

Between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock on the night of Tuesday last our citizens were raised with the appalling cry of fire... The cause of the alarm was found to proceed from a house near the Seminary in Notre Dame Street, occupied by Mr. Girard, confectioner, which was discovered to be on fire. It was first seen by two young men of Messrs Gibbs & Kolmyer, who slept in a building, in rear of the adjoining premises, and notwithstanding the alarm was instantly given, the destructive element had attained such a height, that three houses fell a prey to its merciless ravages, before it could be checked. The silent hour at which it occurred; the length of time which unavoidably elapsed, before assistance could be got, and the extent the flames had reached before they were discovered, gave it an appearance threatening and awful in the extreme. From the same causes, the adjoining buildings were in the most imminent danger. The Cloth Stores belonging to Messrs. Gibbs & Kolmyer, which joined the house where the fire broke out, was saved by the indefatigable exertions of the citizens, and the Printing Office and Book Store belonging to Mr. Brown ran the utmost risk, being on fire in several places at different times; it was to the prompt and vigorous efforts of all who were present, aided by the calmness of the evening, and the fall of snow, which had happened the afternoon before, that we are indebted for getting the flames so rapidly subdued. Among others, we were informed the gentlemen of the Seminary were particularly conspicuous for their exertions, and kindly furnished a supply of water from their pump in the garden. It is reported that the greater part of the property was covered in the different Insurance Offices; but the loss must be very considerable, for the progress of the conflagration was so rapid, that some of those occupying the houses barely escaped with their lives, without saving any of their effects. Among the chief sufferers, are Mr. Girard, Confectioner, and Mr. Kauntz, both of whose houses were entirely consumed, and hardly any thing saved; Messrs. W. & J. Spragg whose Auction Store are partly burnt, and the Book Store, belonging to Messrs. Bofflange & Papineau, the roof of which was entirely consumed, and the property much injured in the attempt to rescue it.

There have been no certain accounts of the way in which the fire originated; the most probable is, that it arose from the negligence of a maid servant, who had been lent an errand to the Garret with a lighted candle the preceding evening.

On Thursday last, the fire which had not been completely extinguished in the ruins of Bofflange & Papineau's Store, broke out again about 10 o'clock A. M. It was fortunately got under without doing any further injury.

On Thursday evening, about 7 o'clock, another fire broke out in a house in St. Paul Street, occupied by Messrs. Stewart, Holroyd & Co. and Mr. Leveque's Dry Good Stores, adjoining to Messrs. Gerard & Co. The violence of the fire was so great, that although early discovered, the whole premises, with almost all their whole contents, were entirely consumed. The great exertions on the part of the citizens and firemen, favoured by the calmness of the evening, prevented its communicating to the adjoining houses.

We have been informed that a considerable part of the property destroyed by the late fire, particularly that of Thursday evening, was insured in the Montreal Fire Insurance Company. The extent of the loss is not yet accurately known. Insurance had been effected for £3800 in the above office.

By a letter, the authenticity of which we may depend upon, there appears to have been several shocks of an Earthquake felt at La-Chine on Thursday last. Our informant states, that it happened about half past 7 o'clock in the morning, and that there were four or five shocks distinctly felt. They were so violent as to move those lying in bed, and produce a trembling motion, and noise among the furniture in the room. We have not heard of any injury it had done; nor that it had been perceived in any other place.

In the House of Commons, on the 5th July, the following question and reply was made respecting:—

CANADA.
Mr. W. Douglas, wished to ask a question, the answer to which was of considerable importance to our settlers in Canada. His question was, whether any means had been devised for the prevention of the recurrence of such disgraceful outrages as had lately come under the notice of the House, as having taken place in these quarters.

Mr. Goulburn replied, that such means had been devised, and effectual measures taken for that purpose.

man, to practice Physic and Midwifery only.

Lieutenant Governor's Office,
York, 25th October, 1819.
It having from divers parts of the Province been conveyed to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the Magistrates have not received the Acts of Parliament after publication; and his Excellency having ascertained that the said Acts have been duly delivered at the Post Office, and forwarded according to their address; Notice is hereby given, that in future whenever the Acts shall be delivered to the Post, it will be notified in the Gazette: and it is desired that if the said Acts shall not be duly received after a proper interval subsequent to such notification, the Magistrates not receiving them will report the same to his Excellency's Private Secretary, for his Excellency's information.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Rev. ROWLAND GROVE CURTOIS, Chaplain to the Forces, &c.

