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Evening Mercury.

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OUR NEW TALE.

In the EVENING MERCURY of the 23rd of May will be commenced the publication of a new tale entitled

THE BRAES OF YARROW,

AN HISTORICAL ROMANCE OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY.

BY THE AUTHOR OF GARVOCK THE GIPSY

The tale abounds throughout with thrilling romance, and will be read with great interest by our readers.

A brickyard and carding mill have gone into operation in Rothsay.

The Elora Council have granted \$20 for Queen's birthday celebration purposes.

CAMP MEETING.—A meeting will be held in the neighborhood of Hollin, commencing on the 26th of June.

MASONIC.—The Champion says there are three Masonic Lodges in Halton Co. now. One meets at Oakville, one at Wellington Square, and one at Milton.

The schooner Lady Elgin has arrived at Montreal with the first shipment of coal from the mines of the Intercolonial Coal Company.

Mount Forest vetoed the proposal for the purchase of a School property and the erection of a Central School—to cost \$6000—at a public meeting held a few days ago.

HEAVY ON BEER.—The London Prototype says that \$43,000 were spent by the 60th Rifles on beer during the two and a half years of their stay in that city, and this exclusive of what they spent in saloons and hotels throughout the city.

On Tuesday the 12th inst., a boy took hold of one of the boot-traps on the Mitchell and Listowel stage while it was whirling along the road, and in swinging round one of his legs got between the spokes, and was broken in an instant.

A MAN SHOT.—The Peterborough Examiner is informed that a pedlar named Sandy Hoskins, well known around that locality, was found dead near the Gold Springs lately. It is believed that he was shot and robbed of whatever valuables he had with him.

ACCIDENT IN INGERSOLL.—The Ingersoll News is sorry to learn that Mr John A. Miller received a serious injury of the head on Tuesday evening, while engaged in the erection of Mr. Smith's new mill, Thames-st. He is at present in a very precarious state, and we regret to say that but little hopes of his recovery are entertained by his medical attendants.

FIRE IN BEVERLY.—The dwelling of Thomas Jackson, near Rockton, was consumed by fire on Thursday, the 14th inst. The fire originated in the upper part of the building, supposed to be from the chimney. A quantity of the contents in the lower part of the building were saved—but the loss over and above the building will amount to considerable. There was no insurance.

KLEPTOMANIA.—The wife of a well-to-do farmer, residing near Milton, was before the Mayor of that town on Tuesday last, charged with appropriating goods belonging to some of the storekeepers. Three search warrants had previously been sent to the house, and stolen goods found, which the husband paid for or returned. The parties refused to prosecute but procured her a severe warning from the Mayor. She promised never to be seen in Milton again.

BRUTAL ASSAULT.—The Champion tells the following: On Thursday last, David Smith, son of Elias Smith, who is in jail on charge of counterfeiting, was returning from Milton after visiting his father. As he was driving along the Base Line he overtook a young girl of fourteen years of age, named Susanna, daughter of James Reid, of Toronto, and asked her to take a seat in his vehicle. Upon her declining to do so, he insisted upon it, and she jumped in. He drove her past her grandfather's place, and attempted liberties, upon which she jumped out. He followed, holding the lines in one hand and knocking her down with the other. But almost immediately after Robt. Sargeant was seen coming up, when he desisted and drove off. The next day a charge having been laid, Messrs. J. Marshall and W. Jarvis, special constables, were sent to arrest him. He is now in jail awaiting trial at the Sessions. His father was much affected when he heard the news.

Mr. Kennedy's Concert.

