

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

A BRAVE GIRL'S DEED.

In the year 1773, during the struggle for independence, Fort Henry, an outpost of the Americans, under the command of Colonel Shepherd, was attacked by a band of hostile Indians urged on by a Tory leader. So sudden and unexpected was the attack that the little garrison at the fort was taken by surprise, and about thirty of the men who were beyond the defences were captured by the Indians and cruelly put to death.

The commander and about a dozen men, who were all escaped, determined to defend the fort to the last, and to sell their lives as dearly as possible. To surrender meant to deliver themselves, with their wives and children, to the inhuman barbarities of the savages. Relief was hourly expected, and if they could hold out until help arrived, all would be well.

But the powder was nearly exhausted, and what to do when it was gone was what troubled the colonel. Suddenly he remembered that there was a keg of powder in an outhouse which the Indians had not yet ventured to approach. Could he but get the keg he would be able to hold the fort until help came.

The colonel was a kind-hearted as well as a brave man, and he knew that whoever would try to bring the powder could do so only at the risk of his life. He was unwilling to send any man on such a dangerous errand, but as the keg was their only hope, he called together his men, laid the case before them, and asked if any man would volunteer for the undertaking.

Three brave fellows at once offered their services. But as the garrison was reduced to such a small number, more than one man could not be spared. A generous dispute arose among the three as to which should go. But before they could settle the question, Elizabeth Zane, a young girl, stepped forward, and addressing the commander, said:

"Colonel, none of your men can be spared. You need them all, but as I am of little use here, let me go for the powder. I know just where it is, and am not at all afraid, and even if I don't get back my loss will not be felt. May I go, sir?"

Such generosity deeply affected the colonel and his men. But there was no time for sentiments. They endeavored to shake the brave girl's resolution, but their efforts proving vain, the colonel consented that she should make the trial. Opening the gate, Elizabeth passed quickly over the space in front of the fort, and reaching the house in which the powder was stored, entered. She had been in full view of the Indians, but, strange to say, they did not attempt to stop her.

In a few minutes she reappeared at the threshold, carrying the powder wrapped in a heavy shawl, and started to return to the fort. This was the critical moment. With breathless anxiety the men of the garrison watched her. Intent on reaching the fort with her precious burden, the brave girl sped across the space. But the suspicions of the Indians were now aroused, and suddenly a fierce war whoop broke the dreadful quiet, and showers of arrows came skimming through the air. Headless of danger Elizabeth pressed on. The savages dare not venture nearer the fort, but right and left after her they sent their barbed messengers of death. But they did not stop her and she reached the fort greeted by the ringing cheers of the garrison.

The powder enabled the men to open a vigorous fire on the Indians, who, suspecting relief was at hand, withdrew.

This event occurred on the spot where the city of Wheeling now stands.

LITTLE CHARITIES.

"Please, ma'am, would you be after buying a little lace to-day?"

The knock at the side door had not been heard by the girl, who was clattering dishes in the kitchen, so it was the lady of the house who opened the door, and such a cold wind entered that she fairly shivered.

"Lace? Oh, no! I don't need any now."

"But wouldn't you a bit later? It's a terrible day out, and I've had no luck at all yet, an' I was hopin' to make out the two dollars rent."

"I'm sorry, but I cannot buy it. The

lace looks pretty; but won't you come in and get warm? This wind is dreadful."

"Thanky; it'll be a rare treat to git warm agin; such a fire is heartenin' to a body."

"Katie, there's a woman half frozen in the dining room. I do not think the dinner is cold; we will fix her a lunch with hot coffee. Bring the tray in when ready."

"I've never been out to sell anything since this winter, and I don't appear to git the hang of it somehow; everybody says no, or else they shut the door afore scarce a word is passed. I never yet had anyone to ask me in to a fire like this, mum."

"There has been no day so cold."

"It makes no difference, lady. Some folks' hearts are colder than the weather. Dennis, that's my son, was laid off in the panic, and when the mill got to running again, the very next month he fell and broke his leg, an' the idleness frets him terrible. You see, his wife's dead and he has two slips of girls, but we've all lived decent like before. I'd rather wash and scrub than peddle lace, but I can't git the work. Is all this good stuff for me?"