SIR, Understanding that you are about to leave this country for England, we, the Magistrates and Gentry resident at Bath, in the Township of Ernest Town, and in its vicinity, cannot suffer you to take your departure from amongst us, without expressing to you, in such sincerity, our regret that we are so soon to lose the continuance of those kind attentions which you have for some time, and with so much disinterestedness, bestowed upon the Inhabitants of this place, in affording them the means of promoting their religious exercises, which had been but too long suspended. We remember the time when the church at this place was delivert of a Minister of the Gospel, and we remember the alacrity with which you, in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Willon, came forward, and amidst the necessary discharge of an arduous and more official duty, supplied the want, and with an earnestness too, that we have often observed with gratitude. It is this feeling of gratitude that now induces us to return you our best and kindest thanks.—We view your departure from this country, as a loss that will be felt in more ways than one. It is well known to us all, that at your suggestion various public Institutions have been established in this District that have for their object the amelioration of society and the general improvement of the Province, and we have witnessed your zeal in carrying them into effect. We can only hope, that, in your absence, active promoters of them may not be wanting.

We now take our leave of you, and, in doing this, we heartily assure you of our best wishes.—May the protection of a gracious Providence be bountifully extended to you wherever you go; and, if it be consistent with your future prospects in life, may you shortly be restored to this country.

We are, Sir, with respect,
Your obliged and obedient Servts.
(Signed)
Benjamin Fairfield, J. P.
Robert Williams, J. P.
Sheldin Hawley,
Collin McKenzie,
James Ranken,
Daniel Hagerman,
George Ham,
John Clark,
Daniel Parley,
Richard Warffe,
George Baker,
Isaac Fraser, M. P.
Calvin Wheeler,
Peter Dany,
M. S. Bidwell,
James Connor,
Isaac Jacquith,
Abel P. Forward,
Peter Ham,
John Dean,
John Johnston.

Bath, 2d August, 1819.
To the Magistrates and Gentry resident at Bath, in the Township of Ernest Town.

Gentlemen,
That it is gratifying to me to be assured of your good opinions, I most readily admit; but when I reflect, how little I have really done to obtain them, I feel more humbled, than elated, by the warmth of expression, which you have adopted in conveying to me this assurance.

In undertaking in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Willon the charge of your Church, I was well aware that it would not be in our power to afford you more than a very limited portion of our services. Seeing however, that there was no immediate prospect of your obtaining a resident Minister, we considered it a duty incumbent upon us to furnish you as often as we were able with an opportunity of attending the worship of the Almighty.

You speak of my efforts in promoting the establishment of various public Institutions amongst you. I have certainly stepped forward (perhaps sometimes too presumptuously) to point out what appeared to me to be calculated to advance the good of society and the improvement of the Province—but on this account I cannot consider myself as having any claim for the smallest meed of approbation—seeing that I have but barely discharged the duties of a fellow-subject.
I thank you from my heart for your parting good wishes, and in bidding you farewell, beg to assure you, that wherever I may be, I shall ever feel a deep interest in all

that concerns this portion of His Majesty's dominions.

Believe me, Gentlemen,
Ever to remain,
Your faithful and Ob't. Servant,
R. G. CURTOIS.

FOR THE KINGSTON CHRONICLE.

Messrs. Editors,
Society is at all times subject to many evils which we cannot remove, and to many annoyances which we cannot correct, but there are many existing which with ease we might remedy.

The annoyance, to the correction of which I wish to turn your readers' attention is so frequent, and at the same time so truly unpleasant, that I am sorry and surprised some able pen had not been exercised to put a stop to it.—You, Messrs. Editors, must have remarked every Sunday the number of dogs in Church, which run from aisle to aisle and from pew to pew, to the great annoyance of many of the congregation. Though the noise and capers of these animals may raise a sneer on the faces of those (if any) who attend Church rather to see and be seen, than to offer up their thanks to the Throne of Grace for the many blessings which they daily receive; yet to those who attend from a religious feeling, the nuisance is annoying in the extreme, as their attention is often attracted by these seemingly necessary Church attendants. It appears to me that it is extremely indecorous, and shews a want of reverence to the Church, in the owners of dogs, to bring their four legged companions with them to hear divine service.