Mr. Kennedy's second and last concert last night was as well attended as that of the previous evening. Among the audience we noticed a number of the oldest Scottish settlers from the Paisley Block, and other parts of Guelph Township, who came to hear once more some of the gems of Scottish song rendered by the greatest living Scottish vocalist. Mr. Kennedy was in excellent voice, and sang the various pieces on the programme with a taste, feeling, fervour and power of expression which won all hearts, and elicited the most enthusiastic applause. The pieces of a lively humorous nature which he gave in the first part were: 'Come all ye jolly shepherds,' 'Come under my plaidie,' 'Tak yer auld cloak about ye,' and 'Hersel pe Hielant Sbleantman.' In each of these the salient points were exceedingly well brought out, while the vocalization was perfect. 'A man's a man for a' that,' 'The Englishman,' and 'The Bay of Biscay, O' were sung in splendid style. 'The Englishman' was greeted with a hearty encore, which Mr. Kennedy responded to by singing 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' with exquisite feeling. In the second part he gave 'When ye gang awa', 'Jamie,' 'Flora Macdonald's Lament,' 'Wha wadna fecht for Charlie,' 'Gimme a lass wi' a lump o' land,' and 'There cam' a young man,' and in all of them did the fullest justice to the words and the music. 'The Land o' the Leal,' came next, and in the rendering of this he showed the contrast between it and 'Scots wha hae' wi' Wallace bled,' the music of both being the same, but the words so different. The one was given with rare tenderness of feeling, and the other with all the force and fire of a master singer and actor. As before, 'Auld Lang Syne,' and 'God Save the Queen,' finished the programme. Miss Kennedy, as usual, did her part well, and in the interval between the parts played some strathspeys and reels in a most spirited manner. At the close of the concert, Mr. Kennedy announced that he would visit Guelph again in the course of April next year. We can assure him he will be welcome.

The last Galt fair was indifferently attended. The day was wet, and business dull.

BEVERLY TOWNSHIP.—The number of acres assessed in Beverly this year is 20,188, the total assessed value is \$964, 925, and the number of persons in the township is 5,468.

IMPROVEMENTS.—We understand the tower of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in this town is to be built 40 feet higher, and that the wood-work inside will be repainted, and the church beautified as much as circumstances will permit.

A NEW WAY OF DOING IT.—The people of Hollin intend to celebrate the Queen's Birthday by listening to Dr. Lachlan Taylor deliver his lecture on "The Holy Land."

AN OVATION.—On Tuesday evening the 12th inst., says the Elora Observer, a considerable number of the more intimate friends of Mr. Richard Taylor entertained him at Vickers' Royal Hotel there, to a farewell complimentary supper, previous to his departure for Erin Village, where he has engaged in the milling business.

EGG-STRADINARY.—Nobody's duck being equal to the task of laying an egg equal to that whose dimensions were first given in the Maple Leaf a couple of weeks ago, the geese thought they would try what they could do, and accordingly one of them, a "swaddy" belonging to Mrs. Tanner of Guelph laid an egg 12 oz. weight. On inspection by the editor it was found to contain a gosling almost ready to be turned out to pasture.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.—The civil authorities of the principal cities and towns of the Province have appointed Monday the 25th inst., for the celebration of Her Majesty's birthday, and the military authorities have also agreed that their demonstrations shall take place on that day, instead of on the previous Saturday as at first announced. Our exchanges bring us intelligence of the preparations that are being made in almost every city, town and village to do honor to the natal day of Britain's Queen, and yet Guelph has done—is doing nothing if the anniversary is to be passed over unnoticed this is all right, but if it is to be celebrated here—as in other places it is time the matter was taken up, and preparations made commensurate with the proportions of the celebration in which it might be thought necessary to indulge. Somebody should at least request the Mayor to proclaim a holiday, and that would be one step.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—Before Messrs. G. Barren, A. Gordon, and J. M. Shaw. Mr. C. Allan of Pilkington, charged Philip Rothciller, Mrs. Rothciller, and George Ernst, with having feloniously stolen and taken out of his enclosure, on the 12th inst., two sheep and one lamb. Mr. Allan testified to finding the missing sheep in the stable of Philip Rothciller on Wednesday last. Mr. Findlay constable, also testified to the same; and Catharine McDonald's evidence proved conclusively that the parties named took the sheep from Mr. Allan's field. The statement made by the accused went to show that they did take the sheep from the field, but they did not consider it stealing to drive their own animals home. The prisoners were committed for trial.—Elora Observer.

Our New Series of School Books.

