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[From our own correspondent]

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The consent of the Earl of Aberdeen to open this year's Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, will enhance the interest of the ceremony for the general public. The exhibition association seems to be guided by a bright star in the appointment of the annual day for this formality. Every year some great man is thrown right into our hands, and the Earl of Aberdeen is indeed a great catch. People who would not feel much of an interest in the coming of other noblemen are looking forward to do honour to this visit. Those engaged in benevolent work here who have heard of his activity in that sphere in the old land will be glad of the opportunity which the 9th of September will afford of seeing him and hearing him speak before an audience. The Irish in Ontario who remember with gratitude his excellent administration as Viceroy of Ireland, are now planning and arranging some suitable scheme of doing him honour. Prominent Irishmen in Toronto have been in correspondence with Rev. Dr. Burns, president of the Wesleyan Ladies' College at Hamilton, in regard to ways and means, and that gentleman favours the idea of a banquet. It is not proposed that the banquet should take place immediately after the arrival of the Earl of Aberdeen at Hamilton, but when he has had a good rest. If the affair should come off it will probably be at Hamilton. Judging from the manner in which the idea has been taken up in Toronto and in other centres throughout the province, it is a pretty safe presumption that the noble lord will be dined.

The finding by a coroner's jury of a verdict for manslaughter against Mr. Thomas Tait, General Superintendent of the Ontario and Atlantic division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has given rise to no little comment in legal circles. A man and two boys were killed at Brock Avenue crossing by the London express. The time table under which the train was run was signed by Mr. Tait and the other officials of the company. On this fact the verdict is founded. The charge, if it should ever go before the Assizes, will make a precedent in Canadian cases, but some lawyers are of the opinion that an indictment may go to the Grand Jury. However that may be, County Crown Attorney Badgrow is regarded as having a delicate case on his hands.

The romance which has come over the heretofore uneventful life in the Orient of Halil Yousef, an Egyptian dragoon, has its pathetic side. Some people who have travelled in the East may think that the calling of dragoon is not a hot-bed of credulity, but the student of human nature must needs learn in many schools. Halil had a friend in the same business who went to England with a young lord whom he had engineered through Egypt and Palestine. When this friend came back to Cairo he told Halil how much more dignified, noble and profitable was the profession of butler to milord than that of dragoon to the general public. Halil became excited, and the next party he attached himself to, Torontonians they were, he imagined to be all lords. He vowed he would travel to Canada and return as proud and as rich as his friend. Now Halil is a wiser man. He has not seen a butler since he crossed the western main. He has spent all his money and will be forced, as he must return to the East, to borrow a paltry \$50 and sell the last of his belongings. What utterly broke down his spirit was the discovery that his pipe and nap during the noontide hour were esteemed, but as vices by his employer and prohibited as such.

Three years ago the residents of Centre Island formed an Island Amateur Aquatic Association, which increased in interest and membership year by year. The objects of the association were, (1) to encourage aquatic sports and familiarize the ladies with the use of boats; (2) to aid charity, principally the Children's Hospital and Fresh Air Fund, by the proceeds of annual sports, membership fees and so forth; (3) to encourage the social quality among

the young by means of weekly concerts and hops. In the present season three of these social gatherings have taken place at Mr. Gooderham's cottage and two at Mrs. Mead's. On Wednesday evening the closing event was held at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club House. At the concert songs were sung by several well known and talented amateurs, among them Mde. D'Auria, Miss Francis, Mr. Fred Warrington and Mr. D. E. Cameron. Mr. Giuseppe Dinelli played a cello solo and Mr. Grant Stewart gave a recitation. The accompaniments were played by Sig. D'Auria and Mrs. D. E. Cameron. At the close of the concert the prizes won at the annual aquatic sports, held on the 16th, were distributed by Mr. Henry Wade, Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Colonel Sweny. Dancing was then indulged in and kept up till the small hours. In noting the close of the season it will be but just to recognize the various amateurs and professionals who have contributed to the success of the concerts during the summer, all of which were held under the direction of Mr. D. E. Cameron. The principal singers were Mr. Schuch, Mr. A. M. Gorrie, Miss Annie Langstaff, Miss Norma Reynolds, Mr. C. A. Hirschfelder and Miss Elizabeth Massey. The members of the Island Amateur Aquatic Association and those who will be added to the membership for the next season will be glad to learn that negotiations are now in progress with the view of having a permanent building erected at Centre Island for the use of the association. Heretofore the hospitality of Mr. Gooderham and Mrs. Mead had to be almost entirely depended upon. With the increase of summer population on the island it must be otherwise in future. The colony have long had their pretty church, St. Andrews, of which His Lordship Bishop Sweatman is the rector. They now want only the club house to make them perfectly happy.

