

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributions to this department must define themselves to public questions, and be brief.

That Proposed Cotton Mill.

DEAR SIGNAL.—Can it be possible? Is it really so? Oh, Mr. Editor, are you in earnest when you say that the proposed mill for the new cotton mill is to be on the Reserve, Benmill, and that our village is "a capital place for such an enterprise?" But yes! such is the case, for Mr. Crabb has said so, and I should like to know who knows more about such matters than your respected merchant, Christopher Crabb, Esq. We villagers are in an ecstasy of delight over such good news. In fact, to say the least of it, we are all beside ourselves with the all-engrossing topic of the "big cotton mill." Such visions arise! Oh! SIGNAL, man! such castles we build in the air! Just imagine! A large cotton mill on the Reserve, Benmill,—"a capital place for such an enterprise." Oh, my! we all have cotton on the brain, and already we see the large six-story factory with its numerous windows and tall chimney built on the Reserve, Benmill,—"a capital place for such an enterprise." In a few years our ambitious village will be a town, and in a year or two after that will be a city, and we will become the Manchester of Canada, and we will have our own Mayor and other members and have our own elections like other people, and—well, I cannot say how many more and—oh, I really am so overjoyed at the good news that like all of "us," I am beside myself, because Mr. Crabb has said that we are going to have a cotton mill at Benmill,—"a capital place for such an enterprise." Land that was worth nothing a day or two ago has gone up so high that it is a matter of impossibility for it ever to come down again, and if you meet, never mind who, in our village street, the question (there's only one, invariably)—"Have you heard about the Big Cotton Mill that's going to be built on the Reserve?"—"a capital place for such an enterprise." As true as can be, for Mr. Crabb has said so, and nobody knows better than he for he says that the money is all paid up, and only waiting some little formality or other before it is sent over.

Like all the rest, I am worked up to fever heat over such important news, and shall request if Mr. Crabb or anybody else tells you any more about the Big Cotton Mill to be built on the Reserve,—"a capital place for such an enterprise," you will "print" it as soon as possible. Ah! so, now!!! and oblige your old SLAYTON.

Benmill, Dec. 6, 1880.

Free Markets.

From the Chatham Banner.
At the session of the Town Council on Monday evening, Mr. Holmes introduced a by-law to throw off the market fees on Wednesdays, and request an experiment which was so successfully tried three years ago. The proposition has been endorsed by a great majority of our business men, and we are sorry to see that the fog element in the Council is still so strong as to defeat the scheme by a majority of two. Mr. Holmes deserves the thanks of his constituents for keeping up the agitation in favor of a reform, and we trust the business men of Eberts Ward will show their approval of his course by supporting him en masse at the approaching election. Both the candidates for the Mayoralty supported Mr. Holmes, and the question cannot therefore be an issue between them. And Mr. Northwood also voted right on the question, a fact which should be remembered on election day. All restrictions to trade must eventually be done away with. Instead of laying an embargo on the farming community, and endeavoring to drive them away from our market, every inducement should be held out to bring them hither. Bonuses to factories are urged with a view of increasing the trade and wealth of the town. Every farmer who visits our market with a load of produce contributes to the progress and adds to the importance of Chatham as a commercial centre, and we submit that the town is not so completely beyond the reach of competition that our people can afford to leave obstacles in the way of developing what is just now—in the absence of manufacturing industries—of supreme importance to their prosperity, the trade and custom of the surrounding section of country.

Death on the Gallows.

SHERBROOKE, QUE., Dec. 10.—At ten minutes past eight o'clock this morning, Wm. Gray, convicted of the murder of Thos. Mulligan, of Scottstown, at the October term of the Court of Queen's Bench, in Sherbrooke, was duly executed in the prison enclosure, in accordance with the sentence of the court. Since receiving his sentence, the prisoner has stoutly maintained his innocence. He has been constantly visited by the ministers of the different churches, and was always ready to join with them in religious conversation. He had taken his food regularly and slept as calmly and peacefully as possible throughout the entire night of Thursday, and ate a hearty breakfast this morning. He prayed with his spiritual advisers, but exhibited no unusual emotion, and walked with firm and steady steps to the scaffold, and after a fervent prayer by the Rev. J. Brock, when asked by the Sheriff if he wished to say anything, he replied, in a strong voice, "Yes, I wish to make a statement. I am an innocent man." He then proceeded to repeat substantially the statements given to the reporter of the Sherbrooke Gazette on Tuesday, to the effect that his sole offence consisted in stealing the articles belonging to the murdered man which were found in his possession, which he said his wife compelled him to do. He advised all young men to avoid run and had women, saying it was these two evils which had brought him to the gallows.

At 8:10 the trap was sprung by the executioner, and after hanging about six minutes no perceptible pulsation could be discovered. The body was, however, allowed to remain some ten minutes longer, after which it was deposited in a coffin, and the usual Coroner's inquest held. A strong effort was made up to

the last moment almost to get a stay of the execution from the Minister of Justice, all the Protestant clergymen here joining in appeal to that effect.

Mons. De Lessa, read a paper some time ago before the French Academy, stating that he believed he had discovered the actual place where the Israelites crossed the Red Sea. A French priest, thinking his arguments conclusive, in order to bring to light any remains of Pharaoh's army which may be under the sand.

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A new Pattern and new Weave.

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Where he is showing a very fine assortment of light and heavy Harness, Saddles, Trunks, Valises, Whips, Horse Clothing, Combs, Brushes, Bells and every other article usually found in a first-class Harness Shop. All work warranted, as I use only the very best material and employ none but first-class workmen, repairing done on short notice and at moderate rates.

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