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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN 2, 1868.

Look out for the New Story in the WEEKLY MERCURY To-morrow Morning.

MAD DOG.—A mad dog was found running about on the ice on Puslinch lake a week ago last Monday, and before he had done any harm to man or beast he was shot by Mr. Parks' son.

SOIREE IN PUSLINCH.—The congregational Soiree in connection with Duff's church, East Puslinch, will be held in the church on Thursday evening 9th inst., when several talented speakers are expected to deliver addresses. An efficient choir will be in attendance. Tickets 25 cents, children half-price.

HON. MR. BLAIR'S FUNERAL.—The remains of the late Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair were to be removed from Ottawa by afternoon train yesterday (Wednesday). His brother Mr. Geo. Ferguson, of Fergus, and Mr. Guthrie left Guelph for Ottawa on Monday to bring up the body, and make arrangements for the funeral.

ATTACKED BY A PIG.—A boar pig about eighteen months old made a furious attack not many days ago on a mare belonging to Mr. Robt. Knowles, Guelph Township, and so bit and tore her legs and hamstrings with his tusks that Mr. Knowles was forced to shoot her. The savage brute also attacked six of his cattle, but though they were badly hurt they are now recovering.

AUCTION SALE OF HARDWARE.—We would direct attention to Mr Mulholland's auction sale of Hardware, recovered from the late fire. There is a large number of useful articles to be offered, and no doubt they will be sold worth the money. Country people should make a note of the sale, as there will be many things of which they are in need sold at a cheap rate.

GRAND CLEARING SALE.—Mr. George Jeffrey announces a grand clearing sale in our columns, to-day. As he is about to retire from the business the whole of his fine stock will be sold at cost prices. The goods are all of the newest description, and as every one knows the quality and style of the articles kept at the Bradford House, we need only call attention to the sale to ensure an early visit from those who want to get staple of fancy goods at a decided bargain.

ROCKWOOD ACADEMY.—We direct attention to the advertisement of the reopening of this Academy. It has now attained a high reputation, as is evidenced by the large number of boarders and day scholars who are in constant attendance. Messrs. McCaig & McMillan are assiduous in their attention to the pupils, and as they are men of experience in teaching, and in every respect competent for their work, parents and guardians may safely entrust their children to their care, in the full confidence that no labor will be spared on their education.

ERIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—The electors of the north-west portion of the township of Erin met at the School-house in Section No. 14, on the evening of the 28th ult., to decide which of the two candidates nominated for Councillors from that part of the township they would support at the forthcoming election. The meeting was well attended, and the supporters of both parties agreed to abide by the decision of the meeting, and support the candidate having most votes. The question having been put to the meeting, it was found that Mr Tolton had a majority of eight over Mr Grasley.

PETITIONS.—During the sittings of the Ontario Legislature the following petitions were presented.—From Rev. C. E. Thompson, Elora, praying to be appointed Librarian of the House. From certain inhabitants of Nichol, Salem and seven other Municipalities throughout the Province praying that a charter to the Licensed Victuallers Association be not granted. From the county council of Peel, praying for a revival of the Central Railway charter. From the county council of Wellington, praying amendments to the Act imposing tax on dogs.

SAD ACCIDENT AT BRANTFORD.—On Saturday evening last, two young persons named Amelia Woodyard (daughter of Mr. William Woodyard), and Thomas Shaw, aged 18 respectively, were drowned in the canal opposite Bunnell's Mill. They were skating along and dropped through a hole. Their bodies were recovered on Monday morning.

Scotch Whiskey, Malt Whiskey, Old Eye Whiskey, Cobourg Whiskey, at John A. Wood's.

Band Inspection.

On the first day of the New Year the Wellington Battalion Band was inspected in the Town Hall. They had not lither to appeared as a Band, and the object of the inspection was that they might be presented to the Lieut. Colonel, and reported on by him to the government. They were dressed up in their new uniform, and looked remarkably well. The clothes fitted neatly and were proof of the artistic skill of Mr. Jones, the tailor who made them. After the men had been drawn up in the Town Hall, Rev. Mr. Ball presented them as a Band to the Colonel, and while enumerating the difficulties that had to be encountered in organizing them, and bringing them to their present state of proficiency, he also spoke in grateful and laudatory terms of the generosity of the County Council and of the Town. Let us say for the reverend gentlemen what of course he would not say for himself that the organization of a Band in connection with the Wellington Battalion is chiefly owing to his indefatigable exertions. This is simply giving honor to whom honor is due.

The Town Schools.

The following is the report of the Local Superintendent of the examinations of the Town Schools for the fourth quarter of the year: At the Senior Girl's School the total fees for the Quarter were \$34.50; leaving due on account of salary, \$65.50; and the entries were 48 in October, 47 in November, and 43 in December. Classes were examined in Scripture History, first and second,—the former on the history of Moses, and the latter on that of Joseph. In reading, with derivations and spelling from the lesson; in the first and second, grammar, in geography, and in Arithmetic as far as Practice and the Cube Root. With the attainments of the pupils I was very well satisfied and with the general appearance of the copy books.