Sir: I see in your last issue a short article on the above subject from the pen of the "Genius Locii," of Hillsburg, which I hope, may arouse some of the latent talent of Canadian historians to supply our Common Schools with a suitable compendium of history—a requisite which has been sadly overlooked by the Education Committee. Although this communication may seem unnecessary after what has been said by the Genius, still there are some things he has left unmentioned which would be indispensable to supply the wants complained of by the majority of teachers. Before stating these, let us first look at the series as readers. Your correspondent disapproves of the Quixotic stories contained in the 1st and 2nd Book, which he has styled nonsense. Well, I dare say, the most of them are so to a Genius, but are they so to children, who generally require them when about five or six years of age? No, and being a practical teacher I have seen it satisfactorily proved otherwise. All we have long wanted has been something of this sort, something which interests and draws the attention of the children. And those very stories he complains of, I have always found them learned more correctly than any others in the book; and in fact, the more ludicrous the tale, the greater interest exhibited in the perusal by the infantile scholars. Of course, they are only intended for very small children, and as the books in order are more and more practical as they advance, so the minds of the pupils are expanding and maturing, thus forming a similitude between the reading matter and the minds of the scholars. As regards the text-book for History, I would not have that subject alone, but a suitable hand-book of the various sciences as well, in short the old 5th book modernized. A great deal of information may be gathered from our 5th Reader, still it is not so connected a form as desirable, and it would be infinitely better to have a plain concise work on the sciences, history being included. Let the original 5th Book history be a little better classified and corrected; that part relating to France enlarged, and the sketch, however short, of England be omitted, as we have works enough on both it and Canadian history, and teachers would then have something suitable for a common school course. In conclusion, I would say that I have not written with the intention of a discussion, but only of giving to the rest of my fellow teachers and the general public, what a non-theorizing teacher considers to be the most conducive to the advancement of education. Yours, &c., IGNORAMUS LOCI, S. S. No. 12, Erin, May 13th.

"SLIPPERY JACK" is the name of a little journal started in Ingersoll, the first number of which made its appearance on Saturday last. It gets of some very good jokes.

SAD ACCIDENT.—Alexander John White, a native of Omagh, county of Tyrone, Ireland, engaged on the Northern railway, as a brakeman, whilst coupling cars, on Wednesday night, received such injuries to one of his legs and amputation was deemed necessary. Surgical aid was called in, but it was found impossible to amputate the leg as the unfortunate man was too weak to undergo the operation, and he died Thursday afternoon. Deceased leaves a wife and two small children to mourn his loss. He was formerly a lieutenant in the regular service, previous to his emigration to this country, about eight years ago.

"THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING."—The Beacon says: "The prospects of forming a Highland Rifle Company in Stratford, for which purpose a meeting was held in the Queen's Arms Hotel, on Monday evening, are, we are told, of the most promising kind. Quite a number of "strapping young fellows," in the town have enrolled themselves, and the full complement are supposed to be easily available between the Easthops, Downie and Ellice. The organizing of another Volunteer Company in the town is not expected to militate against those already established, but to afford an opportunity to those of a distinct class who may be desirous of acquiring a knowledge of drill, but who for various reasons, manifest objections to enrolment in either of the present companies: It is expected the government would readily avail itself of the services of such a company, and grant them an equivalent in money for the dress selected, besides supplying them arms &c. The uniform would of course be the "bonnet, kilt, and feather," the material for which could be imported and made up at a comparatively trifling expense.

UNFORTUNATE.—A farmer from Waterloo named Wagner, lately attempted to follow the direction of a friend for exterminating vermin from his cattle, procured wrong drug, and in consequence the limbs of the poor beasts became stiff, and the muscles of the jaw so rigid that it was impossible for them to eat. At last accounts ten head died, and it was expected all the stock so treated would be lost.

A ROYAL CHARITY.—The London Times says:—"The wives of two Cornish miners, named respectively Mary Dudds and Jane Tremewen, anxious to join their husbands in Nova Scotia, but unable to provide that portion of money necessary to secure an emigration grant from the Cornwall Central Relief Committee, wrote to Her Majesty, and acquainted her with their poverty and their great desire. Inquiries were at once made as to the accuracy of their statements, the result being that Her Majesty, with that kindness of heart which has always characterized her, commanded £10, the sum needed, to be forwarded to the Rev. J. G. Wulff, rector of Illogan, for the use of the humble applicants."

THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF PRINCE ALFRED.

