

THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.

The latest despatches from Abyssinia seem to point to a probability of a speedy interchange of warlike compliments between the British forces and the troops of the savage Theodore. The King who has for a long time been absent is returning by easy marches to his capital, while General Napier at the head of his army is reported to be only fifteen days' march distant from the same focus of interest. It is not improbable that should Theodore reach his stronghold, where the European captives groan in fetters, before the British troops can compass their safety the prisoners would be put to death with all that barbarous refinement of cruelty for which the king has become famous. There are hopes, however, that his progress towards Magdala may be arrested by one of the revolted Abyssinian chiefs, who, it is said, has advanced at the head of a formidable force to offer the monarch battle. Should this report be unfounded, should Theodore enter his capital and crush the bodies of his prisoners beneath the wheels of his ammunition wagons before the invading army could interpose for their deliverance, where will the expedition have been successful when the orders are issued for re-embarking? Magdala may be left a heap of ruins, and the best part of an army of 30,000 dusky Abyssinians may be stretched in their last sleep upon the plains, but all this would be mere, profitless revenge. Another Theodore might arise in after years, on whose mind the tradition of the retribution visited on his predecessor would have no effect, and adventurous Englishmen might again be loaded with fetters in his dungeons. What can compensate the British for the vast treasure expended upon the expedition, but the possession of the country in perpetuity, as a colony of the crown, or what could be better for Abyssinia itself, or for the world? Civilization spread in those lands over which the Roman eagle soared, and it follows inevitably in the path the British lion treads. Why should its progress be impeded, or why should a savage hold in darkness millions who wait for enlightenment, or tyrannize with the most barbarous cruelty over a land where christian rule can be easily established, and where there is now an opportunity of fixing it with permanency?

Brampton has been legislated into a town, but will not assume the dignity until January, 1869.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The annual anniversary of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School will be held to-morrow [Friday] evening, in the church. Proceedings to commence at 6 p.m. The friends of Sabbath Schools and all others interested, are invited to attend.

A young man in Beverly, named Wm. Robinson, for a wager, chopped, piled, and brush piled four and a quarter cords of hard wood, in the incredibly short space of seven hours and thirty-five minutes. He undertook to cut four cords in twelve hours, winning the wager in four hours and twenty-five minutes. Several side bets were made, and a large number of the Beverlyites witnessed this important feat.

AMAZEMENT.—In Goderich township recently "the oldest inhabitant" went out to the woods to chop. He cut down a tree, and watched it until it fell and disappeared beneath the snow. He did not attempt an exploring expedition to discover where it had gone, but shouldered his axe and went home, declaring he had not seen the like for twenty years.

SPIRITED.—Last week Mr. John Bear, of Waterloo township was passing through his stable when a mare kicked at him—the blow barely missing his head. The gentleman did not relish such compliments; so he took her out, tied her up and proceeded to administer a thrashing to teach her to be civil in future. The animal to show her sense of the indignity threw herself and broke her neck. It is said she was a valuable beast.

AMERICANS OR CANADIANS.—The "New West" says: If we may trust the appearance of the political horizon to the East and South it seems to be at least certain that before this year closes we are to have a change, and the change will make us either Americans or Canadians. At about the time when Mr. McDougall is urging upon the Canadian House of Commons the necessity of its at once acquiring possession of this country, the Hon. Mr. Ramsey is seriously proposing to the Senate of the United States a scheme which, if carried out, may make us a flourishing territory of the great Federation. The curious fact in connection with the matter is that neither party say a word about our own feelings in the matter, and it may be that just at this juncture an expression of our wishes would carry with it a weight which would be felt as at no other time, and we would advise those who have fallen into the lethargy which fruitless hope brings, to again arouse, for the time of redemption seems to be at hand.

ARREST OF THE PRESS.—An attorney at Ottawa was fined \$20, on Monday last for assault on the proprietor of the "Citizen." That was right, Mr. Police Magistrate; teach the gentlemen of the long robe that even they must respect the liberty of the press.

Eramosa Township Council.

The Council met on the 24th Feb., at the Centre Inn, pursuant to adjournment. All the members present: The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Inspector of Licenses presented his report certifying that he visited the different Taverns in the Municipality and found them provided with the accommodations required by the Provincial Statutes and the By-laws of the Municipality. The report was received and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes. The Reeve and Clerk were authorized to grant certificates to the several Tavern keepers to obtain Licenses from the Collector of Inland Revenue. A By-Law was introduced by Mr. Rea, for appointing Township Officers for 1868, which after being considered in committee of the whole and the blanks filled up was read a second time and passed. A petition from Robert Pasmore and 40 others for aid for Mrs. Sullivan, an indigent person, was received, and ten dollars granted for her immediate relief. William Johnson presented a letter from Martin & Ferguson, Barristers, Hamilton, in reference to his claims for support by the Municipality, which on motion of Mr. Farrish, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, was laid on the table. Ten dollars were voted for the relief of Mrs. Forrester. The Auditors presented their report which was received and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes. The Clerk was instructed to have the back taxes on all Lots exempted by resolution of Council, together with all back taxes paid to the Township Collector, struck off the County Treasurer's books. Two dollars and fifty cents were voted towards paying the funeral expenses of the late James Jackson found dead on the road, and two dollars for a medical account for attending Rose Ellis's son. On motion the Council adjourned to meet at the Centre Inn as a Court of Revision, on Monday, the 4th day of May next.