At the Primary Girl's School the receipts for the Quarter were \$48.25, leaving due on salary, \$26.75, and the attendance was for October, 68; for November, 74; and for December, 65,—four of these free for each month. Of a class of 13 girls and one boy, eleven girls were found qualified for the Senior Girl's School, and the boy for the Senior Primary. I was pleased with the advancement of the pupils in the School, and would again speak with approbation of the diligence and faithfulness with which Miss Unsworth applies herself to the duties of her office.

At the Senior Primary School the receipts were \$40.75; due on salary \$84.25; and the entries for October, 59—three free; for November, 58—three free; and for December, 54—two free. Of a class of 24, who were examined for promotion to the Grammar School, all were thought qualified with the exception of one girl. The Local Superintendent did not confine himself to the standard of attainments laid down by the Education Office. Besides this class, one comprising 17 boys, were examined in Algebra, and wrought exercises very correctly and readily in simple Equations. Sixteen are in a class in Book-keeping, and their books were neatly kept. Four were in Euclid, and showed a very creditable examination on several propositions in the First Book. And there is a class of five in Mensuration. With this school I was more than usually well pleased.

At the South Ward School the receipts were \$78.25, leaving due Head Master \$21.75, and Assistant \$30. The entries were in October, 121—ten free; in November, 116—15 free; and in December, 112—13 free. After a most careful and interesting examination two girls were promoted to the Senior Girl's School five to the Grammar School, and six to the Sen. Primary. A class of 30 were examined in the third book. The Superintendent can speak only in terms of commendation of the energy and efficiency of the teachers in this school, and of the progress of the scholars.

At the West Ward Primary the receipts were \$55.25; due on account of salary, \$44.75. The entries in October were 72, in November 78, and in December 71. Of a class of 12 all were found qualified for entering Mr. Hutton's school, and their answering showed that their acquaintance with the subjects was correct and extensive. Mr. Hart still applies himself with energy to his duties, and leaves the mark of his own proficiency as a scholar, and of his aptness for teaching upon those under his care.

At the East Ward School there entered in October 46,—nine of them free; in November 43,—eight free, and December, 41,—ten free. Receipts \$25.75; due teacher on salary, \$61.75. Of a class of six, four were found qualified for the Senior Primary School. In addition to the promotion class, classes were examined in the Third Book and Sequel. The Local Superintendent has only to say regarding the teacher, that considering the fervency of the scholars, and of the promotions at past examinations, he did expect greater proficiency than he found on his late visit.

At the North Ward School there entered in October, 124,—eleven free, in November, 111; ten free, and in December, 102—ten free. Total entries of paying scholars, 315, and receipts in the shape of fees, \$78.75.—Due on salary, \$21.25, with \$30 to Assistant. Classes were examined in Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography, but there was no trial of any for promotion, the teacher being apprehensive that they were not sufficiently forward in Arithmetic. The condition of this school is, on the whole pretty good; but it must be considered a somewhat unfavourable feature that the scholars are so deficient in Arithmetic.

The Local Superintendent would conclude by repeating his conviction that the Board ought to make some arrangement for the accommodation and education of those pupils that have been promoted to the Senior Primary School, but for whom there is not room in the apartment at present occupied as such.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT IN LONDON.—On Monday morning last a young woman named Adelaide "Corps" was crossing the Thames at London—and when about 26 feet from the shore the ice broke and she sank.—A boy named Able saw her go through, and immediately gave the alarm when a number of persons hurried to the scene. Planks and ropes having been secured, efforts were made to rescue her. A man named Scott went in from the Westminster side, but when near the drowning girl he was precipitated into the water, and with difficult effecting his escape. The girl lingered from nine o'clock until eleven and uttered the most piercing cries of "Help, Help" and "save me." The poor girl's appeal was heartrending. Shortly after eleven she breathed her last from the effects of cold and exhaustion. A boat, after considerable trouble was procured, and Mr. John Kay proceeded to the spot, and without much difficulty obtained the body and conveyed it to the shore. It is presumed that the water at the place where the deceased was found could not be more than five feet deep, as she appeared to be standing on the bottom, with her head resting on the ice.

FLOGGED.—For "breaking ship" in search of whiskey, on Christmas Eve, one of the seamen belonging to H. M. Gunboat Cherub, lying at Goderich received three dozen lashes on Saturday last. The punishment was witnessed, as usual, by the whole crew.

Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

Had a journeyman mason in London killed, himself the other day in despair of the discovery, the day after his wedding that his wife had a glass eye.

January Fair.