I would therefore advise those gentlemen and ladies who have dogs (of whatever kind they may be) to leave such favorites at home, or if they be afraid to trust them alone, to stay and keep them company.

What think you, Messrs. Editors?
CAPESSO.

We agree in opinion with Capesso, and hope his remarks will have some effect in removing the annoyance of which he complains. Ed.

FOR THE KINGSTON CHRONICLE.

Messrs. Editors,
The annexed piece was sent to the Editor of the Upper Canada Herald for insertion in his paper, but not being able to digest the many flattering compliments paid him therein, he refused it an admittance—perhaps he thinks open flattery is satire in disguise. May I request you to publish it in your useful paper, and hope that the modest Editor will not be obliged to pay the "crimson tribute to offended modesty."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE UPPER CANADA HERALD.
Nugis audere pondus.

SIR,
In the last number of your Herald I accidentally stumbled on a communication over the signature of "Brother Jonathan again," which I read o'er and o'er again—but the true intent and meaning thereof, I could not comprehend; a friend more versed in newspaper war than myself, told me it was a person displaying his wit on the painting of the door, sign, &c. of the Chronicle Office, as a retort on the Editors for a very severe remark passed on the people of the United States by them in one of their Chronicles, in the following words: "There is perceptible in the mind of every individual of the American nation a fondness for meretricious ornament and tinsel glare." The writer I perceive professes to be a Yankee, and certainly is a singular exception to the above remark, for no one, not even his greatest enemy, will accuse him of having the least taste for "ornament" in his style; his production is not adorned, in my opinion, with a quantum sufficit of "tinsel glare," and proves that the Editors of the Chronicle can err sometimes as well as other folks.

That the door in question is painted in a very unique manner, no one can deny; that it is a shameful innovation on door painting is as certain.—We should, Mr. Editor,

"Say that it is monstrum horrendum,
A great a plague as God could send 'em,
Moreover 'tis informe ingens"
Brought up among the Western Indians.—

Feeling an interest in what so concerns the public, I could not avoid remarking to one of the Editors of the Chronicle, the want of taste he had displayed in daubing his door with fig blue and starch, and the evil example he set to others in like case offending; he replied that he left the colour, &c. to the choice of the painter, who had, as he believed, been taught his trade among the people of the United States, or at all events had adopted their notions; and who assured him that it was painted according to the latest fashion in Boston.

No doubt your door looks wondrous neat,
Fig blue'd and starch'd so spanky;
'Tis what you may expect to get,
When you employ a Yankee.—

As 'Brother Jonathan' has offered his services to the *Chronicles* to contract for any work they may have to do, I advise them next spring to hire him, and have their door painted in a true neat English style; his place of residence he kept secret, but has informed me he is generally to be found in the Market—probably in one of the butcher's stalls.*

You, Mr. Editor, promised us that your paper should be as 'instructive' and 'entertaining' as your best exertions could make it—the Communication above alluded to shews how well you succeed, and many thanks are due to one who has given us so much 'instruction,' and afforded us so much 'entertainment.'—It has often been remarked that only that which concerns the public admits of public discussion, and I am happy to observe, Sir, you are of that opinion, and that you admit nothing

in your columns, except matter wherein the public is directly or indirectly concerned—

Go then, Editor of the Upper Canada Herald,
"Go where glory waits thee;"
let your best exertions be used to put a stop to such innovations. Wield your pen with the same force that you have hitherto, and

Perhaps the foe will topple under
Like rotten gate-posts struck with thunder;
But if the daring Rebel Rout
Should rashly strive to stand it out,
My next epistle will disclose
How we'll proceed from words to blows.

This comes from an advocate for Canadian Painters.

A friend and Subscriber }
to the U. C. Herald }

* Let no one suppose I mean to say, he is a Butcher, or even that he has a calf's head.