J. A. DAVIDSON, Township Clerk.

PRESENTATION.—Mr James McTae, a teacher in the Galt Central School, was presented a few days ago by some of his pupils, with two valuable and handsome books, as a proof of their attachment.—This is the third time that Mr McTae, while in his present situation, has been the recipient of such favors.

THE ARTHUR REEVESHIP.—In consequence of the sudden demise of Mr. Joseph Small, the election of a Reeve for the township of Arthur became necessary. The nomination took place on Wednesday last, two candidates having been brought forward. These were Mr. Robt. Stevenson, who was formerly Reeve, and Mr. Wm. Clarke. The poll will be open on Thursday the 12th inst.

THE MILITARY BALL.—This entertainment was first announced for the 12th inst., but in consequence of the military concert coming off on the 10th it has been considered that Terpsichore may find more votaries round her altars on the latter night than on the former. Youth will be in the way of enjoying itself on the night of the 10th, which it scarcely will be two days afterwards. The military ball, then, will begin as soon as the military concert is ended, and those who may desire to make a full night of it can adjourn from the Drill Shed to the Town Hall.—See advt.

HARK AWAY.—The Guelph Fox Hunting Club although quiescent is still in existence. They are reposing on their laurels, or perhaps on their fox brushes, but they will break cover some time or other, and there will be "a burst from the find, to try horse and rider, pluck, bottom, and wind." The Club received per express this morning four pretty little hounds whose deep mottled bayings the hills in this locality will echo back next fall, when the huntsmen wedged stirrup to stirrup will career over hill and valley, over ten rail fences and mill ponds, and show that they are just the men for Galloway.

The Nova Scotians will not get fat on what they received as the profits of an amateur dramatic performance, in Toronto, the other night. An entertainment of this kind was given for their benefit, the expenses connected with which amounted to \$170, and the receipts derived therefrom to \$168.

CONSOLATORY.—The Perth "Courier" pronounces the funeral oration of its late contemporary, the "Standard," and perorates as follows: "Turns for the 'Courier' amount to \$1 50 in advance." All of which is very consolatory to those who paid in advance for the collapsed journal.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. NOTICE. HAVING sold out my stock at "Bradford House" and Book-accounts to Mr. Philip Bish, all parties indebted to me on book account will pay the amount to Mr. Bish. GEORGE JEFFREY, Guelph, 5th March, 1867.

WITH reference to the above, I have much pleasure in stating that I have purchased the whole stock in trade, also the book accounts, &c., of Mr. Geo. Jeffrey. The business will be carried on as formerly in all its branches, trusting for a continuance of that patronage which was so liberally bestowed on my predecessor.—For further particulars see future advertisement. P. BISH.

N.B.—All accounts not satisfactorily settled will be placed in first court for collection. Guelph, March 5th, 1868. dw

Grand Military Ball. THE GUELPH RIFLE COMPANY No. 2, intend celebrating their 13th Anniversary by a Grand MILITARY BALL! TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, Tuesday next, 10th of March, in connection with the Grand Concert of the 13th Hussars. Hanging to commence immediately after the Concert. The proceeds to be applied in aid of the Battalion Band Fund. The Members of the Hussars' Band will be present. Tickets to the Ball, - - 50 cts. REFRESHMENTS (which can be obtained at any time during the evening) EXTRA. A Good Quadrille Band will be in attendance. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph, Feb. 29th, 1868. 1wd

NUTS, ORANGES, LEMONS.

The Fruit Depot. 5,000 COCOA NUTS: 100 Boxes ORANGES. 50 Boxes LEMONS, OYSTERS on hand all the year round at city prices. HUGH WALKER, Wholesale and Retail Fruit and Oyster Dealer, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Grand Military Concert! 13th Hussars Unrivalled Band. Promenade Concert in the Drill Shed, Guelph. On Tuesday Ev'ng, March 10, Several Amateurs. Pure Grape Wine. For Medicinal Use.

