

a Tow Boat of 75 horse power, and barges of the largest class. Their Steamers, *Lily*, *Grindell*, and *Pioneer*, will come up, via the Ottawa and Rideau Canals, as formerly, while the *Stearns Express*, *Prince Albert*, and their new Steamer will be placed on the River route, for the purpose of towing down and up their barges.

#### Quebec Forwarding Co.

Next comes the Establishment of the Quebec Company, the only house which carries produce direct to Quebec without transhipment. Since last Fall they have made considerable additions to their premises, and intend making improvements, this Spring, for the security of property entrusted to them. Their steamer of Steamers and Barges will be usual be ready at the opening, and in efficient working order. This company was established in the year 1843, and is now in course of formation, as was alleged in the *Calgary Star*.

Immediately adjoining the Quebec Forwarding Co.'s wharf, is another one in progress of being erected, owned by David John Smith, Esq., which with the stores to be built on it, will, it is expected, be completed this season.

#### H. & S. Jones

Of the Forwarders, it now remains for us to notice the house of Messrs. H. & S. Jones, & Co., so long and favorably known to the Mercantile community. None of the parties have yet arrived from Brockville (their winter Establishment), but we have learned that like the others, they are making extensive preparations for a large business in the Spring, and are adding a fine new Steamer to their towing power. We have to return our best thanks to this house, for their regularly sending us their Commercial News Letters published in Montreal, named *The Spirit of the Markets*.

#### Remarks on Forwarding Business.

While speaking of Forwarders, and Forwarding arrangements, it is not out of place to say, that there is not a class of Merchants to widely censured, and that too with great injustice; for we could have the public to know that this business is affected by the principle of supply and demand as our freights from Montreal or New York to ports in England, while Forwarders are subject to all the variations of prices in labor, provisions, and wood (their principal outlay), in the same manner as a Cotton Spinner in Manchester is affected by the price of the raw material; and we are informed by some of our most respectable forwarders here, that the difference in price at times in those important items amounts to from 20 to 25 per cent, on their gross expenses. Let the public—who by the way are always ready to tell to a cent, the proper freight of a barrel of flour from Kingston to Montreal—consider this, and feel that they judge unmercifully and unjustly. It might surprise them to learn that last Fall, common steamers on the Lakes, knowing that the supply of tristitular labor was not equal to the demand, demanded and obtained the extraordinary wages of \$35 a month; the same principle held in respect to the crews of every Barge and Steamer running on our Rivers and Canals, to a greater or less extent, while the scarcity of wood was also severely felt by the Forwarders generally.

In respect to driving the carrying trade of the country through the United States canal, it is a matter of which we have no apprehension. Our Forwarders, with that enterprise characteristic of them, will meet, by improvements in the class of craft used, the improvements in our canal navigation; and we have no doubt but that their river freights will be so low as to make at all times a difference in favor of the St. Lawrence route—provided always, that the good people of Montreal and Quebec bestir themselves to erect additional Light Houses, and otherwise improve the navigation of the St. Lawrence below Quebec, so as to remove the fears now in England by *Colonel* —*Steam* owners, and Ship-masters.

We observe that the *Montreal Economist* remarks on the advertisement of some of the Forwarders, dated 11th December. We think the public ought to be satisfied with the fact that they intend to perform what is that adver-

#### Mall Lines.

We have now to speak of the arrangements for the travelling community on the River. The Hon. John Hamilton is busy fitting out the fine, fast, and commodious Steamers, the *Comet*, and *Henry Gildersleeve*, the former to be commanded by our valued friend and popular Captain, LAWLESS, the latter by Captain MAXWELL, also long and favorably known on this route. The splendid new steamer, the *Pioneer*, built at the Marine Railway last fall, and now being finished at Lachine, will be added to this line, in May. Being of iron, she will be an experiment, and we sincerely hope a successful one in the River navigation of this Province. She is being fitted out in the North River style, having a cabin and state-rooms on the upper deck, running from aft to forward without break, and is expected to be as fast as the fastest of the North River boats. Her Commander will be Captain BOWEN—a great favorite on the river. The *Highlander*, hitherto known as the fastest boat entering our port, will complete this line, and is so well known to travellers, that we need say no more of her than she will be commanded, as formerly, by Captain STEARNS, who is so well worthy of sailing this splendid steamer.

Having taken thus much notice of what is doing in our nautical world, we would remark that were we in the training, we once were in, we would walk to Toronto and chronicle the preparations making here, for the Lake passage route—but this degrading life of an Editor precludes the condition of body necessary for so long a walk, so we leave these preparations to be chronicled by some of our brethren of the Press there, with the full assurance that Mr. BETHUNE is making every arrangement for the comfort and safety of passengers.

Our limited space prevents our taking notice to-day, of other establishments.

