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BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. PUBLIC TESTIMONY. (From Lyman & MacNab, Wholesale Hardware Merchants.) Toronto, 18th September, 1866.

Messrs MASONRY & WRIGHT, B. A. Commercial College, Toronto. DEAR SIR, We have much pleasure in testifying to the order of training for commercial pursuits obtained by the young men educated at your College.

We have now in our employment one of your graduates, who, notwithstanding the fact that he never had any previous experience, has proved himself a most reliable, accurate and efficient Book-keeper.

We may further state, that having had occasion to engage another office hand, we gave a decided preference to one of your graduates. In short we have no hesitation in saying, that as far as our experience goes, your course of training is entirely practical, and affords a thorough and efficient education.

Yours truly, LYMAN & MACNAB, (From Morrison, Taylor & Co., Wholesale Provision Dealers.) Toronto, May 21, 1867.

Messrs MASONRY & WRIGHT, B. A. Com. College, Toronto. DEAR SIR, We can confidently recommend your establishment to the business public, from which to select their Book-keepers. The young men in our employ bear testimony to the excellent system taught in your College, and the accurate habits derived therefrom, and though different houses pursue different methods, yet in general we still ever give and advise preference to your pupils for the sake of the thoroughness of their education.

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S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. Q. FREEMAN, Q. C. Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 14th December 1867. dw

Evening Mercury OFFICE:..... MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EV'G, FEB. 11, 1868.

Local News. DROWNED.—A young man, named John Corbett, was drowned on Saturday at Elphick's mill, Greenock township.

Horse thieves have been operating pretty extensively in the neighborhood of Windsor. Two teams were stolen from two different individuals last week.

WOLVES.—The recent cold weather has made the wolves extremely numerous in some places. The Bay City Signal says they are driving the deer to the openings, and into the vicinity of the lumber camp settlements, and that in the vicinity of Rifle River they are more numerous than they have been for a number of years.

THEFT.—On the night of Sunday, the 26th ult., the barn of Mr. Duncan McLennan of the 12th concession of Arthur was entered, and about forty bushels of wheat stolen. Early on the morning of the same day some one who had a hankering for roast fowl, made a raid on the barn of Mr. Robert Kennedy, of Mount Forest, and stole a quantity of poultry.

SPRING ASSIZES.—The Spring Assizes for the County of Wellington opens in Guelph on Monday the 16th March, and for Waterloo at Berlin, on Monday the 30th, Hon. Mr. Justice Hagarty presiding. The Assizes for Brage will open at Walkerton on Wednesday, the 18th March, the Hon. Mr. Justice Richards presiding. The Assizes for Halton will open at Milton, on Monday, the 16th March, Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison presiding.

SAFE ARRIVAL.—The Daily Southern Cross announces the safe arrival in New Zealand of the steamer Taranaki on the 27th of November last. The party who left Galt last summer, and whose departure we noted at the time are reported among the passengers, and all well. They are Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and child, Miss Crombie, Miss Scott (2), Mrs. Scott, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Rose and child.

HISTORY OF THE UNITED NETHERLANDS.—The fourth volume of this able work by J. L. Motley has been issued by the Harpers, and is now for sale at the bookstore of Mr. T. J. Day. The present volume completes the publication. The History is interesting, and has cost the author much labour and research. In treating of the Netherlands there is necessary much information to be gleaned concerning other countries whose political relations with that which is the subject of the work unavoidably brings them under notice.

Board of School Trustees. The Board met on Monday night, Present: Mr. Pearson, chairman, Messrs. Pirie, Knowles, Fraser, Mitchell, Newton, Watson, Harvey, McNeil, Innes, and Dr. McQuire.

The Local Superintendent read a copy of the agreement between the Board and the teachers for the year, to one clause of which—making it binding on the teachers to have the fires in the schools lit half an hour before school hours in winter—one of the teachers objected and refused to sign the agreement. The Local Superintendent in consequence submitted the matter to the Board.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Newton, that the Board adopt the agreement between the Board and the Secretary. Carried.

Mr. Newton presented the report of the Finance Committee recommending the payment of several accounts. Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that the School Property Committee be empowered to purchase a sufficient quantity of firewood for the use of the different schools for the year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Innes seconded by Mr. McNeil, that Miss Unsworth, on account of sickness, be relieved for a time from her duties as teacher in the Primary Girls' School, and that the Secretary be empowered to make a temporary engagement with Miss McRoberts to take her place. Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

COAL OIL. Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent tops and spouts; also another supply of the new Burners, at John Horsman's.

Note, for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil JOHN HORSMAN.

A worthy superintendent of common schools in one of the towns of the Province, on visiting the girls' department of the schools under his charge, took upwards of thirty copies of the Police Gazette and similar publications from the advanced pupils—publications which could not be read nor seen without pollution. These nuisances should be put down, as the Customs law can prevent their importation.