THE DANDY.
Cas'd in a Russian Belt, the Dandy
Rolls on in self-conceit,
Enamour'd of his works so handy,
And with his wit elate.
Mindful of dress alone he lives,
Self-praised for his beauty;
To pleasure every spare hour gives;
Disgusted with his duty.
At times to gallantry inclin'd—
Never averse to drinking—
Displaying oft an absent mind—
Youth favours his free thinking.

Kingston Chronicle

KINGSTON, NOVEMBER 5, 1819.

Our New York papers to the 25th ult. contain nothing later from England than was given in our last number, and are in a great measure uninteresting to the Canadian reader.

A destructive fire has lately taken place at Montreal, an account of which will be seen in our paper of this day.
A dreadful hurricane at St. Barts, which commenced on the evening of the 20th Sept. is said to have nearly desolated the place. It was supposed that several of the other islands had suffered by its violence.

We have hitherto avoided noticing any of those anonymous productions which have from time to time appeared against us in the Upper-Canada Herald, because we considered them devoid of interest as they regarded the public, and below our attention as they concerned ourselves. The Editor of the Herald is justly entitled to the merit of publishing them, and for what we know may be also entitled to the credit of being the author of them.

When we were reading his reply to "A FRIEND AND SUBSCRIBER TO THE UPPER CANADA HERALD," we did not suspect the cogent reasons he had for declining to publish "the many flattering compliments" paid to himself, nor could we then perceive the point in the expression "we are not willing to give too much weight to trifles." The Editor would have had us to believe that he considered compliments paid to himself as trifles. He is a modest man, and he therefore quietly locks up the Communication from A FRIEND AND SUBSCRIBER TO THE HERALD, after having very aptly translated into English the Latin Motto placed over it "nugis audere pondus," and shrewdly putting his translation within brackets, thus (we are not willing to give too much weight to trifles). But this FRIEND AND SUBSCRIBER determined, if possible, that the public should see "the many flattering compliments" he had paid to the Editor, sends the Communication to us, and though our finely ornamented door and green window shutters may be exposed by the publication of it, we have indulged the Connoisseur in painting by inserting his remarks in the preceding column. We hope the Editor of the Herald will take the hint, and not suffer his modesty to get so far the better of him as to prevent him hereafter from publishing any thing complimentary to himself, particularly when it appears calculated to correct the bad taste and absurd opinions of others.

We would also take this opportunity of observing, that we, as well as many other individuals of the community, are certainly much obliged to the Editor for the repeated admonitions he has given us to beware, how we think, and how we speak of public men of the United States, of the measures of their government, or of the manners and customs of the people of those States. We are moreover admonished to look at the federal government of the United States as an object of admiration to "the civilized world," & as one which no doubt is shortly to rule the destinies of mankind. Under this idea, who can tell but the popular Emperor of Russia may resign his sovereign authority over his dominions, and instead of continuing to rule his people with the rod of "despotism," may be induced to give them a constitution of government as democratic as that of the United States; and who can tell but the heterogeneous States of Germany may yet apply to Washington for the model of a Federal compact.

Jesse B. Thomas, Esquire, Senator for the Illinois Territory to the Congress of the United States, with his Lady and Daughter, arrived here on Sunday last, on their way to Montreal.

MARRIED.

On Monday, the 1st of November, by the Rev. John Willon, Aiding Chaplain to the Forces, Major Huxley, of the 70th Regiment, to Miss Scott, eldest daughter of Thomas Scott, Esq. Paymaster of the said Regiment.

DIED.

Yesterday morning, after a long illness, THOMAS BENNET, Esquire, Assistant Commissary General, in charge at this post.

ON Monday night the 18th inst. the Store of the subscriber was broke open and to the amount of 75 Dollars or upwards in cash carried away; also a few large cotton Shawls, one remarkable Foreign red Scarf, upwards of four yards in length, one end of which richly ornamented with gold thread, the other end plain. Whoever may give such information as will lead to the recovery of any of said articles will be handsomely rewarded by applying to the subscriber.
For SAMUEL AYKROYD.
DONALD MURCHISON.

Kingston, 19th Oct. 1819. 43

To Let.

A HOUSE in Grave Street adjoining the residence of the subscriber,
TOUSAINTE LESTAGE.
Kingston, Oct. 28th, 1819. 44w3

KINGSTON TANNERY.