The Sydney Morning Herald of the 17th March contains the report of the preliminary magisterial investigation held to inquire into the charge against Henry J. O'Farrell of shooting, with intent to kill, His Royal Highness Prince Alfred on the 12th of the same month, at Sydney, while he was attending a picnic for the benefit of the Sailors' Home. The following evidence of the Superintendent of Police for Sydney details how the attempted murder was gone about. He said: "When the Duke and Sir William Manning got some distance from the booth with an open space around them, the people keeping away, I saw the Duke and Sir William apart from the rest of the people; when they had got half way to the bench, I was then myself about seventy yards from the Duke; I then saw the prisoner rush up from behind; he came suddenly from the crowd, took several quick steps, and when within about two yards of the Duke, whose back was towards him, I saw him present a revolver to the Duke's back; I immediately began to run towards the Duke; as I was running I saw and heard a revolver discharged, and immediately I saw the Duke fall on his hands and knees; the pistol was pointed directly at his back; a second shot was fired before I reached the prisoner; I could not tell at whom the pistol was pointed, as I was running quickly and the crowd was getting in the way; but a second shot I heard before I got up to him; when I got up to the prisoner he was seized by gentlemen who were closer to him than myself, and from them I got the Duke up, and then some police came to my assistance; I did not lose sight of the prisoner, but kept him in my company with the assistance of the police and others. When in gaol he said, 'I've made a mess of it, and all for no good.' I saw the Duke fall immediately after the shot was fired; I think I stated that the prisoner was about two yards from the Duke. Other witnesses were examined at great length, and when the prisoner was asked if he had anything to say, he replied, 'I have nothing to say but that the task of executing the Duke was sent out and allotted to me.' The Crown Solicitor—"Will you repeat what you have just said?" Prisoner—"The task of executing the Prince was sent out to me, but I failed, and I am not very sorry that I did fail.—'This is all I have to say.' He was then formally committed to take his trial at the Central Criminal Court, to be held at Darlinghurst on the 26th inst.

Municipal Council of Nassagaweya.

The Municipal Council of Nassagaweya met pursuant to adjournment on the 11th day of May. Members all present, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Moved by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. B. Kean, That the sum of \$8.49 be received from F. McGibbon, and the like sum from J. McGibbon, being amount of back taxes for the year 1863. Carried. Moved by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, That D. Wingrove be appointed Pathmaster in place of Alex. McIntyre, being not assessed. Carried. Moved by Mr. J. Kean, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, That the sum of \$4 be paid to F. McGibbon, for a sheep killed by dogs, the claim being duly certified. Carried. Moved by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, That the sum of \$8 of back taxes, charged against the property of Widow De Forest, be struck off the list of back taxes. Carried. Moved by Mr. Easterbrook, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, That 75 cents be paid to Isaac Wood, for the removal of a dead horse from off the highway, and that the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the parties having charge of said horse, previous to it being found dead on the road, to refund said amount and save costs. Carried. Moved by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, That Allan Ramsey be appointed a Special Commissioner, in view of letting the proposed job on the town line between Nassagaweya and Eramosa, opposite the 4th concession, on Saturday, the 30th day of the present month. Carried. Moved by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, That to address the Council of this County by petition, asking its co-operation in ascertaining and establishing the boundary line between the townships of Nelson and Nassagaweya, in accordance with Chap. 77, Section 54, and following sections of the Con. Statutes of Canada. Carried. Moved by Mr. Easterbrook, seconded by Mr. J. Kean, That the sum of \$20 be granted for making and repairing the bridge across a certain gully on the townline between this Township and Esquesing, opposite Lot No. 2 of this Township, providing the Municipal Council of Esquesing grant a like sum. Carried. Moved by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. B. Kean, That this Council do now adjourn and meet as a Court of Revision and Appeal, and that the Reeve be Chairman of said Court. Carried. The Court organized accordingly, four notices of appeal were formally filed with the Clerk, and after comparing theirs with other Assessments, some little reduction was granted to one of the appellants. The Assessment roll was then read by the chairman, and on motion, the Court adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, the 26th inst., to close said Court, and for other Township business. J. EASTERBROOK, Tp. Clerk.

WALLACK.—Remember Wallack in the Town Hall this evening.

The United States authorities seized 117 head of cattle in Buffalo, which had been imported from Toronto, and invoiced at one-half their value.