New Advertisements. TOWN HALL, GUELPH. MASON'S DRAMATIC COMP'Y This Evening, MARCH 5th. NEW and Magnificent Scenery. Presenting an entire change of Programme each evening. THIS EVENING. Will be presented for the first time here, TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM. Grand Army & Navy Dance, MR. HARRY LAMBE. Concluding with the Farce of MR. AND MRS. PETER WHITE. Doors open at 7:30; Curtain to rise at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents; Reserved Seats 50c. See daily programme. Guelph, March 5, 1868. 41t

TOWN OF GUELPH. STEAM FIRE ENGINE. WANTED, a competent person to take charge of and manage a Steam Fire Engine. Applications for the office will be received until the 5th day of March inst. For further particulars apply at the Town Clerk's Office. JAMES HOGGIL, Town Clerk. Guelph, March 4, 1868. daw 1d

Dissolution of Co-Partnership. TAKE NOTICE that the Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and the partnership accounts placed in the hands of JAS. WEBSTER, Jr., Solicitor, for collection. All persons indebted to the said firm will please call on Mr. Webster and settle the amount of their accounts, and all persons having claims against the said firm will please send the same in for adjustment. DOUGLAS GOULD, THOMAS BROADBENT. Guelph, March 4, 1868. 743d

NEW READERS. A Fresh Supply of FIFTH BOOKS, FOURTH BOOKS, THIRD BOOKS, SECOND BOOKS, FIRST BOOK—First and Second Part. AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph Feb. 25, 1868. daw 1f

St. Patrick's Society OF GUELPH. 1868. 1868. THE Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held in the ANGLO-AMERICAN HOTEL, On Thursday Ev'g, 5th Inst., at eight o'clock. By Order, DENIS NUNAN, Sec'y. Guelph, March 2, 1868. 4d

FISH FISH. Fine large Table Codfish. No. 1 Labrador Herring. No. 1 Mackerel. No. 1 Salmon Trout. No. 1 Whitefish. SALT WATER SALMON! IN TINS. Lobsters and Sardines. AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 25th, 1868. 2w

GRAND MILITARY CONCERT! BY THE KIND PERMISSION OF COLONEL BENJAMIN, C. B., and Officers of the 13th HUSSARS THE UNRIVALLED BAND of the Regiment will give a PROMENADE CONCERT IN THE DRILL SHED, GUELPH, On Tuesday Ev'ng, March 10, In aid of the Band Fund of the 30th Battalion. SEVERAL AMATEURS Of Guelph, have kindly consented to assist on the occasion. Price of Admission: Reserved Seats, 50c; Body of Hall, 25c. Tickets to be had of the Officers of the Battalion and at the door. For further particulars see Programme. Guelph, March 2, 1868. daw 1d

PURE GRAPE WINE. For Medicinal Use. Now on Hand, A very fine quality of the above Wine, made from the vintage of 1865. A. B. PETRIE, CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, APOTHECARIES' HALL, Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, 20th Feb, 1868. wd

R. J. JEANNERET, WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER, DAYS' BLOCK, Opposite the Market, Guelph. REPAIRING. The repairing of all kinds of WATCHES, CLOCKS and JEWELLERY personally attended to, and the best of material used. Just received a good assortment of WATCHES, CLOCKS Jewellery and Electro-plated Goods! Which will be sold cheap for cash. R. J. JEANNERET. Guelph, 20th February, 1868. w-1f

MONTHLY NURSE. An English married lady would be willing to go out as a monthly nurse, or to attend on invalids. Enquire at the Mercury office, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. Guelph, 20th Feb, 1868. d

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McLAGAN & INNES. HAVE spared neither labor nor expense in fitting up their extensive premises on Macdonnell-st. (East of the Golden Lion), with EVERY MODERN IMPROVEMENT requisite to the successful carrying on of one of the largest Printing Houses in the Dominion. OUR JOB DEPARTMENT. We have supplied with the most ELGAST and The Newest Styles of Type AND THE LATEST AND MOST IMPROVED JOB PRESSES!

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And are constantly receiving from Type Foundries in Great Britain and the United States such new and useful, Plain and Ornamental types as correct taste and enlightened experience may dictate, and are therefore prepared to execute all orders entrusted to us. From the Finest and most Delicate Card to the Attractive and Mammoth Poster. MORE PROMPTLY, NEATLY, AND AT CHEAPER RATES! Than can be done by any other establishment in the County. Being practical Printers of long-learned experience, and having a thorough knowledge of the wants of the community of this section, employing none but The very Best of Workmen! AND USING THE BEST OF MATERIAL.

We are in a position to turn out work in THE HIGHEST STYLE OF THE ART! And at such Prices as set competition completely at defiance. We can Supply on the Shortest Notice: BUSINESS CARDS, BLANK AND TAG CARDS, NOTE AND LETTER HEADINGS, CIRCULARS and BILL HEADS, PROGRAMMES, BALL TICKETS, PAMPHLETS, RECEIPTS, LAW BLANKS, BRIEFS, CATALOGUES, BILLS OF FARE, POSTERS, HAND BILLS, LABELS, BY-LAWS, CHARTERS, CERTIFICATES, CONSTITUTIONS, AND ALL KINDS AND STYLES OF LETTER PRESS PRINTING! ORDERS BY MAIL. Orders from any part of the country will receive prompt attention, and be so on as executed will be forwarded by the earliest possible conveyance. Orders Solicited, and Satisfaction Guaranteed. McLAGAN & INNES, Guelph, 21st February, 1868. Mercury Printing House, Macdonnell-st., Guelph.