Solree in Eramosa. From our Correspondent. As announced in a late number of your valuable journal, a Solree was held in the Canada Presbyterian Church (Rev. Wm. Barrie's) on Thursday evening, Feb. 6th. The day was anything but promising—rough, rude and blustering. The frost was biting keen, and the wild wind whistled among the snow drifts, making it appear—yes, and making us feel too—as if the very elements were in league against us, fully determined to make our anticipated social festival a complete failure. The darkness of the gloom, however, was occasionally relieved by bright rays of golden sunshine, which as it glittered among the snow-flakes, gladdened our hearts, and whispered in our ears words of comfort and consolation.

The origin, arrangement, and carrying out of the programme lay entirely with the young men and women of the congregation, and as this was their first attempt at anything of the kind, they were one and all earnestly anxious as to its success. Nor were their hopes disappointed. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the church was comfortably filled, about 400 being present. The choir and soloists were ably and faithfully discharged by the respected members of the church, while seated around him were the Rev. Messrs. Ball and Torrance, of Guelph; Mr. Duff, of Elora; Mr. Milligan, of Garrafara, and Mr. Beattie, late of Millbank, who afterwards addressed the meeting, as did also Capt. Swinford, of the Eramosa Volunteers, and Mr. Weir, teacher. The Fergus choir cheered and enlivened us during the evening with songs of sweetest sound.

A blessing having been asked, young and old proceeded to test the kind and quality of the various creature comforts so amply provided and skillfully prepared. The general arrangements were complete and faithfully executed in every respect. All were determined to make us comfortable, and I have no hesitation in saying that they succeeded far beyond our most sanguine expectations, and richly deserve, as they afterwards received, our warmest thanks. As a prelude to the address the Choir favored us with a choice piece of music. Short speeches were the order of the evening. Mr. Duff, who made the opening one, spoke of the great pleasure he had in being present, of the roughness of the night, yet his regret for Mr. Barrie was such that the storm was powerless to detain him. Anywhere else, he said, the state of the weather would have been sufficient excuse for his staying at home. He believes such were the feelings that animated nearly every one present. Mr. Barrie, who is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, settled country minister in the Dominion of Canada, is also highly respected. His genial spirit and world-encircling philanthropy make him a general favorite with all creeds and classes of whatever country or clime. Mr. Duff's able address on Reformation was enlarged and extended by Mr. Torrance, who ably and briefly advocated a Temperance and Tobacco reformation, and threw out a few hints on the propriety of taking steps for the building of a new manse, as the present was not so comfortable as it might be, especially if a change spoken of took place. Mr. Weir came before the meeting with a few interesting odds and ends which gave great satisfaction. Mr. Ball gave his experience of camp life at Thorold after the Fenian raid in June, 1866. Capt. Swinford, who followed, spoke highly of the good conduct of the Eramosa Volunteers, and his determination to cling to them till their wrongs were righted. Mr. Beattie, feelingly and forcibly directed his remarks chiefly to the young, who had in a measure been overlooked by the other speakers. Mr. Milligan closed the proceedings in an eloquent, heart searching address. During the evening there was sweet music, and were deservedly accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the close. Votes of thanks were tendered to all and sundry who contributed to the evening's enjoyment. After pronouncing the benediction the audience separated for the night, delighted with what they had seen and heard, and anticipating fresh enjoyment as they glided gently along to the music of the sleigh bells.

It is but justice to state that the audience gave every attention to the different speakers, and were remarkably well behaved. I have given the order of the speeches, but very little of their substance, not even an outline.

On the following evening, the young of the congregation met in the basement of the church, when they again enjoyed a rich feast of good things. The entertainment was entirely free, and highly enjoyed by the young people, who numbered over one hundred of all size, strength, length and condition. Mr. Barrie watched over them with a shepherd's care, and contributed to their enjoyment in every possible way, so much so that we all thought the last night of the festival better than the first. After settling all accounts, a pretty fair margin will be left for the benefit of the Library.

I ought to have mentioned that the evening previous to the Solree was the Annual Missionary Meeting. The scheme originated with the Eramosa congregation, and is now one of the most flourishing in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church. The meeting was well attended, Mr. Barrie presiding. The deputation, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Little, of Nantawegway; Mr. Cameron, of Acton, and Mr. Thomson, of Erin, reviewed the many schemes of the church in able and pointed addresses. They spoke of the great commission given by the greatest of all missionaries, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel;" of its binding influence upon the hearts of the various branches of the Christian church. The duties of each individual of that church was strongly enforced, our contributions to be followed by our prayers ere God's blessing could be secured. That the congregation is laboring diligently in the great field was shown by the interest they took, and the amount contributed during the year to the various missionary schemes of the church.

