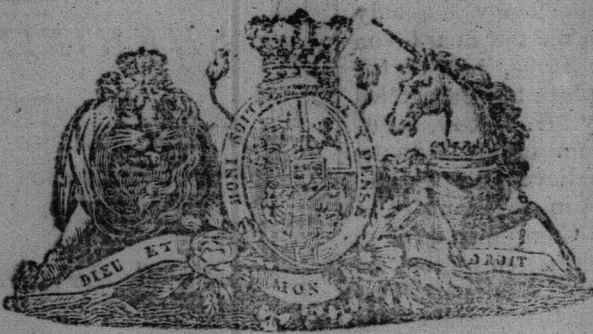


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MONTREAL, Oct. 25.

We understand that E. E. Rodier, another proscribed refugee, for whose apprehension five hundred pounds were offered by Lord Gosford, returned to town yesterday, and stated that he had seen and spoken to Theller and Dodge in the United States.

In the Toronto Patriot we observe an advertisement offering eight dollars bounty to young men who will join an independent regiment for twelve months, which will be placed on the same footing as regiments of the line, with free rations and a full suit of clothes. — Montreal Herald.

OCT. 27.

The tug of war is again about to commence in real earnest, and the government and loyal inhabitants of the two Canadas are now to have a trial of strength with American sympathisers and French rebels, for the purpose of deciding which party shall have possession of the country. Sir John Colborne has received the most positive information that along the whole frontier line in the states of New York, Ohio, and Michigan, the most extensive preparations are making for an invasion, and there is no doubt but Vermont and Maine will also turn out their hordes of buccaners for a similar purpose. Sir John Colborne has again thrown himself on the loyalty of the volunteers of this city, and we are sure that his appeal to their patriotism will not be made in vain. We are sure that there is not a man who can boast of the sea-girt-isles being his fatherland, but will respond with cheerfulness and alacrity to the spirit-stirring call, and will be anxious, with his life, if necessary, to assist to protecting his country from the domination of thieves and murderers. In predicting coming events we have been sneered at as inventing rumours, although we did not tell even half of what we knew. The Lieutenant-Colonels of the different Volunteer battalions in town, were yesterday summoned to attend Sir John Colborne, who has given directions that they be again organized, their arms and accoutrements properly examined and repaired, and a sergeant in each company placed on permanent pay. The men are to receive half a dollar a day when on duty, and the officers, the same pay as those of the line, but without rations. The Cavalry and Queen's Light Dragoons are also to be organized. Sir John Colborne has written, we believe, to the Government, to know if its ultimate intention is to keep the Colony, as, by pursuing the same truckling course which they have, he declares it is quite impossible for him to subdue rebellion or repel invasion, even

with his present force, which will require to be considerably augmented. Six battalions of militia are to be embodied in Upper Canada. We hope that both soldiers and volunteers will, this time, see the paramount necessity for saving the government all trouble about prisoners and for depriving any who may fall into their hands, of ever having a chance again to repeat their game. The enemy will not give any quarter, and let none be given him. — Abstract.

The new-York Commercial Advertiser of the 18th inst. says — "The earl of Durham will arrive at Whitehall on the 31st instant, and reach our city on the 2d of November. That he will be welcomed by our citizens, and in every other part of the state and of the United States which he may visit, with the attention and respect to which he is entitled at our hands, no one can doubt. By his personal civilities to American citizens passing through Canada, as well as by his courteous and honourable mention of our country in his official papers, and the judicious means he has employed to restore a good understanding between the states and the adjoining Provinces, he has secured the good will and respect of every liberal American; and it will be a matter of pride with us to let him see and know that we appreciate his enlightened efforts for the restoration of a tranquillity in which we have no little interest, even though his efforts have been thwarted by opposition in a quarter whence he had a right to look for encouragement and assistance.

QUEBEC, OCTOBER 16.

The city was this morning in state of great excitement, it having been discovered that Theller, Dodge, and three others of the Rebel prisoners, confined on Cape Diamond, had made their escape. So far as we have ascertained the particulars, they got out of the casemate, by cutting one of the bars of the window, by which means they got into the small yard surrounded by pickets 12 feet high, by which the front of the casemate is enclosed. They then got over the picketing and four of them, including the two we have named, got into the ditch, and thence into the town, the fifth had not the courage to make the descent from the wall, but remained in the Citadel and was re-taken this morning as were two others who got, but Theller and Dodge are still (5 o'clock) at large, notwithstanding the strictest search has been made for them on all premises adjoining the glacis in St. Lewis-street, in houses in St. Lewis-street, and in all the houses surrounding the Ursuline Convent, as well as the out-buildings of the convent, it being supposed that they had passed through the house of one of their friends, and secured themselves in the garden or in the farm yard, or in some of the out premises of the nunnery.

How they could have passed the two sentinels, the one within the other outside the yard of their prison, without discovery, is yet to be accounted for, and is, we hear, the subject of a very rigid military enquiry. It is also thought that

they have been assisted by friends in the town. We have been told that two persons, apparently strangers, knocked last night at the door of a house in Garden-street and demanded admittance. On being asked who they were, the answer given was, Mr. Newcomb and friend — they had possibly mistaken the house; the two men who were taken were given up by the landlord of a house in that street; they had, we learn, been out all night and entered the house in the morning to get a dram. The police and the military are making diligence search in the block of houses surrounding the Ursuline premises. — Mercury.