The chilly evenings which have set in sooner than usual this summer have already driven many of the cottagers of Muskoka and the islands of the Georgian Bay back from their retreats. During the week just passed the return tide of migration had set in, and by the 1st of September, which is even now upon us, only the veterans will be left to gather an additional stock of fish and other stories.

The lacrosse match of Saturday last between the Toronto and Cornwall clubs, in regard to interest and attendance, took the palm from all previous events of a like character held here. There were 7,000 spectators, contributed by many cities and towns throughout the province, as well as Toronto. The match was fairly played and the Cornwall team was fairly beaten by four games to two. The spectators declared that they witnessed the very best lacrosse, and there can be no doubt that the match accomplished much for the national pride in the game. Torontonians as a whole were as jubilant over the result as the club management, for whose exchequer the day proved a veritable bonanza.

The committee of the Philharmonic Society have decided to produce during the ensuing season Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

Two of Toronto's musical professionals, Mr. G. B. Fairclough, late of the College of Music, and Miss Alice Waltz, the soprano, have transferred their spheres of usefulness to Brantford.

The Canadian Pacific as a Military Route.

Lieut.-Col. Chater, of the 91st Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, who was formerly Comptroller of the Household with the Marquis of Lorne when Governor-General of Canada, and who has just returned from Hong Kong to England by the Canadian Pacific route, purposes recommending, when the time of the 91st is up at Hong Kong, that it be conveyed home and the relief regiment be sent out over this route. It is stated in Canadian newspapers that concessions are now agreed upon from the railway authorities which will remove the obstacle hitherto existing for military traffic arising from too high a price being asked for transporting large bodies of men and their equipments. —Canadian Gazette.

A GENEROUS POLICY.

The Anglo-German agreement has already had one result which ought to cause rejoicing through universal Christendom. On the first of last month the Sultan of Zanzibar issued an edict, apparently of his own motion, absolutely forbidding from that date the purchase, sale or exchange of slaves within his dominions; commanding the houses previously devoted to such traffic to be promptly and permanently closed; denouncing deportation and other penalties against slave-brokers who should persist in carrying on their odious trade; declaring to be forfeited all houses in which such business should be conducted; pronouncing free all slaves of masters who died without lawful heirs, children alone being authorized to inherit in such cases; making the ill-treatment of slaves a punishable offence and visiting also with the rigour of the law such persons as, after the date of the decree, may acquire slaves either for domestic or out-door work. In this case the slaves shall go free and the slaveholder shall be otherwise punished. Besides these provisions of the Sultan's decree, a British jurisdiction is debarred from owning slaves, and the slaves of such persons, actually serving as such at the time of the promulgation of the edict, have been declared free; any slave may purchase his or her freedom at a reasonable sum, and all freed-men are placed under the direct protection of His Majesty, and slaves are to have the same rights as Arabs to lodge complaints and prosecute claims in the courts of justice. The decree, though it took the people of Zanzibar by surprise, has been accepted with the proverbial resignation of the disciples of the Koran. Though the extent of territory in which it can be enforced is small, compared with the vast range of the Dark Continent to which it can have no application, its moral influence even beyond the Sultan's domain cannot fail to be considerable. That an Arab prince should of his own free will publish such an edict is of no small exemplary value, and the hearts of the thousands who have mourned over the sad lot of the degraded and cruelly treated thralls of irresponsible masters are lightened with hope of the coming day when no slave shall breathe on African soil.