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BUTTONS TELL OF HISTORY.

Discoveries in Old Fort George Present Some New Facts.

A very valuable collection of military buttons belonging to Mr. Richard Taylor was in the historical room for some years, says Miss Carnahan, president of the Niagara Historical Society, writing in the Niagara-on-the-Lake Times, but for some time we have been without anything of much value in this direction, but last week a collection of buttons, belt buckles, etc., most of them found at Fort George, has been placed in the room. The first named collection might be said to represent the military history of Niagara, as almost every regiment, British, American or Canadian, ever stationed here, was represented. The present collection is not so complete, but has many interesting features. The buttons most frequently seen are those of the 41st Regiment, 100th and Artillery. This was the 100th disbanded in 1818, not the 100th formed in 1858. The buttons of the 49th, Brock's regiment, are more rare.

Tells of History.
The six months' occupation by the Americans is attested by buttons with U. S. and Infantry and Artillery buttons. A very fine belt buckle of the 93rd Regiment has very conspicuous the Scottish thistle. Another sent by mail has the Sphinx, Egypt, Java, Niagara, but no trace of the 41st Regiment, which was found so heavily at Lundy's Lane, is entitled to these honors. Four regiments bear on their standards the word Niagara.

From India, Too.
Some time ago, when the circular in aid of Memorial was sent to the colonels of regiments which had been stationed at Niagara, a letter was received from the commanding officer of the 70th Surrey, then in India, stating that he did not think that regiment had ever been in Niagara, but that their records were very incomplete and he would be glad of any information. In the register of St. Mark's were found births, marriages and burials of the 70th regiment.

Sir Walter's Brother.
A rather curious piece of information was found in an article published in the Buffalo historical publications that a traveler at Niagara in 1817, met Paymaster Scott, of the 70th regiment, a brother of Sir Walter Scott, and that he was supposed to be the writer of the Waverley Novels. Instead of Sir Walter, a letter was sent containing this information and a generous contribution of \$2 was received for our fund. A letter with the words 70th Surrey which had lain at Fort George since 1817, was sent and a letter of thanks in answer, stating that it would be mounted for ornament on return to England.

Butler's Rangers.
The buttons of Butler's Rangers, disbanded in 1784, are now rare and still more so are those of the Queen's Rangers, the regiment of Col. John Graves Simcoe, our first and greatest Canadian Volunteer, Canadian Regiment, and Royal Newfoundland Regiment, all belong to the period of the war of 1812, as also does the King's 8th. The buttons of the 76th Regiment have the figure of an elephant and the word Hindostan. The King's Dragoon Guards, here in 1857, have the letters K. D. G. and the Royal Canadian Rifles have a bugle on each button.

Had No Number.
Any additional buttons will be gladly received, so that the collection may be made more complete. It is singular that the buttons on the coat of Major Campbell, lately given, have no number. He was a prisoner with Cornwallis in 1781 and afterwards belonged to the Royal Fusiliers and 5th Regiment, etc. The history of the British army as shown in buttons will be found interesting.

The Assistant Receiver-General.
Mr. David Creighton, Assistant-Receiver-General, who for fifteen years represented North Grey in the Provincial Legislature, and who participated in the celebration of the jubilee of Owen Sound's incorporation, recently, is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, though of Irish parentage. He was born in the Scotch city April 1, 1843, and came to Canada with his parents in 1855. From 1864 up to his retirement from the journalistic field, in 1896, Mr. Creighton was editor and proprietor of The Owen Sound Times. In 1897 he was entrusted by the late Sir John Macdonald with the task of forming a stock company for the purpose of publishing a daily official organ in Toronto, the result being The Empire, the first number of which appeared Dec. 27, 1897. This paper continued to be published until the arrangement in February, 1898, by which it and The Mail both ceased publication, that a new paper, The Mail and Empire, might take its place. Mr. Creighton sat in the Legislature from 1875 to 1899, when he was defeated by Mr. Cleland of Meaford, the Liberal candidate. It was on May 10, 1896, that Mr. Creighton was appointed Assistant Receiver-General.

Risks Life to Save Guides.
W. W. Little, electrical engineer of the Dayton Hydraulic Co., Chicago, and Dr. C. H. Riggs, of Toronto, who recently returned home from a trout fishing trip on the Nipigon River, tell of an adventure that befell Mr. Little and two Indian guides. The canoe from which Mr. Little was fishing was upset, in the excitement of landing a fish, short distance above Portage Island falls, which drops seventy-five feet. The guides could not swim but Mr. Little managed by hard work to get them to the overturned canoe, which was drifting fast towards the falls, where almost certain death awaited them. Dr. Riggs and his two guides had witnessed the accident from a distance and hurried to the rescue, which they accomplished at the risk of their own lives. Mr. Little could have saved himself at the time of the accident, but risked his own life to save his guides. A log sent over the falls later to see what happened at the risk of seven minutes to appear outside of the boiling waters at the foot of the falls.

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Honduras Makes Common Cause With Salvador.

Good Offices of the United States Accepted to Settle Their Differences—Declaration of War by Honduras Brings Three States Into Central American Trouble—Program for a Peace Conference to Adjourn Matter.

