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Among the proceedings of the year, the Council cannot omit the mention of the course of Lectures on Geology, given last fall by Mr. John Finch, which, from having been numerously attended and from the manner of delivery, must have been useful in turning the minds of the auditors to that interesting branch of the science.

The Council will conclude its report by a notice of the financial condition of the Society. By the Report of the Finance Committee, it appears that a very considerable outlay has been made during the last year, amounting to the large sum of \$442 06 1/2.

The following address from the Wesleyan Missionaries, in this Province to the Governor in Chief, with the answer of His Excellency, has been transmitted to us for insertion.

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generally, of your religious persuasion, residing in this Province, to His Majesty's person and Government.

An Officer stationed in this garrison has given us communication of a letter received from his brother in India, and dated in December, wherein some statements are made relative to the cause of the misunderstanding which has taken place between the Governor General of India Lord Buxton, and the Commander of the Forces, Lord Dalhousie.

COMMERCIAL. An official copy of the new Colonial Trade Act, (recently published in this paper,) was yesterday received at the Custom House, by the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.

Halifax, May 31. We understand that several religious meetings are taking place in the Bermuda Dock Yard, and that the services of the Master Attendant will in future be dispensed with.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—On Wednesday morning at the Quarter Master of the 60th Rifle Corps, accompanied by four ladies of his family, were returning to Manchester from Ashton-under-Line, about three o'clock they had an almost miraculous escape from destruction.

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DOMESTIC.

NEW STEAM BOAT.—We understand that it is in contemplation to build a Steam-Boat to ply between York, the Head of the Lake, and Niagara; to destination, also daily one day; that is to say, from York, by the Head of the Lake, to Niagara one day; and from Niagara, by the Head of the Lake, to York the next.

THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Was opened for divine service on Sunday last at 11 A. M. and the first congregation was a very large one, being composed principally of a party of the 79th Highlanders.

THE PRINCESS VICTORIA. The attention of Editors throughout the Provinces of British America, is respectfully requested to the Prospectus issued in the Chronicle of this day.

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCE.—On the 18th inst. a canoe, in which were David Haskins, E. Manuel, Malinda Haskins, two other young women and a child four or five years old, was upset by a squall of wind on Rideau Lake, a short distance below Oliver's Ferry, and the three females drowned.

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The following article was prepared for last week's Herald, but accidentally omitted.

We refer our readers to a notice in our paper of this day, of a proposed republication of the British Periodical Essays.

It is scarcely necessary for us to add, unless from a wish to make our recommendation and good wishes more generally useful, that the British Periodical Essays from the times of Sir R. Steele and Mr. Addison to those of Dr. Johnson and Mr. Cumberland—of Mr. McKenzie and the benevolent authors of the Looker-on, include as their authors or contributors, the most distinguished names of England, Ireland and Scotland, and that of all their works, these Essays may be held not only the most acutely reasoned, but the most perfectly polished and tastefully adorned productions of their genius.

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Montreal to erect a monument to the memory of the late Hon. John Richardson.

The York Courier states that Mr. John Walpole Willis, late a pension Judge in U. Canada, has been appointed to a similar situation in the West Indies.

We have seen a new edition of the Book of Common Prayer, which contains a short service to be used on the 26th day of June in each year, in commemoration of the accession of our gracious King William the Fourth to the British throne.

A Schooner of about 80 tons burden, called The John Watkins, and owned by Capt. Thew, was launched at Hatter's Bay yesterday. She will sail immediately, having been completely rigged while on the stocks.

COURTS OF ASSIZE. U. C. 1831. The court of King's Bench has made the following arrangements for holding the several Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius for the present year, viz:

CHIEF JUSTICE ROBINSON. Johnstown District—Brookville, Wednesday, 3d August. Eastern, Cornwall, Monday, 15th August. Bathurst, Perth, Wednesday, 24th do. Millard, Kingston, Monday, 5th September.

MR. JUSTICE SHERWOOD. Sandwich, Monday, 1st August. London, Wednesday, 13th do. Gore, Hamilton, Monday, 22d do.

MR. JUSTICE MACAULAY. Niagara, Niagara, Wednesday, 14th Sept. Newcastle, Hamilton, Monday, 2d October. Home, York, Monday, 17th October.

FIVE GUINEAS REWARD. WHEREAS a person calling himself Moyers came to the Village of Hallowell, last winter, and called himself a Watch Maker, when after obtaining a number of watches in his possession he decamped taking the watches off with him; he was seen in Kingston about the 15th of April, he is about 5 feet 3 inches, had very sore eyes, wore a blue coat and took a brown camel cloak with him; he is a native of the State of New York.

THE Semi-Annual meeting of the Kingston Temperance Society will be held at the Lancasterian School House in this Town on Wednesday the 6th of July next. The Chair will be taken precisely at half-past 7 o'clock. Several gentlemen are expected to address the meeting; and the friends of Temperance generally are invited to attend.

POLICE NOTICE. IT IS ORDERED that any individual who is seen bathing in front of the town, between the hours of 6 o'clock in the morning and 9 o'clock in the evening, shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings.

INFORMATION WANTED respecting Thomas McCord or James McCurdy, from Tyrone, Ireland.—McCord has been out about ten years; and McCurdy about four. Should this notice reach them or either of them, they are informed that they have a friend, William Nilson, now residing in Loughborough, within fifteen miles of Kingston, Upper Canada, who is exceedingly anxious to hear from them.

NOTICE.—The Stockholders in Steam boat William the Fourth are requested to pay an instalment of Ten per cent on each share on or before the 27th of July next.

WANTED by the subscriber FIVE TONS OF BUTTER. For which the highest market price will be given.

100 BARRELS Rochester Summer BEER, just received and for sale by the subscriber.

BLANK DEEDS & MEMORIALS. For Sale at the Herald Office.

MR. RIDDELL, takes the liberty of announcing to the ladies and gentlemen of Kingston, that on Thursday evening next he will commence a short course of lectures on chemistry.

It is designed to comprise the course in twelve lectures, to be given on the evening of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. Additions admitted on the following terms, single ticket for the course, twenty shillings, for a gentleman and lady, or two individuals from the same family, one pound ten shillings.

Every one knows that chemistry is a very useful, popular & pleasing science. Its popularity arises in a great degree from the interesting experiments for the course of lectures to be illustrated; for without descending from the dignity of science, it can be made to entertain the most passionate lover of novelty show.

The apparatus belonging to Mr. R. is neatly and judiciously selected, and more than sufficiently extensive for the course of lectures he proposes. It may be objected, that chemistry, that immense fabric of a science, cannot possibly be comprised in the limited compass of twelve lectures. The objection is unanswerable. So short a course, can only embrace the rudiments of so extensive a science.

But these same rudiments for several reasons are far more popular and entertaining, than many of the higher and more refined departments. Much useful knowledge is contained in the department of organic chemistry, but there is too much substance in the series of subjects and in the experimental illustrations, to fix the attention of an unaccustomed popular audience.

Of these subjects it is designed merely to take hasty and general views. The following list of topics and experiments, are a very few of those that will be introduced. The cause of heat. The various natural phenomena produced by that substance. Diverse methods of producing heat spontaneously, and of causing a degree of cold sufficiently intense to freeze water in a warm room.

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