SOCIAL LIFE IN ENGLAND.—A writer in the Pall Mall Gazette having suggested a distinctive costume for servant-maids, one of that class immediately replied through the Manchester Guardian. She said she was willing to dress simply and inexpensively, but complained that her mistress made her spend her money upon finery; but she spurned the idea of anything like a livery. "Why not," she said, "get a badge, with the crest engraved on, and stick it on servants' arms, same as cabmen and policemen?"

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE. Toronto, Feb. 10. Mr. McKellar presented a petition from the widow of the late Wm. Lyon Mackenzie, asking the payment of £500 expenses incurred by her late husband, when he was sent to England in 1832 by the people of Canada, with petitions praying the Imperial government to grant several ameliorations in the administrations of the Government of the Province. He said he would on a future day refer the petition to a committee.

The Bill to incorporate the Ontario College was read a third time and passed. Mr. McKellar moved the second reading of the Bill to extend the Erie and Niagara Railway. After a long discussion, the Bill was then read a second time, and ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next.

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Mr. Boyd moved that the petition of the Congregational Union of Canada praying the establishment of an Asylum for Inebriates, be read, and be referred to a special committee, with power to send for persons, papers and records and to report thereon at the next session of the Legislature. The motion was carried.

Mr. Lauder moved that the petition of Hon. Bill Flint and others respecting defective land titles be read and referred to a select committee, with power to send for persons, papers, &c. The motion was carried.

The House went into committee of the whole on the Agricultural Bill. Clause 37 was altered so as to increase the number of Directors of County and Electoral Division Societies to nine instead of seven. Clauses 38 to 45 were agreed to. In clause forty-five on the subject of merging county and township shows, the word "may" was substituted for "shall." Clauses 46 to 57 were agreed to, with some amendments. Clause 58, relating to the prohibition of gambling, &c., at shows, was passed, with the amendment that the sale of intoxicating drinks be prohibited from being sold within 300 yards of the grounds. The other clauses were agreed to, and the committee rose and reported progress.

Police Court. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. TUESDAY, Feb. 11th.—John McCarty, of Arthur, was charged by Chief Constable Kelly with attempting to pass counterfeit money, knowing it to be such. The bill in question purported to be \$100 U. S. currency, payable by the Central National Bank, New York. A number of witnesses was examined. Mr. Robert Rutherford was the first, and testified as follows: The prisoner had some dealings at his store on the 11th of January, and after making a purchase of two or three barrels of salt, he asked one of the clerks if they bought greenbacks there. The boy repeated the enquiry to Mr. R., who as he had a payment to make in Boston, offered to take the bill at the rate of 75c. on the dollar. He sent the bill on to Boston and got credit for it, but it was returned to him a few days after, by the parties to whom he had sent it, as taken down by the prisoner's name and residence, and when he saw him last night, Mr. R. offered to give him back his money and take the greenback.

Dr. Jackson, broker, had seen the bill four or five times; twice it had been presented to him for sale, and once to hear his opinion on it. He had pronounced it counterfeit as soon as he saw it.

Mr. Flannery, who is in the employ of Messrs. Hogg & Chance was next sworn. The prisoner had asked him to buy it, and it was he who took it to Dr. Jackson for his opinion. He told McCarty when he returned that one thousand of them were not worth four cents. The prisoner afterwards told witness he had sold it to Mr. Rutherford, and that if he could not pass it he would give him back his money. He said all the time that the bill belonged to his brother, and that it was for him he was wanting it exchanged. The case was dismissed after the \$72 had been refunded Mr. Rutherford.

Curling Match. The return match between the Morrison and Aberfoyle Curling Clubs came off Saturday on Saturday the 1st instant. Morrison gaining by 19 shots as under:

MORRISON. ABERFOYLE. John McLaren, James Scott, Jas. Morrison, C. Ellice, David Connell, A. Wier, Jno. Howe—skip 24 Jno. Weir—skip 12

W. Nichol, J. Falconbridge, D. McFarlane, M. Todd, C. Martin, B. Johnston, W. Ross skip—24 R. McFarlane skip—17

A FATAL CHRISTMAS DINNER.—Dr. Lancton concluded an inquest on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Marybone Workhouse, England, respecting the death of a woman named Sarah Clements. From the evidence, it appeared that the deceased had gone to dine at a house in Charlotte street, Portland-place, and amongst other things ate a portion of a goose which was served at dinner. All the persons who partook of the goose became ill, and were seized with vomiting and purging. The deceased suffered more than the others, and died in a few days. Professor Rodgers, of the London College, made an analysis of the stomach of the deceased, and of cooked and uncooked portions of the goose, of which she had partaken. In the goose fat he could not find any trace of vegetable or mineral poison. It is well known that the fat of geese occasionally contains a poisonous acid, which close packing had a tendency to generate. The verdict returned was that she died from eating a portion of the goose which was served at dinner.

