vocal Music, Bibles, Testaments, Watts' Psalms and Hymns, Camp Meeting do. and Scientific Libraries adapted for Children's Instruction.
All orders in his line of Business will be thankfully received and punctually attended to.
Kingston, Dec. 13, 1817. 29ff

JUST received and for sale at this Office, price 7½d. the
MONTREAL
ALMANACK,
For the Year of our Lord
1818.
Also—ESSAYS on
PRACTICAL HUSBANDRY,
Addressed to the Canadian Farmers.
By F. GREENE, of Montreal.
November 14. 25

TO LEASE,
FOR SEVEN YEARS,
A PIECE of Ground, supposed to be about an acre, eligibly situated (on the borders of Green Bay, Point Frederick,) for a Brewery, Distillery, Tannery, or a lumber Yard. For particulars enquire of the subscriber.
And he hereby forbids any person or persons from trespassing on said premises, especially in taking off sand or gravel from the beach on pain of being prosecuted to the utmost rigor of the law.
JOSEPH DENNIS.
Pt. Frederick 2d December, 1817 27

Mail Stage.
THE subscriber informs the public that he intends running a Stage from Kingston to York, and from York to Kingston, the ensuing winter, and will commence as soon as the sleighing will answer. To leave Kingston and York every Monday at two o'clock.
Stage Fare.
From Kingston to Bellville, three dollars; from Kingston to Spalden's Inn, six dollars; from Kingston to York, ten dollars.
SAMUEL PURDY.
Kingston, 28th Nov. 1817. 27

STOVES.
THE subscriber has just received at his Brick store, Front Street, Double and Single
STOVES & Sheet Iron,
And has also on hand as usual a general assortment of
Dry GOODS, Liquors, AND GROCERIES,
Crockery and Glass Ware in Crates, Linseed and Curriers Oil, Paints ground in oil;—and expects in a few days an addition to his Stock, all which will be sold extremely cheap at whole sale.
S. BARTLET.
Kingston Dec. 20, 1817. 32

For Sale,
THE new valuable stone house, barn and Lot. Apply to
HENRY BAKER.
Kingston, Dec. 30. 31W39

For Sale,
THE New MILLS on Big Creek, in Frederickburgh, in good repair, with the West half of Lot No. 25, in the fourth concession of said Township, with a small, but convenient Dwelling House thereon erected.
ALSO,
Seven Hundred and Thirty acres of Land, lying in the Township of Lochaber, District of Montreal and two hundred acres in the Township of Camden, Midland District. The whole will be sold cheap.—For particulars, apply to Mr. J. Tuttle, Kingston, or to the subscriber, on the premises.
Matthias Smith.
Frederickburgh, Dec. 9, 1817. 29-13

TO LET,
AND possession given immediately, a House and Lot with a Stable, situated in Stuartville.
Also, one House and Lot, situated by the French Church, lately occupied by Mr. Joseph St. Germain. One House and Lot, next door to Mr. Touffaint LePage. Enquire of
MONTEAU & ST. GERMAIN.
Kingston Dec. 16, 1817. 32ff

JACOB H. BELL, who went from this place to Ireland, about two years ago, requests all persons who may have claims upon him, to give in their accounts properly authenticated, to the subscriber, who will forward them to him, as he is desirous of liquidating them.
JOHN FERGUSON.
Kingston, 24th Dec. 1817. 31W3

TO LET,
AND possession given immediately, a House, containing six rooms, a good Cellar, Well and Garden; and a good Bake house adjoining it, the oven of which will hold 200 Loaves of bread. Apply to the subscriber, near the Catholic Church.
PHILIP VIAS.
Kingston, Nov. 7, 1817. 24ff

Officers Half Pay, and Artillery Pension **BLANKS,**
For sale at this Office.

FOR SALE,
BY the subscribers, a few barrels of
CIDER,
Direct from Niagara.
J. THORNER & Co.
Dec 23 30

For Sale,
SEVERAL valuable Town Lots.—Apply to the subscriber.
Allan MacLean.
Kingston, Dec. 2, 1817. 32ff

To Let,
FOR one or more years from the first day of January next, the well known Stand as a Tavern, in Sandville, in the present occupancy of the subscriber.
SAMUEL PURDY.
Kingston, 16th Dec. 1817. 29

THE
PANOPLIST,
For the Year 1816,
For Sale at this Office.
[Complete.] 28

Onondaga Salt
JUST received and for sale at the Store of S. Bartlet. 29

Blank Deeds and Memorials,
For sale at this Office.

ATTORNIES Blank Bills of Costs, for sale at this Office.