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## THE EGYPTIAN WAR.

The main body of the English army in the Soudan are now encamped at Sinkat, where they will remain inactive till next Autumn. The air from the desert is now as hot as from a furnace. Active operations are now impossible, but it is thought that a battle with Osman Digma will have to be fought before the British camp can be made secure. Wolseley will keep portions of his command moving between the different Nile stations during the hot weather as a sanitary precaution. Wolseley's speech to the army in the Soudan, outlines the autumn campaign. He said: "The Queen desires me to express her admiration of your courage and self-devotion. To have commanded such men is to me a source of the highest pride. No greater honor can be in store for you than that I look to the act of leading you, please God, into Khartoum before the year is out. On the river and in the desert you have borne hardships and privations murmureless. In action you have been uniformly victorious. You have done uniformly victorious. You have done all that men can do to save a comrade, but Khartoum fell through treachery two days before it could be reached. A period of comparative inaction is now expected. The army is not yet formed with a view to the siege of Khartoum. We must content ourselves during the summer and prepare for an autumn advance. You will I know face the heat and work that yet remains for you with the same courage and endurance you have displayed hitherto."

Gen. Buller's troops suffered intensely from the hot wind and sand during the retreat from Gakdul. A number of men and horses were prostrated. The rebel sharpshooters continually harassed the troops with long range fire.

Six transports arrived at Suakim on the 7th inst., with reinforcements and supplies. Hostile arabs are becoming alarmed at the number of ships arriving.

The water supply at the British camp is abundant. Osman Digma has sent a letter to the British commander, recounting the Arab successes

announcing that the fall of Kassala is imminent, and warning the English they will be defeated and driven into the sea if they venture beyond Suakim. Osman has also sent a letter to the chief of a friendly tribe of Amorars now in Suakim, threatening him with death unless he rejoins the Mahdi's army, and telling him the British are doomed, as 7,000 dervishes have arrived to reinforce his army.

The North Pacific and Australia fleets are to be reinforced. As a result of the conference with the agents-general of the colonies at the War Office, the Government will rely upon receiving contingents from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. It is rumored that the Governor-General has received instructions from the Imperial Government to raise five regiments in Canada. It is just possible that there are a sufficient number of men in Canada, with the requisite amount of gushy loyalty, to form five regiments for service in the Soudan, but we doubt if the greater number of Canadians who are loyal to Canada first, will consent to furnish the money necessary to equip and maintain such a force.

The probability of war between England and Russia becomes every day more imminent. The Russians have occupied Afghan territory her authority over which England established with so great a sacrifice of life and money, and have positively declined to accede to England's demand to withdraw. England has sent an ultimatum to Russia, and thus the matter stands. Turkey, in view of the aggressive attitude of Russia on the Afghan frontier, meditates offering an alliance, offensive and defensive, with England. If the offer is accepted Turkey will send an army to India, to be under the orders of British commanders. The Ameer of Afghanistan is sending troops to protect the frontier against the Russians. The leading English journals urge England to occupy and fortify Herat at once and check the Russian advance into the interior of Afghanistan at any cost. The Times says if Russia wishes to fight, England is not only ready but willing, and Russia has only to say the word. The News says, "Should the struggle come, it will be the colonies to the rescue, and their recent patriotic fervor has shown that they would not be called in vain." In spite of the ugly look of things few seriously expect war with Russia. The language of the British ministers alone ought to be enough to prove that. They speak in a manner rather indicating that they prefer to go to war rather than allow Russia to advance further into Afghanistan. They must feel sure therefore that Russia will decline the challenge. Their main reliance is in the confident hope that Russia is hopelessly embarrassed by the want of money.