Mr. Louis Perrault, one of the proscribed, who for some time has been residing near Plattsburg, has returned to Montreal since the publication of Lord Durham's proclamation.

The New York Courier says it is in contemplation to get up an Association in that city to build a large steam ship to run to Liverpool in connection with the Company already established.

JUVENILE COURAGE AND PATRIOTISM.

Instanced in Canada, during the disturbances at the close of the year 1837.

Times of peril and strife are not without their uses. It is at such periods that the more sublime virtues are elicited, and that the human character, and to stimulate those who come after, to an equally honourable course when duty to their country demands their exertions. It is true likewise that such periods bring to view the darker portion of our nature; the base passions and selfish devices of the heart are developed as well as those which appertain to be better part of our being; and times of commotion may truly be said to exhibit beacons to shun as well as models for imitation. The following brief narrative contains instance of both; the good however being the subject matter, and the bad incidentally. It consists of well authenticated facts, and whilst the conduct of the high-spirited damsel is worthy of all praise, it must be evident that loyal chivalrous feelings must have pervaded the hearts of the parents from whom they have learnt so noble a bearing in difficult emergencies.

CHARLOTTE and CORNELIA are the daughters of Capt. P. DE GRASSE, a military officer of long experience and tried loyalty, residing in a retired situation a few miles distant from the city of Toronto; and it will be seen that the samopatriotic feelings which animated his bosom were carefully cultivated in the hearts of his children. On the memorable 10th of December last, Capt De Grasse having accidentally heard that the rebels purposed to possess themselves of Toronto he felt himself called upon promptly to leave all domestic ties and comforts; and confiding the protection of his family to the Arm that was mighty to save, he proceeded at 11 o'clock at night to the city, in order to take up arms in its defence. His daughters, the elder of whom had not completed her fifteenth year, resolved to accompany him and see him safe to the city, that they might relieve the anxiety of their mother; and with some difficulty obtained his permission to execute so perilous a design.

It was a beautiful moonlight night when they commenced their journey, a considerable portion of which was through the bush, or uncleared country. Between Hollivell and Berniet they fell in with the notorious Matthews and his party, forty two in number, who were advancing in two files. Capt. De Grasse was now in imminent danger from which he would hardly have escaped, but the presence of mind of Charlotte saved them. She suddenly took to the left file, and by padding through the mud she came in contact with Matthews' foot tracts, and

attracts his notice; by which means Capt. De Grasse and his other daughter passed unobserved. Charlotte was allowed to pass without obstruction. At length about one o'clock the party arrived at Toronto, where they found all in alarm and commotion, guns were heard firing in all directions, and all the preparations for immediate hostilities were at hand. — Notwithstanding these omens of danger, the youthful heroines determined to return home, even at that untimely hour of the night. The moon continued to give her light until they reached Arthur's Distillery, after which they had to encounter all the terrors of darkness, and the fears of falling into the hands of rebels known to be disseminated in all directions of the vicinity. All these however they escaped and reached home about 4 o'clock in the morning.

On the following day (Tuesday) the sisters went to Toronto, carrying with them information of the proceedings of the rebels at the Don and they returned in the evening after having enquired for their father. On Wednesday they again succeeded in crossing the dreadful bush which separated their home from the city. Their father was that day on duty at the Parliament house; but some one had told Cornelia that he was at the advance post, at the turnpike in Yonge street, where indeed he would have been had it not have been for the temporary indisposition of Col. M—— which made the alteration necessary. Cornelia not finding her father at the post described, and perceiving the general error on every countenance, in consequence, of the report that the rebels were 5000 strong, she promised to proceed alone to Montgomery Tavern, their head quarters, and ascertain the truth or falsity of the rumour. As she passed through the rebel lines, all seemed amazed at seeing so little a girl on a fiery pony coming fearlessly among them, and she could hear them enquiring of each other who she was. Thus she reached the wheelwright's, adjoining Montgomery, without molestation; and after enquiring the price of a sledge of particular dimensions, and promising to give the wheelwright an answer the following day, she was about to return to the city, when suddenly three or four men seized the bridle, exclaiming, "You are our prisoner!" By these men she was detained nearly an hour, waiting for the return of M'Kenzie. All at once a general huzzaing was heard, and M'Kenzie appeared apparently elated. He cried "Glorious news, we have taken the Western mail!" Then following the coachman and passengers, prisoners. The congratulations of the rebels and their crowding round their captives caused some confusion, and relaxed the vigilance of the guards, and Cornelia taking advantage of the opportunity, whipped her pony and made her escape, although pursued and fired at several times.

After ridding herself of this party, she was again fired at from Watson's, and was summoned to surrender, but this seemed only to give additional strength to her resolution, and at length she reached the city, bringing the news of the robbery of the public mail, and describing the numbers of the rebels to be greatly exaggerated, many of them to mere boys armed with club sticks, few possessing guns or rifles, chiefly carrying long poles with spikes at the ends, and the people having little or no ammunition.

In the meantime the other sister Charlotte had been detained by the loyal party at the market house, when one of the officers begged to her to have the kindness to take a despatch of the greatest consequence for the safety of the town, as they had not a horseman to send out. She complied with the request, and carried the despatch some distance on the Kingston road when she met the picquet, and returned with the answer to the city. After which she sat out on her return home in the evening. When near the corner of the bush before Sinclair's clearance, a large party of rebels fired at her and wounded her. Her pony also was wounded and the poor beast jump-

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