

Minutes of Admaston Council.

Admaston, 19 Oct. 1863.
Pursuant to adjournment the Municipal Council of the Township of Admaston, assembled on the above date.

Present Messrs. Gorman, Brown and Carlin, Councillors, and the Reeve in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting of Council were read and signed by the Reeve.

The following original communications were received and read:

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News Items.

The management of the Hudson River Company have determined upon an extra dividend of 10 per cent out of the surplus profits of the road for the fiscal year just ended, to be paid in the script of the company bearing 6 per cent interest, redeemable at the pleasure of the management, the money being applied to building a third track as far as Yorkers.

The Peruvian, of the Canadian line of steamers is expected to be completed by February next. Another vessel for the same line, the Moravian, is to be finished by August 31.

Mr. D. Whyborn, of Mexico, picked raspberries from his garden on the 27th October inst.—*Oswego Palladium*.

Ottawa is going to have a fine open-air skating ring. The first men of that city have identified themselves with the movement.

Coal in Pennsylvania is 2 dollars dearer than it was last year. It is estimated that this increase of price will add over \$15,000,000 to the wealth of that state.

The principal hotels of New York have struck for \$2.50 a day in Greenbacks, or \$2.50 in gold. This advance is forced upon by the enormous rise in the price of provisions, &c.

Mr. John Prince, of Albion, in this county, lately counted the product of a single kernel of corn, which amounted to nine hundred and ten kernels.—*Oswego Palladium*.

New Brunswick papers state that a great number of Gipsies have come into that Province, and that they are a thousand as a rule.

The friends and admirers of the Hon. T. D. McEwen are about to mark their appreciation of that gentleman's talent and consistency, and erecting him a suitable mansion and apartments at Montreal.

The newly elected Governor of Kentucky executed himself from attending the Democratic Convention of New York, on the 24th, by telegraphing that his state was again in a state of anarchy, and that he was unable to leave his residence.

A regular line of sailing vessels between Cleveland (Ohio) and Liverpool has been established. It is intended also, by persons in Liverpool, to establish a line of steamers to sail from that port to Cleveland and Chicago direct. The steamers will be of as large capacity for cargo as the well-known and reliable line of the Welland and Erie.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Carlin, that David Graham be credited for three days for 1864, as compensation for a train made by him on the west side of the road on the 10th of November, inst., at five o'clock, A.M., and that should the Land Improvement fund due to this Municipality be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of this Township, the clerk shall forthwith call a Special Meeting of this Council.

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Troubles in India.

The Times of this date says: The present India mail has brought a copy of the Colombo Observer of the 4th of September, containing a special telegram transmitted from Bombay on the 2nd, to the effect that the Punjab had been invaded by 7,000 men who had crossed the Indus to British territory; that they were thought to be the vanguard of the larger force, and that the First Punjab Infantry and Mountain train had been sent against them. They are supposed to be headed by one or more sons of Dost Mahomed.

The Calcutta correspondent of the Times says: We have sent a detachment of the Punjab irregular force and H. M. 101st Regiment to the Judo Frontier at Ulu, on the Indus, as a precautionary measure. A great camp of exercise consisting of 12,000 men will be formed at Lahore in the cold season. A large escort, also with a branch camp will accompany the Viceroy to Peshawar.

Altogether it is well that next season our chief political and military personages will be in the Punjab. The same correspondent states that the official Reporters of the Bengal field has now been sanctioned by the Government of India. It will be the duty of the official translator to send in a report every week of the social and political contents of the native papers.

The Deficient Crops in the United States.

The Agricultural Department at Washington has published an estimate of the crops of 1863 in the United States, as compared with the previous year as follows:—

Wheat, bus. 199,935,500 191,068,236
Corn, " 596,704,474 449,163,894
Buckwheat, " 17,822,995 16,193,894
Rye, " 21,254,956 20,758,287
Barley, " 17,781,464 16,760,597
Oats, " 17,820,987 16,758,101
Potatoes, " 113,533,118 97,870,053

Bushels 1,119,611,904 966,712,452
The total deficiency of grain and potatoes is 152,899,000 bushels, of which 137,540,000 is corn. The crop of wheat is estimated at about a million bushels more than the previous year, which is not borne out by the amount coming forward to market. But admitting this to be true, the export of wheat and of flour reduced to wheat of the crop of 1862 was only a little over forty millions of bushels, and the export of corn eleven and a half millions of bushels. Allowing this amount to be taken for home consumption this year, and there is still a deficiency of a hundred millions of bushels.

