

The C. & P. R. Railroad, which happily exists with the Portland Railroad.
To those who have doubted the ultimate accomplishment of the work, we have but to point out how, under difficulties of no ordinary character, the Railway has been thus far successful; and we can only entreat our friends, in it, and that they see this work fairly in train to accomplishment, not to slack in their endeavours to continue this diversion to the public advantage, without which it has never been visionary, to expect to see a Province paper.

We understand that a strong majority has been addressed to the Government, by the Directors of the Railway Company—setting forth the importance of the Road to this District, as well as to the Province at large. And we think it would be well if our Members were also instructed to urge this point most strenuously.

AWFUL TRAGEDY.

TWO HIGH-SCHOOL AND ONE PROFOUNDLY SKILLED.

From the *Rochester Daily Democrat*, Extra.

About eleven o'clock on Saturday night, the citizens on the east side of the river were shocked with the report that two men had been deliberately shot, in a public hall, on a few rods from the bridge, and across which it will open, in the immediate view of several persons who were passing within three or four rods of the spot where the tragedy occurred.

The circumstances as near as we can learn them, are substantially as follows:—

About half past ten o'clock three young men, John H. Allen, his brother, George, and Alonzo Mair, sat, for some purpose which we yet have not fully or satisfactorily developed. The house is occupied by Thomas Hissam, a young married man, whose sister also resides there, and his wife and sister, along with his mother, were present when the shots were fired.

They passed the evening at the house, and the doors were closed when they slept. Hissam finally took his gun, which appears to have been loaded, (as we know in consequence of their having been there before in a similar manner) and threatened to shoot them if they did not leave. They did not venture into the gate into the house, and Hissam soon returned, and found a Dr. Bushell, who were standing near and almost in range of each other. Bushell instantly fled. On examination it was found that nearly the whole charge of shot entered in and near Bushell's right eye, penetrating the brain and rending him senseless. When he heard from (one of whom that morning) he was thought to be nearly dead, and suffering from his injuries. His parents, who were called, at the first sight of the gun, were perfectly frantic. It was a horrible and awful sight.

Bushell received two of the shot, one near the 11th tier and the other above it, but believed he is in no danger. Mair was standing a short distance from the others and received no injury, although he says Hissam previously struck him with the breath of the gun and threatened to shoot him.

Hissam, though he made no attempt to escape, was detained by several citizens until arrested by Constables Van Stuyck and Bradbury. A brief examination was had before Justice Wentworth.

We receive a hasty telegraphic communication, from the office of the *Democrat*, this morning, that Hissam died yesterday, and that Hissam has been examined and committed for murder.

Health of MONTREAL.—Understanding that there have been, and still are, unfavorable reports respecting the health of the city, we do it but just and proper to give from authentic information an impartial statement of facts. The city at present is unusually healthy in its seconded population; and while there prevails among the Europeans the disease incident to long voyages, and dense and crowded crews, there is no cause for alarm whatever. We are apprehensive that such an unfavorable rumour, in confirmation of our statements, will seriously retard the return of immigrants to the City of Montreal:—

MALAKY.—We are informed that below Bayfield and Pointe du Lac, including all the lower part of Machicouche—an area of about 25 miles—there has not been seen one bushel of wheat this season. This same remark applies to the island below Bayfield and Sorel. This district used to be a portion of the great country, and the soil, in fact, is still good in the neighbourhood has been offering a market for bushel wheat, hoping to sow a little when the waters shall recede. The cause of this difficulty is that the spring inundation having been so late in falling, the ground is now wet in more than Quebec Mercury.

Facts and Scaps, original and select.

AN ALTERATION.—To-day we redem a pledge made some time ago, that of enlarging the British Whig to the size of the *Montreal Herald*, British Colonist, &c. In doing so, we have deemed it necessary to imitate these papers in another respect, that of making the publication a morning instead of an evening business. Henceforward the British Whig will be printed as usual, on Tuesday and Friday nights, but not published until the following morning. This change possesses many advantages, which, being of a personal and pecuniary character, we shall not trouble the reader with: the only advantage to him is, that instead of waiting for his newspaper, and receiving it at uncertain times, he will be sure, provided he live within the limits of the city, delivery to find it always on his breakfast-table. Meanwhile, no alteration should be made in the time of sending in advertisements, for as we said before, the British Whig will be made up and printed at night, to be ready for the morning delivery. We have not fully determined, whether the mornings of publication will be Tuesdays and Fridays, or Wednesdays and Saturdays. Whichever suit the main better will be preferred.

NEWS FROM EUROPE.—Three steam-ships are now on their way to the United States. The Sarah Gonda, the new French steamer, Union, and the regular English steamer of the 19th June. It is not certain what time the two first named vessels sailed; but it is presumed, that they are both over due. As June has 30 days, the news by the English steamer will not be due here until Monday, allowing 14 days for the passage, and one day for its reaching Kingston. The expected intelligence is looked forward to with great anxiety; the knowing ones confidently predict a great rise in the value of bread-stuffs, and will unquestionably be on the qui vive to snap up bargains. We need not caution readers to be on the look out; for too many of them were bilked on the arrival of the last news.

EXCURSION OF THE HOOD & LADDER COMPANY.—We beg leave to remind our readers of the Excursion to Ogdensburg, of the Volunteer Hood & Ladder Company, on Monday next. This being the first excursion of the season, and the route selected, through the Thousand Islands, being so beautiful and picturesque, we feel assured they will be well received. The Committee of Management request us to state, that the boat will start precisely at the hour appointed, 6 o'clock, A.M., in order to give persons an opportunity of visiting the Wind Mill, below Prescott, and the surrounding scenery, and will leave Ogdensburg, on her return at 5 o'clock, P.M.

THE WHIG CROP.—We have had great pleasure in receiving assurances from a great many parts of the District, that the remarks in former *Chronicles* on this important subject are only true of particular localities, and are according to popular opinion, erroneous. The following statement, however, is made to us, which we consider to justify my apprehension so severely. The Whig has however done a great deal of damage, and the object of the *Chronicle* must be to destroy his influence, for it should encourage such an extent as to stop the cultivation of wheat, for a time.—*Wigand's Chronicle*.

THE WHEAT CROP.—The late cold weather has had a decided effect on the wheat crop. The works appear to have apparently ceased, and we are now provided a rich harvest.—*Wigand's Republican*.

APPEARANCE OF THE PESTILENT DISEASE IN IRELAND.—We copy the following notes from the letter of the Dublin correspondent of the *Times*:—
“The weather continues most propitious, and the seasons of the year come off with all quietude and singularly healthy nature.—This is however death a day have been about the average at the sheds. Great dissatisfaction prevails at this port, out of proportion upon us, and however reasonable this feeling certainly is, it has given occasion for a great deal of nonsense to talk about, the cruelties of the English aristocracy, &c. However, the thing to say the least of it, is most disgraceful. A remonstrance from the House of Assembly is to go home by this mail to the Imperial Authorities, and described as looking healthy, presenting no external appearance of disease, but on closer examination the most virulent, prostrating, and fatal disease, and in a state of transition, a truly sickly state of decomposition; and whilst is more extraordinary, the seed was in some cases sound, and the grain healthy. This is a bad enough; but it is well to be prepared for failure thus early, that hopes may not be raised which in all human probability will not be realized.”

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