GLUTTONY.—The Quebec Daily News says, a corporal of the 90th Regiment, stationed at the Citadel, died on Saturday morning last, from inflammation of the bowels, brought on by excessive eating. Some day last week at one meal he ate a dozen of hard boiled eggs. The natural result was indigestion, and consequent inflammation of the bowels. He has been regarded in the regiment as an excessive glutton, whose greed knew no bounds. His own rations did not half satisfy his appetite, and on several occasions he was detected and punished for stealing the rations of his comrades.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, May 15.—In the House of Commons, this evening, Mr. Bright presented the petition from the people of Nova Scotia, praying Parliament to repeal the Act by which that Province was united to the Dominion of Canada. The petitioners denounce the Canadian Union Act as an evil uncalled for and unjust, the result of surprise sprung on the people, and of fraud practised on Parliament. After the reading of the document, the evening of the 26th inst. was assigned for debate on the subject.

Paris, May 15th.—An ultimatum has been despatched by the French Government to the Bey of Tunis.

London, May 15.—An ecclesiastical deputation waited upon the Queen yesterday, and presented an address from the Hierarchy of the Irish Church, giving their views in regard to the great changes contemplated. The Queen replied in vague terms, not committing herself to the policy of the Church nor of the Liberal party.

American Despatches.

The Impeachment Trial

The President Acquitted on the Eleventh Article.

New York, May 16.—A special despatch to the Evening Telegraph says a portion of the Missouri delegation in the House called upon Senator Henderson last night, who said that acquittal, in his opinion, will not result disastrously to the country. The President had promised these who would vote for acquittal that he would immediately send in a new Cabinet, all Republicans; that he would execute the laws passed by Congress, that he would no longer obstruct the execution of the Reconstruction acts, and that he would endeavor to bring his administration into harmony with Congress. He further promises to support the Republican Senators who vote for acquittal with the whole power of the administration before the people.

The Times Washington special of last night, says the excessive confidence of both sides is unabated. In the judgment of your correspondent the chances are just about even. One vote decides the result.

The Tribune special says a careful canvass by some of the most sagacious members of Congress shows that the verdict hinges in a great measure on the vote of Mr. Willey of West Virginia, and as the opinion in official circles goes to-night, the Court will take the vote to-morrow.

The Commercial Advertiser special says the President's friends count 18 Senators as positively for acquittal on all the articles. This is sufficient to acquit without Wade's vote, but as he intends to vote, it is claimed that one or more of the border State Senators will balance his vote. The Republicans are not certain of the necessary 36 votes for conviction on any one article, although they have received assurances of the votes of that number of Senators.

Washington, May 16.—The Senate proceeded to vote on the Eleventh Article of Impeachment. There were 19 for acquittal, and 35 for conviction. Fowler, Fessenden, Grimes, Henderson, Van Winkle, Trumbull and Ross voted not guilty.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate SATURDAY, 16th.—St. Catherine's will put on mourning when she hears that James Clifford, a pilgrim saint, was found insensible at the shrine of Bacchus. He was requested to disburse \$2, to be applied to Municipal purposes by the Corporation of the Town of Guelph, but pilgrims are not proverbially rich, and he could not produce the amount. He went up for 10 days, apparently well contented.

FROM OTTAWA.

It is understood that to-day's Gazette will contain a proclamation making Monday, the 26th, the day for celebration of Queen's Birthday.

The talk now is that the Government has everything arranged for winding up the session on Wednesday, without fail.

A delegation of members had an interview with the Ministry on Friday on the subject of the Toronto and G'n Bay Canal Scheme. It is said that a despatch, urging the same upon the Government of Canada, has been received from the Duke of Buckingham.

The new Act respecting the Police of Canada, authorizes the appointment, by the Governor-in-Council, of Commissioners of Police, who again are to appoint constables serving under them. These Commissioners are to have all the powers and authority of City Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace, except as regards offenses against municipal by-laws and other purely municipal matters, and it is not to be necessary for them to possess any property qualification, or to reside in any particular district.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton Times says: Letters have been received in Ottawa from the debatable ground in western New Brunswick to the effect that the professional evidence, based on facts ascertained by surveying parties now out, will be perfectly overwhelming in favor of a western route for the Intercolonial Railway. The evidence of one reliable professional man, who has actually found an easy and practicable route, is worth more than that of fifty men who say that they have not been able to find one. The reason why, it was by some influential parties particularly desired that they should not find it. It is found, for all that, and the advocates of the Northern route will now have the hardest set of facts to meet that they have yet encountered.