San Salvador, July 16.—Saturday night the Salvadoran army again attacked the Guatemalan forces at Platamar and obtained a victory over them. The Guatemalans suffering a loss of 2,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners. The Guatemalan army, which invaded by way of Santa Fe, was repulsed by the Honduras army.

Honduras is making common cause with Salvador.

United States Steps In.

Washington, July 16.—Both Guatemala and Salvador have accepted the good offices of the American Government, looking to a settlement of their differences. This information is conveyed in official despatches received at the State Department yesterday from the American diplomatic representatives in Guatemala and Salvador, announcing that the two belligerent countries have availed themselves of the tender of the good offices of the United States, looking to their approaching each other in a conference having in view an adjustment of their differences, the cessation of hostilities and the bringing about of peace.

HONDURAS DECLARES WAR.

Join Salvador Against Their Neighbor on the West.

Panama, July 16.—A telegram received here from Salvador says that Honduras declared war against Guatemala Saturday.
According to the message this proclamation was circulated in Salvador: "Gen. Bonilla, commanding the Salvadoran army, has repelled the Guatemalan forces at Matapan in Salvador, ten miles east of the Guatemalan frontier. The victorious army of Salvador retained the positions captured from the enemy."

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FIXING THE SEASONS.

Some Peoples Still Follow the Ancient Egyptian Methods—Ancient Temples Found to Be Oriented.

The inhabitants of Borneo make use of the same means for fixing the times of their agricultural seasons as were used by the early Britons and in Egypt between 1,000 and 2,000 B.C., says the Journal of the Asiatic Society. They rely, that is to say, on the time of rising of certain constellations just before the sun, known to astronomers as their heliacal rising. Many ancient temples are found to be oriented to the point of the horizon, which marks the heliacal rising of the Pleiades on a May morning.

The natives of Borneo are using the rising of the same constellation as a guide to the proper time to prepare their ground to grow their food supply. When the dry season is perceived to be approaching two men are sent to the jungle to observe. There they watch, perhaps a few nights, perhaps a month, until the Pleiades are seen on the horizon just before the increasing sunlight causes the stars to fade. Then they return to the village and announce the fact. The inhabitants now know that work on the forest must be commenced. If by any means they have missed the heliacal rising of the Pleiades and have delayed operations till Orion's belt is seen rising just before the sun, they know that they must work double shift. The ground being cleared, they then wait till the Pleiades are at the zenith at sunrise before they set fire to the rubbish.

The above is the method adopted by the Dyaks. Other neighboring tribes, the Kenyahs and Kayans, make use of the length of the shadow cast by a stick at noon to determine their seasons. Situated as they are between the tropics, the shadow is cast on the north or south of the stick, according to the time of year. The length of the shadow also varies as the sun passes from Cancer to Capricorn and back. The shadow is measured by means of a notched stick. The notches represent the lengths of shadow which experience has shown to correspond with favorable times for their various agricultural operations.

The Samoans, on the other hand, fix their seasons by the appearance of a curious marine worm, which they call the palolo. The palolo, or time of the palolo, is the name of one of their seasons, as spring is one of ours. This strange worm lives in the interstices of the coral reefs and at certain seasons makes its appearance in the open sea in immense numbers. It is eagerly gathered and eaten by the natives.

If the swarm appears, say, at 3 o'clock in the morning, it has totally disappeared by 9 o'clock. Both male and female worms break up into innumerable fragments, and the eggs are fertilized in the water. The coming of the palolo is regulated by the moon, and yet, strange to say, in the long run it keeps solar time. If the dates of its appearances were separated by twelve lunar months, then, reckoning by the day of the month, it would be eleven days earlier each year. On the other hand, if it came every thirteen months it would be eighteen days later each year. This is rectified by having in every cycle of three years one interval of fifteen and two of twelve months. Finally by the addition of an extra interval of thirteen months in a cycle of twenty-nine years the error is less than one day in a century.

REMBRANDT TRICENTENARY.

Celebration in Holland in Honor of Anniversary of Painter's Birth.

There is worldwide interest in the tricenariety of the birth of Rembrandt, which will be celebrated in Holland, Leyden, the town of his birth, and Amsterdam, where he painted most of his masterpieces, will vie with each other in doing honor to his memory. The date of the great painter's birth has been the subject of some



REMBRANDT HARMEN VAN RIJN.

controversy, but July 15, 1606, has been decided upon as the best authenticated date. The historian of Leyden, began Rembrandt's biography in this wise: "Rembrandt van Rijn, the son of Harmen Gerritsoen van Rijn and Neeltjen Willema van Snydbrouck, was born in Leyden on the 15th of July, in the year 1606." Leyden will hold its celebration on the 14th, and the ceremonies of Amsterdam will be distributed over the 15th and 16th. The house in the Jodenbreestraat in Amsterdam where Rembrandt lived has been purchased by the municipality and will be preserved as nearly as possible as it was in his time and used as a museum. Objects of the period of the great painter and some things such as he might have used will be placed in it. Tablets will be unveiled at the house where he died and at his tomb in the Westerkerk.

A new wing or hall has been constructed in the Reks museum for the reception of what is by many considered this painter's greatest work, known for centuries as "The Night Watch." Rembrandt was born of middle class parents and was one of six children. We know very little of his youth. He made much money through his art, but died in poverty in 1669, and it was not until the lapse of many years that his genius was fully recognized.



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