The actual deficiency is, however, much greater. The estimate of the Agricultural Department at Washington is based on the census returns of 1860, no allowance having been made for the diminution of production consequent on the abstraction of men from agricultural pursuits and in the case of Missouri and Kentucky, only a fourth of the crop of 1860 being deemed the probable crop of 1863 on account of the war, although it is notorious that the product of the former State is not a third that it was before the war, and that of the latter less than half.

The same authority estimates the hay crop as deficient 1,623,000 tons.

The Irish Exodus.

The past few weeks have witnessed probably the climax of the emigration from this country through Queenstown. No fewer than five ocean steamers left this port between Monday morning and Saturday evening for the United States and Canada, conveying about 1500 souls and these almost exclusively belonging to the working classes. Females are more numerous than ever, and children are present in great numbers.

Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Fisher, that the report now read be adopted. On the 10th of July General Cameron crossed the Waikato frontier, the enemy retreating before him to a position called Kohiroa, which they had previously abandoned and covered with rifle pits. Here on the 17th the first fight took place. One portion of the troops was detached to outflank the Maories and intercept their retreat, while the rest headed by the General, stormed the pits under a fire, by which they had been killed and wounded. The enemy was pursued for six miles, and are stated to have suffered a considerable loss, including some chiefs of distinction. Pushing forward, another attempt was made, a fortnight later, to bring the Maories to an engagement on the Waikato, where he had a settlement fronted by swamps and a river where it is supposed he would stand his ground. The river was bridged over by the Sappers, and the village was at once rushed at, but found empty. The Maories retreating down some jungle, into which the soldiers followed in single file. Here they beat about in the thick underwood, amid the yells of an antagonist whom they could not even once see.

The Maories were so cautious in keeping at a distance, that notwithstanding their constant fire, they only hit one of our men; but when the troops were withdrawn to the open, they issued forth in considerable numbers, out of range of our rifles.

On the evening of the 21st of July the schooner Tuauranga arrived at Auckland from Tuauranga, with thirty-two European and seven native passengers, information having been given them by William Thompson, "clear out" in four and twenty hours, and their lives were in danger, and that he was collecting the natives along the coast with the intention of prosecuting the war. So immediate and urgent was the danger considered by the Auckland Government, and the old established residents of Tuauranga lost no time in obeying Thompson's warning. The schooner Maupere was to follow the Tuauranga, and the impression was that every settler on the coast would be compelled to flee.

Some of the murders by natives between an atrocious description of warfare. For instance, on July 24th, they attacked Captain Calvert's house, on the high ground near the Maori position, on Pukekewi, and in the Waikato district, they fired into the house. Captain and Mrs. Calvert fled into the bedroom; and Sylvester Calvert, aged 18 years, son of Captain Calvert, was shot while endeavoring to get into a place of hiding. Captain Calvert defended himself bravely with his rifle as long as he could, firing seven shots, when finding he had no more left, he took his sword, and charged by the death of his son, rushed out sword in hand, and attacked the whole body. The Maories after firing a volley made off. The same day a party of Maories fired at Mr. George Cooper, settler, who was killed. They then looted his clothes and robbed the body. One of the last outrages committed in the Auckland district was an attack upon an escort party. The natives were supposed to be belonging to friendly tribes who were supposed to be friendly to the British being five killed, eleven wounded and three missing.

The authorities have sent requisitions to the Australian colonies, and Tasmania for troops, and had despatched Major Pitt and Captain Harrison—the one to Melbourne and the other to Sydney—to enlist volunteers.

Serious loss of life had been occasioned at the Lakes in New Zealand, by the floods and the fall of an avalanche of snow. Thirty-five miners were drowned in the Shotover River and its tributaries, a landslide having taken them and their tents into the flood. Forty more were smothered at the Danstan, by a great fall of snow from the mountain which covered their tents. They had not been dug out when the accounts left.

Speed the Great Quality of the Alabama.

