

NIAGARA FALLS PARK

Report on the Value of the Land Proposed to be Expropriated - \$525,000 Necessary to be Raised to Make Niagara Free for Ever.

The Commissioners report that the arbitrators in the references made to them for the valuation and payment of lands taken for the Niagara Falls Park, have made their awards in all cases but those of Mr. J. T. Bush and the Thorold, St. Catharines and Suspension Bridge Road.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Lists various names and their respective amounts awarded.

From the above statement it will be seen that the total amount awarded is \$492,867, as against \$250,000 offered by the Commissioners, the difference between the two amounts being \$242,867.

While the Commissioners did not anticipate a large difference between the amounts offered by them and the amounts awarded by the arbitrators, they cannot but recognize the strength of the evidence on which the awards are founded as affording proof of the very large number of visitors to the Falls, and which supports the view expressed by them in their former reports of the undertaking becoming self-sustaining.

The amount to be provided to pay for the land, according to the award, being in excess of that offered by the Commissioners, compels them to increase the total amount necessary to carry out the Niagara Falls Park project by \$250,000, making the total amount \$742,867.

During the past year the Commissioners endeavored to obtain as reliable information as possible, from various sources, of the annual number of visitors to the Falls, and as far as could be ascertained, the average number for a period of several years may be safely estimated as between 200,000 and 250,000 per annum.

In conclusion, the Commissioners beg to call your attention to the Act of the Legislature of Ontario, entitled "An Act for the Preservation of the Natural Scenery about Niagara Falls," which provides that the payment for the lands taken for the Niagara Falls Park must be made on or before the 31st of March, 1887, in this Her Gracious Majesty's Jubilee year.

A Buffalo despatch dated yesterday says: E. J. Abbott, the Supreme Secretary of the Niagara Falls Park, has been arrested as a defaulter to the extent of at least \$5,000. He lived, with his wife and two children, at Aurora, near here, but was in Buffalo every day.

A Money Making Scheme. A London cable says: The Duke of Westminster and the Duke of Argyll have withdrawn from the honorary council of the American Exhibition, owing to the manner in which their names are mentioned in a petition to the Prince of Wales to accept the Presidency of the Council of the Exhibition, and also they state because they have learned that the exhibition is purely a private speculation.

A Question in Moral Ethics. Minister to the United States at Washington - Little boy, don't you know that it's wrong to work on Sunday, except in case of necessity?

A Woman's Retort. A woman is reported to have the last word when the editor of the Boston Commonwealth with the principal contributor to the Poor's Corner of his valuable sheet for writing on both sides of her paper, she quietly retorted: "Well, as I don't want on both sides of yours?" - Boston Transcript.

THE LAST OF BEECHER.

Burial services in H. W. Beecher's Church. An interesting scene. A last (Friday) night's Brooklyn despatch says: There are clear sky and bright sun. The remains of Beecher lay in state in Plymouth Church throughout the night.

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When the congregation had dispersed the doors were thrown open to the public to view the remains. The Roman Catholic church was not there to hold a large number of people who would have liked to be present to honor the illustrious dead.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Falls Park, held on Monday night, growing out of the affair, the resolutions and other matters were freely used by the negroes. The riot was finally quelled by the arrest of several negroes and one white man.

Cholera Marching North. A Washington despatch says: The Secretary of State is informed that cholera has been reported from the Chilean Provinces of Aconcagua and Valparaiso, extending along the Valley of Aconcagua toward the sea.

Why the Briegroom Wept. Hon. Chauncey Mitchell Depew delivered at Canajoharie, N.Y., the other day a lecture on "Glimpses of Life Abroad." In the course of his travels in Scotland and Depew had this little experience.

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David Miller, of Donagay, Pa., bought a pair of common white rabbits a year ago. He now has several rabbits, the offspring of the original pair.

An English inventor claims that bells made by soldering together pieces of bell metal gave a much better volume of sound than cast bells.

AFTER THE KAISER DIES

The Queen of England's Daughter Will Be the Ruling Power in Germany - Her War with Bismarck.

A Berlin cable says: Two facts are well known here in diplomatic circles which should have important influence on Bismarck's political position. In the first place the Crown Princess of Germany, who has great influence with her husband, will have a large voice in the government of the country on the death of Kaiser, an event which may occur at any moment and cannot be delayed beyond a few months at farthest.

Princess Bismarck's policy has been the almost total annihilation of the Freinainnige party, which is now cut down from 67 to under 20 members. He said that he had three years to run; therefore, when the Crown Princess begins to rule Germany she will find a majority too strong to be lightly brushed, and of liberal and not dangerously radical tendencies.

Princess Bismarck hopes that, whereas the Crown Princess might have dissolved a conservative Parliament, she will at least have the power to dissolve a liberal one. He said that he had no complaint made respecting the administration of this system - the objection being that it was too liberal.

Princess Bismarck is destroying all the Crown Princess's political friends, but at the same time providing her with a new set of friends, sufficiently to take to the field and hard for her to quarrel with them. There is no mistake so great as to suppose that Princess Bismarck is not providing for the future. When her husband dies, she will not only have provided a policy for her successors, but that this policy is so arranged that even its bitterest enemy, the Crown Princess, will be forced to carry it out.

An Elephant Plays Ball with a Pony and a Leopard. A Cincinnati despatch says: There was a private performance last night at a menagerie that is wintering here that was thrilling while it lasted. The few spectators present heartily wished that they were anywhere else but in the menagerie, and they gloried in the tale that they could tell.

Supposed Poisoning of a Clergyman and His Wife by Cane from Montreal. A Newton despatch says: Rev. Wm. S. Howland, of this place, formerly a missionary to Ceylon, and his wife died rather suddenly. Mr. Howland on March 5th and his wife on March 7th. The doctor's certificate stated that Mr. Howland died of double pneumonia, to which she was subject, and Mr. Howland of gastro-hepatitis with evidence of septic poisoning.

Scene in the House of Lords. A London cablegram says: There was a diverting scene in the House of Lords on Friday night of which no account appeared in the next morning's papers. At the close of the sitting Lord Denman spoke for about ten minutes in opposition to the proposed Evidence Amendment Bill. His observations were somewhat incoherent, including reminiscences of the trial of Queen Caroline, in which his father earned so much notoriety.

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time: To consolidate the debt of the township of Howick - Mr. Gibson (Huron).

To amend the Act relating to the Long Point Company - Mr. Monk. To amend the Act relating to the Long Point Company - Mr. Monk.

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A LOVER'S REVENGE.

A Fickle Maiden's Room Invaded at Night, Her Long Hair Cut Off, and Her Face Disfigured.

This village is in a commotion over the cruel but novel episode which afflicted on a young lady of this place because of her jealousy. Her name is Farnside, and she is the correspondent of the New York Sun.

Mr. Meredith suggested that the motion be referred to the Municipal Council. Hon. C. F. Fraser said that the hon. gentleman who introduced the resolution might introduce a Bill.

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SHE WOULDN'T WEAR TIGHTS.

De Lussan's Refusal to Join the Boston Ideal Company - Will Not Do on the Stage What She Would Not Do in a Parlor.

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A Woman, Burned to Death - Her Husband Absent and Still Ignorant of Her Fate.

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