The Canada newspapers are still much engaged in numerous negotiations and appointments to office. The newspapers of all parties seem to agree that no proposals have actually been made by the Government to Mr. Morris, with a view of reconciling the difference between the leading parties in Canada, and to induce them to join hands monotonously in promoting the welfare of the Province. Mr. Morris, it will be recollect, was *the* 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly, in the absence of Sir ALEXANDER MACNEALE, the desired result, it is Mr. Caron, Speaker of the Legislative Council, who have nothing but promises to the result.—*Quebec Gazette*.

"LIFE INSURANCE.—A practical illustration of the benefits of LIFE INSURANCE has recently been furnished in this city, in the case of one lamented fellow citizen the late Edward F. Test. While in good health, some years back, he effected an insurance on his life of \$5000 in the NACHTS Mutual Assurance Company, of New York, of which Mr. James M. Blodget is agent in this city. Mr. Test died very suddenly and the other day the amount for which his life was insured, Five Thousand Dollars, was promptly paid over to his family by Mr. Blodget.

This circumstance requires no comment from us to give it its due force. It speaks volumes of a family in a voice that cannot be misunderstood, and should not be disregarded. The advantages of the system are health and happy results—will suggest themselves to the mind of every reader, and we trust induce him to "go and do likewise." Certain it is, no prudent man who has a family dependent upon him for support will neglect for a day the insurance of his life."—*Mobile Daily Advertiser*, March 17.

To Preserve Oranges.—Boil oranges in clear water, until you can pass a straw through the skins; then clarify three-quarters of a pound of sugar to a pound of oranges, and pour it over the fruit when hot; let them stand over night, then boil them in syrup until they are clear, and the syrup thick. Take them from the syrup and strain it clear over them.

#### From the Montreal Gazette.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Connected with the unfortunate accident near Régina, U. S., on Tuesday Morning, 22d instant, by which three lives were lost, five passengers most severely injured, and only two escaped unscathed.

We, the undersigned, left Boston for Montreal on the 21st inst., and reached Franklin by railroad about 3 p. m., that day, when we met the stage agent, H. George, who agreed to send our party (thirteen in number) to Burlington, on our paying for three extra seats, allowing us to sleep in the coach, please, and to choose our own route, either via Montreal or Royalton. We reached Lebanon about 9 p. m., where we were all determined to sleep that night, and had our baggage taken off, supper ordered, as also rooms; when, to our surprise, a man calling himself an "agent," by name Loralin Graves, in the most impudent and authoritative manner, told us that unless we went on at once, we might miss the train to home this morning. We remonstrated strongly, but all to no effect, and being unwilling, we told him that if he must go, we would do so only via Hanover, knowing it to be the safest route of the two, but in this, also, he objected, stating "we had to go the way his horses went," via Royalton; to this we most strenuously objected, but to no avail, and thus no alternative being left, we asked him "what the roads were?" He replied, "first-rate, and no more danger than by road," and hoped such was the case, we most reluctantly left Lebanon, and when we reached Sharon about 11 p. m., when the driver stopped to light his lampas. One of the passengers got out and went into the tavern, and, whilst there, the driver came in and asked for "gin," but the landlord told him that he had none, having ceased to sell it. To this the driver replied, in a manner full of slang, and told him "that the next time he came that he would carry his own gin." A few minutes after the conversation he went into an adjoining room with the landlord, where, no doubt, he got some "gin." He then returned to the coach, and, having alighted, crossed four horses, and proceeded only a short distance when we came in the first hill; it was steep, with a very narrow road, and about half way down there was a curve in it; the road was very bad; he started his horses full tilt at the top, which alarmed us very much, and before many moments he came to the curve, when the hind wheels began to slide, and, in place of stopping his horses, he went even faster; and, in place of turning his horses from the hill, he allowed his wheels to run into the incline, and when the wheel struck, and like lightning, we were all precipitated making at least two complete revolutions before striking, when, alas! the groms and the极速 of despair were beyond description. None of those in this wagon were capable of rendering the slightest assistance to their companions, and had it not been for the providential circumstances of the other wagons being behind us (the only time that night), all but two out of ten must have perished, but a merciful God ordered it otherwise, for the other wagons stepped up in time to receive us, and, after hearing our cries for help, came to our rescue. The position in which they found us was as follows: Mr. Heward and Mr. Jon. Park were laying on their backs with the wagon across their chests, and must have perished in a very few minutes had they not been rescued by the very prompt and judicious management of Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Phillips, H. M. 23d Regt., and Mr. Burrill, who, with superhuman strength, lifted the ponderous load from off them, and they were saved; these active and warm-hearted young men then went to the other end of the wagon, and, after a severe struggle, succeeded in saving Mr. A. Macfarlane, quite cabbed, and in a few minutes he also must have perished, being most severely bruised, and in all appearances dead; Mr. Harrison, of Quebec, was found stunned and much bruised, and was carried off a short distance by his brother, Mr. Dakin, when partially recovered; a Mr. Baker, who only joined us fifteen minutes before, was found with a severe contusion of the breast, and Capt. Follock was partially disabled by falling on his shoulder; they received no care, and were left to die; the poor girl, Miss Hunt, and our much-endured and much-respected fellow-passenger, Capt. Leary, all dead. 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