The New York Tribune says that a great fleet almost large enough to blockade Great Britain, is vainly cruising on the ocean in search of the Alabama. It is believed that many American war-ships have sighted her on the horizon, but Captain Semmes has as good glasses as the Federals have, and also what is of more importance, more speed. The Alabama was built with special regard to speed, hence her elucubrations against recently built ships. She is only a small screw steamer of nine hundred tons burden. She has only five guns in all, and these are far less formidable than most of the guns on board her pursuers. She carries few men, and her hull is reputed to be so weak that it is not believed she could stand a regular engagement even with an inferior vessel. Yet she has destroyed many millions of property, has become the terror of the American merchants and merchant vessels, and can roam anywhere on the ocean, totally regardless of the many vessels in search of her. All these she owes to her speed. The Confederate Secretary of the Navy ordered the Alabama from her English builders in the following terms: "What I wish is speed! make a box that will float and fill it with dynamite from top to bottom, make it so worthy and you shall get whatever it is worth." Several vessels had been built by the Northern Government specially to match the Alabama, but they have all been failed, it is said because their speed was impaired by their being loaded down with heavy batteries. The Fort Jackson was expected to go seven or eight miles an hour, but is unable to make more than ten.

Discharge of a Cannon in Tropical Climate.

One evening when a ship was lying at anchor in Horseshoe Bay we tried a sort of simple experiment on the effects of sound in the dead silence of night in that tropical climate. One of our guns was loaded and fired. The result astonished us beyond measure, by the striking phenomenon presented both to eye and ear. The flash, for a moment lighted up the whole scene with an effulgence that displayed every object clearly and distinctly, as if it had been evoked from the mystery of some magician's wand. The sea darkened almost instantly, and the overwhelming volume of sound, arising at once upon the ear, and almost deafening as it were, with the roar of a thousand cannons discharged at the same signal. The echo was decidedly the grandest of any we had ever listened to, having something of the imposing magnificence of the thunder-clap bursting from the black-charged cloud above our heads. It seemed to roll from side to side of the bay in mighty reverberations. Fourteen times we distinctly heard it, diminishing in volume each time, as it was endeavoring to escape by the narrow entrance to the bay, and at last dying away in what sounded almost like a grand husky murmur. It was also in this locality that on looking over the side of the ship, we witnessed, for the first time, a phenomenon of similar nature, such as has been mentioned in tropical climates. I refer to the magnificent illumination of the coral banks, on which we gazed while looking over the side of the ship, and which, it is no exaggeration to say, transcended in lustre and beauty all I had ever seen described in the most alluring of fairy tales. It was a sight of brilliant surpassing anything the most active and gifted imagination could conceive, and which an ordinary pen therefore must inevitably fail to describe in anything like terms adequately expressed. *Adventures among the Andaman Islanders.*

On the 10th of July General Cameron crossed the Waikato frontier, the enemy retreating before him to a position called Kohiroa, which they had previously abandoned and covered with rifle pits. Here on the 17th the first fight took place. One portion of the troops was detached to outflank the Maories and intercept their retreat, while the rest headed by the General, stormed the pits under a fire, by which they had been killed and wounded. The enemy was pursued for six miles, and are stated to have suffered a considerable loss, including some chiefs of distinction. Pushing forward, another attempt was made, a fortnight later, to bring the Maories to an engagement on the Waikato, where he had a settlement fronted by swamps and a river where it is supposed he would stand his ground. The river was bridged over by the Sappers, and the village was at once rushed at, but found empty. The Maories retreating down some jungle, into which the soldiers followed in single file. Here they beat about in the thick underwood, amid the yells of an antagonist whom they could not even once see.

The Maories were so cautious in keeping at a distance, that notwithstanding their constant fire, they only hit one of our men; but when the troops were withdrawn to the open, they issued forth in considerable numbers, out of range of our rifles.

On the evening of the 21st of July the schooner Tuauranga arrived at Auckland from Tuauranga, with thirty-two European and seven native passengers, information having been given them by William Thompson, "clear out" in four and twenty hours, and their lives were in danger, and that he was collecting the natives along the coast with the intention of prosecuting the war. So immediate and urgent was the danger considered by the Auckland Government, and the old established residents of Tuauranga lost no time in obeying Thompson's warning. The schooner Maupere was to follow the Tuauranga, and the impression was that every settler on the coast would be compelled to flee.

Some of the murders by natives between an atrocious description of warfare. For instance, on July 24th, they attacked Captain Calvert's house, on the high ground near the Maori position, on Pukekewi, and in the Waikato district, they fired into the house. Captain and Mrs. Calvert fled into the bedroom; and Sylvester Calvert, aged 18 years, son of Captain Calvert, was shot while endeavoring to get into a place of hiding. Captain Calvert defended himself bravely with his rifle as long as he could, firing seven shots, when finding he had no more left, he took his sword, and charged by the death of his son, rushed out sword in hand, and attacked the whole body. The Maories after firing a volley made off. The same day a party of Ma