On Wednesday, 4th inst., the Ontario Government introduced a redistribution bill in the Assembly. The last distribution of seats bill was passed in 1871, when the unit of population was fixed at 18,114. The increase and changes in population that have taken place since that time rendered the present bill necessary. The Government have created only one new seat, that of Algoma, which was too large to be adequately represented by one member. The bill is in every respect a fair one—such a bill as the people of Ontario naturally expected from the Mowat Government. Not the slightest attempt at gerrymandering is evident in any of the changes made. The unit of population was fixed at 21,621, and these figures were approximated as near as possible. The following changes were made in these counties:—Brockville to consist of the town of Brockville and the townships of Elizabethtown, Rear of Yonge and Escott, Front of Yonge, and Front of Escott. The remainder of the two counties will be divided into two ridings, one to be known as Leeds and the other as Grenville. Leeds will consist of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne, South Crosby, North Crosby, Bastard, South Burgess, Kitley, Elmsley, and the villages of Gananoque and Newboro. Grenville will consist of Augusta, Edwardsburg, Oxford, Wolford, South Gower, the town of Prescott, and the villages of Kemptville, Merrickville, and Cardinal.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

### Libel Suit.

The libel suit of McMullen v. Colcock which arose from the battle of words between the editors of the Monitor and Times last fall, and which was to have come off at the Spring Assizes, has been settled.

Remember that a summarised account of the proceedings of the Municipal Council of Rear of Yonge & Escott, as well as of the Unionville Fair Association will appear in the REPORTER. These alone are worth the subscription price to those interested, and as we publish them without fee or reward, we hope our efforts will be appreciated.

### B. W. and S. S. M. Railway.

Voting on the bonus by-law took place in the townships of Bastard and Burgess, and South Crosby yesterday, (10th). As we anticipated the bonus was carried by a good majority in the first-named township, the majority being 239. In South Crosby, there was a majority of 75 in favor of the by-law, but as there was not two-thirds of the total vote polled, the by-law was defeated in that municipality. What effect this adverse vote will have remains to be seen, but we believe the road will be built notwithstanding. Voting in Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne takes place on the 13th.

### A Slow Train.

The Kingston News tells of a well-contested race which took place one day last week between a Kingston & Pembroke Railway train and a cow on the track. The conductor ran ahead of the train and tried to switch the bovine off the track by twisting her tail, and after several attempts succeeded in doing so, after which he jumped on the rear of the last car and went his way.—[We don't wonder any at the above story. We had occasion to travel over that road once, and we heard the story that the train hands used to walk on ahead and cut the wood for the engine and have it ready when the train came along.—Ed.]

### The Death Roll.

#### WILTSE.

Hester Coleman, wife of the late Comfort M. Wiltse, died on Monday, Feb. 23d, at the residence of her son-in-law, A. W. Kelley, Wiltsetown, aged nearly 90 years. Mrs. Wiltse was among the early settlers of this township, having come to this section from the Bay of Quinte, when very young. She reared a family of four boys and five girls.

#### BOOTH.

Charlotte Sheriff, wife of the late James Booth, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Gershom Yates, in this village, on Friday, March 6th, aged 83 years. The deceased lady reared a large family, nearly all of whom are in other lands, only one daughter (Mrs. Yates) being present at the funeral.

#### SHERMAN.

Joanna Robeson, wife of the late Aaron Sherman, died at her residence in this village, on Saturday, March 7th, aged 63 years. The deceased lady was born in the township of Elizabethtown, and reared six boys and three girls, of whom two sons, Arza N. and William, and her daughter, Mrs. Cadwell, reside in the village.

#### WILTSE.

Asa Wiltse, second son of Arza Wiltse, died on Monday morning, 8th inst., of diphtheria. The deceased, who was a promising lad of nearly 13 years, was a special favorite among his young associates. His class in the Model School, accompanied by Mr. Porter, head teacher, preceded the remains to the grave.

#### IRELAND.

The Recorder of Monday last contained an account of the death of an old resident of Kitley, Lewis D. Ireland. It was the writer's privilege to become acquainted with the deceased gentleman, more than twenty-five years ago, at which time he was known as the veteran temperance man of the township. He died at a ripe old age, leaving an example worthy of the imitation of young and old.

#### GAINFORD.

Just as we go to press, we learn that Thos. Gainford, Lake Loyada Road, died this (Wednesday) morning.