T UNDERHILL & Co. Respectfully beg leave to inform the Shoe Makers, Saddlers and leather fellers in general, that they have now selected from their extensive assortment of different descriptions of Leather, and are preparing it ready for Sale, upwards of one Thousand sides of Upper Leather, from one to Twenty Thousand lbs. of light and strong sole Leather, and one hundred and fifty sides of Harness do. together with twenty dozen of Calf Skins and a number of Horse hides, Dog and Sheep Skins, too numerous to insert, and which can be delivered on the shortest notice and lowest terms for cash.
T. U. flatters himself that those who are inclined to favour them with their Orders, will find the above articles by far superior to any yet offered for Sale, having already been proved, and acknowledged by the best judges in this Province.
Kingston, November 5, 1819. 45

For Sale.

THE west half of lot number sixteen, in the sixth concession of the township of Kingston, containing 100 acres, lying on the public road leading to Loughborough, with ten acres improvement.
Also—Lot number four, in the third concession of the township of Richmond, containing 200 acres, in a good settlement, and improvements adjoining it. Inquire of SAMUEL MERRILL.
Kingston, 4th Nov. 1819 45

For Sale.

TWO excellent MILCH COWS, one of which will calve in about a week's time. Whoever may wish to purchase said Cows, will apply to the subscriber, near Mr. Adams's, leading to Stuartville.
MARK LAW.
Kingston, Nov. 1, 1819. 45

TAKEN UP by the subscriber, a stray PIG. The owner can have it by proving property and paying charges.
MARY FORNYEA.
Kingston, 2d Nov 1819. 45

WHEREAS my wife NEOMA has behaved in so unbecoming a manner, and is squandering my property, and has publicly kept a house of ill fame, and broken all bonds of matrimony, therefore forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, or purchasing any thing from her, or paying any thing to her, as I will not be accountable for her contracts or dealings of whatever name or nature, from this date.
SIMON STEDMAN.
Kingston, Novr 2d, 1819. 45

Dancing School.

MR. TOBIAS respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Kingston and its vicinity, that his Dancing School will commence on Monday the 1st of November, at Mr. Darley's Assembly Room, in main street. Hours of tuition for young Ladies, from half past 2 o'clock until half past 5 o'clock P. M. and from 6 until 9 P. M. for Gentlemen.
No spectators will be admitted, except the parents and guardians of those young Ladies and Gentlemen who attend the School.
Kingston, 28th October, 1819. 44

TO BE SOLD.

200 CORDS of FIRE WOOD, lying on the bank of Mr. Daly's Farm, a little beyond Collins' Bay, convenient for conveyance by water to Kingston. Not less than 50 Cords will be sold to a purchaser; price 5s. per Cord.
A. WILSON.
Kingston, 5th Oct. 1819. 41

JOHN DEAN

HAS just received, and now offers for Sale, at the New Store, next door to Mr. A. P. Forward's Hotel, in the Village of BATH, a general assortment of DRY GOODS,
Groceries, Crockery & Hardware,
Unusually Low for Cash,
or most kinds of Country Produce. In some instances where PUNCTUALITY may be RELIED UPON, a very short credit may be given, and in such cases only.
Bath, Aug 2, 1819. 32

A Frenchman as we learn in Lexiphanes, (whose veracity, being a grave author, none can dispute) read in a London paper, that on such a day there would be a meeting of the consumers of oats. He had read in the first edition of Johnson's Dictionary, the following definition: "Oats, a grain that in England is given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people."—"By gar, I will go and see dis strange meeting." He goes—and, being impatient, inquires of a Scotchman when the English horses were expected. "On what do ye mean, mon?" said Sawney. "By gar, I wish to see dis strange meeting of the consumers of oats: a conversation between de Scotchmen and de English horses."—"You dom'd sneveling frog-eating rascal, de ye mean to insult the dignity of Scotland?"—and he kicked poor Francois down stairs.

GAME.

The late Lee Lewis, shooting on a field the proprietor attacked him violently:—"I allow no person," said he, "to kill game on my manor but myself, and I'll shoot you, if you come here again."—"What," said the other, "I thought you mean to make game of me."