Katie had brought in a well filled tray and a steaming cup of coffee.

"Deary me! I aint tasted coffee in weeks, nor roast meat either. It was a lucky minute I knocked at your door, ma'am. It's a saint you are."

"Oh, no," laughed the lady, "very far from a saint, only I know you are cold and hungry."

"S'posen I buy some lace for my new apron, Mrs. Lawrence, an' for my sisters?" said Katie.

And so while the lace vendor ate her lunch, she selected the pattern desired.

"It's a thousand times I'm obliged to you both, I feel hearted up now, and my soul's that warm that I'll not mind the wind's blow at all."

"Can you make room in your basket for these packages?" said Mrs. Lawrence. "It's tea and coffee for Dennis and you."

"Oh, yes, indeed. But won't you take some edgin' for it? I wasn't meanin' to complain to git charity, ma'am."

"I know you were not, but please take this; people often take such things to invade, you know. I hope your son will soon be well and strong. If you go to the last house in this block I am sure you will sell some lace."

"Thanky, ma'am! God bless you."

The wind grew stronger and the cold more intense as the day wore on. But the cold could not touch two hearts which were warm, one with kindness received, the other with kindness given.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

FLOUR, GRAIN, Etc.

Flour.—We quote prices nominal as follows:—

Table listing flour and grain prices: Patent Spring, Ontario Patent, Manitoba Patents, Straight Roller, Extra, Superfine, City Strong Bakers, Manitoba Bakers, Ontario bags—extra, Straight Rollers.

Oatmeal.—We quote jobbing prices as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$1.00 to \$1.10; Standard, \$3.00 to \$4.00. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.00 to \$2.00, and standard at \$1.85 to \$1.95. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—Sales of car lots of bran have been made at \$15.00 to \$16.00, but probably \$16.00 is the inside rate to day, and we quote \$16.00 to \$16.60. Shorts \$17.00 to \$18.50 as to quality, and Moultrie \$20 to \$23.

Wheat.—We quote No. 2 Upper Canada red and white wheat 62c to 63c, and No. 1 Manitoba hard at 68c to 70c; No. 2 do 66c to 67c.

Corn.—Market continues quiet at 65c to 66c duty paid, and 58c to 59c in bond.

Peas.—In this market there is no change, the sale of 2 cars being reported sold in store at 66c.

Oats.—No. 2 have sold in car lots at 34c, and No. 3 at 33c, and a lot of rejected brought 33c. Samples of Manitoba oats are offered.

Barley.—Sales are reported of malling grades at 52c, and we quote 51c to 53c. Feed barley is steady at 46c to 47c.

Malt.—We quote 65c to 75c as to quality and quantity.

Buckwheat.—Car lots sold at 46c to 46c on spot.

Rye.—Market quiet; car lots at 50c to 51c.

Seeds.—Market quiet. Alsike \$4.00 to \$5.50, and red clover \$5.25 to \$6.00. Timothy \$1.00 to \$2.25.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs.—Choice selected fresh fall stock is quoted at 18c to 20c; held fresh recently candled 13c to 15c; fancy lined eggs 15c to 18c; good lined 13c to 14c; ordinary Ontario 11c to 12c.

Dressed Poultry.—Sales of 3,000 lbs. of turkeys were made at 8c, a very few choice unfrozen lots bringing 8c. Inferior lean birds brought from 7c to 7c. A lot of mixed turkeys,

chickens and geese sold at 6c. Young chickens are in fair demand, some of which are reported at 6c to 6c; but old fowls have sold at 5c. Geese are rather slow sale at 5c to 6c as to size and quality.

Game.—Venison carcasses have sold at 7c, and saddles at 8c to 9c. Partridge is quoted at 45c to 50c for No. 1.

Honey.—Old at 4c to 5c per lb. New sells slowly at 7c to 8c per lb in tins. Comb honey sells at 10c to 13c.