Perhaps the postponement of the day had something to do with it, perhaps the Christmas Show left a comparatively small number of cattle in the neighborhood, but it is certain that the January Fair was one of the smallest, if not the smallest we have had for a year past. The cattle were few, but the quality was very good, and the demand keen enough. Beef went at from \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. live weight, the former rate being the most common. There were only two or three yokes of oxen on the ground, and the prices of these have undergone but little variation for the past few months. From \$100 to \$120 or sometimes a little more are the figures invariably asked for first class cattle. There were a few good colts and horses, but they were not anxiously sought after. The following are some of the sales. Mr. R. Colchane sold to Mr. McKillop twenty one head for \$700, and bought from various persons, twelve head at prices ranging from three to four cents per lb. live weight. Mr. Geo. Paterson bought ten at \$41 each. Mr. Harrison, of the Guelph Packing Company, bought a number of excellent cattle paying for them the highest market figure. Mr. Kinnear purchased twenty-four head at four cents per lb. live weight. Mr. George Hood bought Gideon Hood's two red steers for \$600, another for \$180, and forty others for about \$44 each. George Jestin bought a fine fat steer from E. Lorree. Mr. Jas. Wright bought a yoke of cattle from Wm Hood for \$115, besides another yoke for \$104, and a yoke of steers, John McWilliams sold two steers for \$64, and Charles McWilliams sold three for \$112. John Bryant, of Toronto bought seven head at about \$32 each, and Richard Cleave, Eramosa, sold two head for \$37. What cattle there were went off quick, and it was quite evident that beef was in good demand.

Rifle Match.

The second rifle tournament, under the auspices of the Guelph Rifle Association took place at the new ranges on the 1st inst. The first match was with Enfield rifles, distance 100 yards, 8 inch bullseye. The shooting was to be judged by the average, as it was optional with the marksmen to fire any number of shots between five and ten. The following is the score of the first match:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Judge Macdonald, average score, 3.4; John Stewart, 2.7; A. Strowger, 2.8; Geo. Elliott, 2.1; J. Hazelton, 2.5; A. A. Macdonald, 3.3; Ensign Hooper, 3.4; C. Maund, 2.0; J. Stone, 1.4; E. Newton, 2.5; Geo. Barber, 1.4; A. McKenzie, 2.0; S. Shaw, 2.2.

The prizes were awarded to Judge Macdonald, Ensign Hooper and A. A. Macdonald, they having made the highest average. Second match, open to all comers, distance 100 yards, 8 inch bulls eye. The following is the average score:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Judge Macdonald, Marston's S.R., 3.2; A. A. Macdonald, do do, 2.2; H. Marcon, do do, 2.6; J. O. Conner, Henry Rifle, 2.8; A. Strowger, do do, 2.4; H. Sanders, Ballard Rifle, 3.2; C. Sanders, do do, 3.4; W. Wilson, Weston Rifle, 2.4; J. Hazelton, Enfield Rifle, 3.0; C. Maund, do do, 2.6; J. Thompson, do do, 2.2; J. Stewart, do do, 2.8; Ensign Hooper, do do, 2.8; A. McKenzie, do do, 3.2; J. Stone, Hunting Rifle, 2.4; H. Swinford, English H. R., 2.0; C. Swinford, do do, 1.8.

The ties being shot off the prizes were awarded to C. Sanders, Judge Macdonald, and Mr. Henry Sanders.

This match, under the same terms and conditions as the former. The leading shots stood as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. H. Marcon, av. score, 3.2; A. Strowger, " " 3.2; J. O'Conner, " " 3.4; C. Maund, " " 3.2; Judge Macdonald, " " 3.2; J. Hazelton, " " 2.9; J. Thompson, " " 2.9; The ties having been shot off the prizes fell to J. O'Conner, Judge Macdonald and H. Marcon.

ON D.P.—The Huron Signal says:—That the Hon. A. T. Galt and Mr. Howze, Toronto, having Leased the Lands in Goderich belonging to the G. T. Railway, intend to commence the manufacture of salt on a large scale—work to be commenced at an early date. We should be most happy to see Mr. Galt salt himself down amongst us in such a literal manner, and we think he would find it much more profitable than Canadian politics.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Dec. 29th.—It seems that the great Powers of Europe determined to ask of the Emperor Napoleon the basis of the conference to which they have been invited by him, and thro' which France seeks to negotiate a treaty for the settlement of the troubles of Italy. It is stated that the inability of General Menabrea, the Prime Minister of Italy, to reconstruct his ministry, is now the principal cause of the delay in perfecting the arrangements for the meeting of the conference.

Cork, Dec. 30.—Last night a gun shop in this city was broken into by a party of eight men, and rifled of its contents. A considerable quantity of arms ammunition was secured by the robbers, who were undoubtedly Fenians.

London, Dec. 31st.—Later advices have been received here from the expedition now marching into the heart of Abyssinia. It is reported that King Theodore, on ascertaining the extent and power of the measures taken by the Government to effect the liberty of the English captives, voluntarily released them himself.