Out of 80,000 hales of hops grown in the United States last year, the State of New York will produce 60,000 hales.

The New York Mail says: Church music presents nothing very fresh this winter. Good church singers can command liberal salaries, but the monetary pressure is extending even to the churches, and "music committees" are showing a tendency to economise. The highest salary paid to tenors in quartette choirs is \$500 a year, and this is reached in only two or three instances.

The Quebec Board of Trade has resolved to communicate with the various Boards of Trade of Ontario and Quebec, urging them to petition the government for further legislation to relieve the country of the existing silver nuisance.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

FENIAN TRIALS IN DUBLIN. FURTHER OUTRAGES AT CORK. NUMEROUS ARRESTS.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. London, Feb. 10.—The guards of constables and soldiers in and around Warwick jail, where the Fenian Burke is still confined, have been doubled, and many additional precautions have been taken in consequence of reports that the Fenians threaten to rescue their leader by force. Much excitement exists in Warwick. The citizens volunteer in large numbers to serve as special constables.

Cork, Feb. 10, evening.—The police have succeeded in arresting many persons who are supposed to have taken part in the riotous attempt to rescue Captain Mackay. It is reported among those arrested two have been identified as the men who shot the two policemen on that occasion, but as no examination have yet taken place, nothing definite is known as to the charge or evidence against them. Some persons have also been arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the assault on the attempted rescue.

London, Feb. 10.—The evidence against Mackay, the Fenian, in the examination on Saturday, appeared conclusive, and he was fully committed. Several of those attempting his rescue were also fully committed. Two policemen were dangerously wounded in the attempted rescue.

DUBLIN, Feb. 10, evening.—The Grand Jury to whom the cases of the accused Fenians, now in the prison of this city, are to be presented to-day, assembled at the Court House. Lord Fitzgerald, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, delivered the charge to the jury, in which he deplored in strong language the outrages which had been perpetrated, and the useless agitation and lawless spirit now prevailing in Ireland. The Grand Jury then withdrew to their chamber and commenced their labours. Two indictments have been found against the prisoner Lennon—one is for treason, and the other for murder, he being charged with shooting the policeman at Stepaside. The prisoner Pigot has been indicted on the charge of sedition.

The intelligence in regard to the rebellion in the north of China is not very definite. The Imperialists report that battles have taken place since the conflict at Shantung, and they claim that the rebels have been defeated in all these encounters, and that the Imperial armies are rapidly gaining the ground which they had lost.

CORK, Feb. 10.—Last night a squad of policemen who were patrolling the city, were confronted by a crowd of men in the street, who commenced an attack upon them with clubs and stones. The policemen being greatly outnumbered, fell back to the nearest station. They were chased some distance by the mob, several of whom during the flight of the police, fired upon them with pistols and other firearms. None of the latter, however, were hurt. As soon as they reached the neighbourhood of the station, the pursuit ceased, and when the police, reinforced, again sallied out the crowd had dispersed. As the night was dark and thick, none of the attacking party could be distinctly seen or recognized, and though the officers are actively searching for the suspected ringleaders, they have not yet been able to effect any arrests.

American Despatches. Havana, Feb. 10th.—The captain of the American brig Mountain Eagle has filed a protest with the U. S. Consul against the new Custom House regulations, compelling payment to be made in advance as security for duties on goods in transit, manifest, and for other expenses of the ship. Captain General Lersundi has returned from his tour through the island.

New York, Feb. 10.—A fire this evening on Front street caused loss of about \$40,000. The fire spread to adjoining buildings, and at 2:30 a.m., 11th, is still burning. Extent of damage cannot yet be estimated.

Another fire on Fulton street, in building occupied by Weldon & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, and others, caused a loss of \$80,000.

Halifax, Feb. 10th.—In the House, the Attorney General opened the debate on the repeal resolutions. He was followed by Mr. Troop on the same side. Repeal meetings continue to be held in different parts of the country.

THE TARIFF IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—It would appear that the tariff and postal bills of last session are about as displeasing to many of the people of New Brunswick as they are to the Nova Scotians. One journal says: The disastrous fiscal policy has weakened the hands of friends and immensely strengthened the hands and increased the number of opponents; that the bitterest enemies are now to be found among the sturdy and vigorous mechanics and the laboring classes, who in 1866 saved St. John city and county from the Antis, but whose necessities have been almost unfairly ignored in that the large tobacco factory of Messrs. Reed has been closed since the excise duties came into operation; that several cigar factories and a vinegar factory are about to follow suit; that the brewers have been compelled to advance the price of ale; while among those who were most earnest supporters of the Minister of Customs there is gloom, disappointment and discontent.