Rated Hay.—Sales have been made of No. 2 shipping hay at \$6.25 to \$7 in round lots, No. 1 straight Timothy scarce at \$8 to \$8.50 as to quantity.

Beans.—We quote good to choice hand-picked from \$1.30 to \$1.45 per bushel, and poor to fair \$1.10 to \$1.20.

Hops.—Business remains dull at 7c to 9c, as to quality.

PROVISIONS.

Pork, Lard, &c.—We quote prices as follows:—

Table listing provisions prices: Canadashort cut pork, per bbl, Canada short cut, light, per bbl, Chicago short cut mess, per bbl, Mess pork, American, new, per bbl, Extra mess beef, per bbl, Extra plate beef, per bbl, Hams, per lb, Lard, pure in pails, per lb, Lard, com. in pails, per lb, Bacon, per lb, Shoulders, per lb.

Dressed Hogs.—Prices ranging from \$5.25 to \$5.50 laid down on track; but further sales have transpired at \$5.25 to \$5.35 laid down here. Small lots in a jobbing way have sold at \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—We quote prices as follows:—

Table listing dairy products prices: Creamery, October, per lb, Creamery, early made, per lb, Eastern Townships dairy, per lb, Western, per lb.

Add 1c to 2c per lb to above prices for single tubs of selected.

Roll Butter.—A few lots of Western rolls continue to arrive, and sell at 15c to 18c as to quality.

Cheese.—We quote:—

Table listing cheese prices: Finest Western, colored, white, Quebec, colored, Under grades, Cable.

FRUITS, Etc.

Apples.—Prices are \$2.00 to \$2.50 per barrel.

Oranges.—We quote Floridas 125s \$2.00, 150s to 200s \$2.50 to \$2.75; Jamaica \$4.00 to \$5.00 per barrel.

Pine Apples.—Selling at 12c to 17c each.

Lemons.—We quote prices as follows: Malaga, \$7.50 to \$8.00 per chest; Floridas, \$3.00 to \$4.00 per box.

Pears.—California pears are selling at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box.

Cranberries.—Cape Cod berries and Canadian, \$8.50 to \$9.50 per barrel sound stock, while poor quality is selling at \$6 to \$7 per barrel.

Grapes.—Grapes at 25c per basket for Catawba, and \$5.50 to \$6.50 for heavy weight Almeria ordinary stock selling at \$5.00 to \$5.25 per keg.

Sweet Potatoes.—Sales are easily made at firm prices, namely, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per barrel.

Potatoes.—We quote No. 1 on track 51c, jobbing lots 6c to 6c.

Onions.—Prices have advanced fully 25c per barrel, sales being reported at \$1.75 to \$2.00 per barrel. Spanish onions are also firm, and are in good demand at 80c per crate and \$2.35 to \$2.50 per case.

Nuts.—We quote prices as follows: Walnuts, N-w Naples, 13c per lb.; Almonds, N-w Tarragona, 13c to 14c; Almonds, 8c to 9c; Brazil, 11c; pecan, small 10c, medium 13c, extra 15c; peanuts, roasted 7c to 8c, raw 6c to 8c.

FISH AND OILS.

Salt Fish.—Dry cod has been sold at \$4 to \$4.50. Green cod is quiet at \$4.00 to \$4.50. Labrador herring \$1.25 to \$1.50 and shore \$3.75 to \$4.00. Salmon \$10 to \$11 for No. 1 small, in bbls, and at \$13.50 to \$14.00 for No. 1 large. British Columbia \$9 to \$10.

Canned Fish.—Lobsters \$5.75 to \$6. Mackereled \$3.85 to \$4 per case.

Oil.—Cod oil is steady, stocks are light, and holders are less anxious to sell. Gaspe 28c to 30c, and Newfoundland in round quantities at 31c. Jobbing lots are 31c to 32c for Gaspe, and 33c to 34c for Newfoundland. Steam refined seal oil steady at 31c to 32c in round lots at 33c to 34c in jobbing lots. Cod liver oil at 60c to 70c.

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