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PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, &c., (graduate McGill College, Montreal;) LUCKNOW. v16w31

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ANTHONY ALLEN, GEORGE COX, } *Executors*

Goderich, July 17th, 1864. w31-tf

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The "Huron Signal" Carrier Boys' New Years' Address.

Hail the bright morn of another New Year—
Its greetings of joy, its bountiful cheer;
Bright wreathe each smile as we forget awhile
Life's busy cares, and corroding turmoil.
O, let's forget for awhile, if we can,
The hatred and malice so common to Man,
And stand on our *Brotherhood's* loftiest ground
Where true Friendship alone can ever be found.
Let Scandal slink back to her ven'mous den,
Whether of speech or the more galling pen;
Let Love be our motto, for kindness alone
Is the brightest gem that has ever shone.
Pure be our motives and high be our aim,
Tho' great be our wealth or lowly our name;
Our greatest care and our o'er present thought
Should be, to see that we are wrong in nought.

Another year! O, how quick revolving time
Hurries us on from our youth to our prime—
Or dashes us swiftly down the incline
That leads to the Valley where sins no'er shine.
But, short as Sixty-four that's dead hath seem'd
What mighty events hath risen and gleamed
Athwart the lurid and tempt-gathering sky
Like meteors *deepening* darkness as they fly.
And Human nature, now, as o'er the same,
Hath wel-nigh set the world aflame:
Nation against Nation defiantly set
Till the arm wearies and the soul's all wet
With the blood gore, And the orphan's cry
Goes wailing far up into the Pitying sky,
O God! Can it be? How can thy creatures
Make back and forward the God-like features
That the Elohim gave derived from thee
Or each in the hearts that thy first made free.
'Tis the proud *Ambition* of haughty Kings—
Allied with his *Passion*—that constantly flings
Back on our last age its glory and boast
And leaving to view but a pale sad ghost.

Poor proud little Denmark—the Seaklings' home,
Hath tottered beneath the weight she has borne;
As, feeble though brave, she sent forth a band
Of heroes to fight for the dear old land.
But alas, alas, how short was the strife—
Ere like a fair maid, deprived of her life,
She falter'd and fell—while, in the pause,
Her Dukedoms dropp'd into the Teuton's maws.
And old Poland too hath failed to achieve
The long and ardently sought-for reprieve,
From the galling links of her tyrant's chain,
Under which so long she hath writhed in pain.

In this Western land we see the South stand
With bold, determined front, although the sand
Is soak'd and splash'd with warm chivalric blood,
And gaunt ruin stares where proud mansions stood.
Spite of all carnage, raiding and burning,
From the South's first choice there is no turning,—
And now 'tis whisper'd throughout the whole land,
That "*Slavery may go*" to secure the great *end!*
I trust that it may, I hope that the blot
May ne'er on her escutcheon prove the dark spot.
It is hoped by this means that nations afar
For humanity's sake will soon interfere
And terminate the cruel, horrid strife
That sweeps away so much of love and life.

Thank God, our own fair land is thus far spared
From the vials of wrath on others poured,
Our fields and our flocks, our lakes and our streams
Have yielded their increase, and joyfully beams
Happiness forth from each thankful heart,
At home, afield, in the shop, street or mart.
O, may the year that has dawned on us now
Bring us no shadow, nor darken the brow
Of one of the "*Old Signal's*" patrons kind,
But may all the blessings of heart and mind,
Untarnished with grief—unmixed with alloy,—
Be theirs, through Life's changes, still to enjoy.

And now, kind patron, with very good reason
I wish you the compliments of the season,
For well do I know that the *tired newsboy*,
Who served you so well can hardly annoy,
And if for twelve months you want no more rhymes
Let me quietly hint—OUT WITH THE DIMES!

A "FENIAN" SHOT DEAD IN WALLACE.

During last and the fore part of this week the good folks of Wallace have been so excited over the anticipated Fenian rising, that many of them have passed sleepless nights and anxious days. But, we are glad to learn that they, as well as their neighbors of the adjoining townships, have arrived at the conclusion that there is no occasion for all this "ado about nothing." To give a faint idea of the extent to which this unnecessary excitement was carried, we have only to chronicle the fact that one of the Fenians was shot dead, a night or two since, by a Wallace farmer. He retired to bed with his better half, not without making himself sure, however, that his musket would not be found wanting in the hour of need. He laid himself quietly down after the usual precautionary measures had been taken, placed his shooting iron—doubly charged—by his side, and waited patiently without closing his already over-tasked organs of vision. No sooner had the clock announced the hour of twelve than a noise was heard at the four-paned window, and a piece of an old Elora "Observer," which was pasted over a broken light, was ruthlessly torn off. Imagining that the Fenians had arrived in earnest, he jumped up in the twinkling of an eye—the wife cried Holy St, Peter save us—the children were in an uproar—the dog barked savagely—the cock crew—the musket was discharged and as quick'y reloaded. Having waited in breathless suspense for a quarter of an hour, and hearing no further noise than the dying struggles of his poor victim, our hero crept noiselessly to the door, opened it, and O! the sight which presented its ill to his astonished vision! the dead body of one of his best cows was weltering in her blood.—*Observer.*

The Earl of Carlisle.

By late English mails we have the announcement of the death of George William Frederick Howard, K. G., Earl of Carlisle, was born April 18th, 1802, and consequently was at the time of his death in the 63rd year of his age. He was educated at Eaton and Christ Church, and entered public life when quite young. He first represented the Morpeth district in the House of Commons, and was afterwards elected to represent the West Riding of Yorkshire. In 1841 Le vacated the office of the Chief Secretary of Ireland, and in 1846 was appointed Commissioner of the Woods and Forests. He was successor of Lord Campbell as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. In 1855, on Lord Palmerston becoming Prime Minster, the Earl of Carlisle was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. In 1859 he was re-appointed to the same office. He gave much of his time to the study of the condition of the poor of England, and travelled party for that purpose, through the United States and other parts of America. On his return to England in 1850, he lectured on America before the Mechanics Society in Leeds. He also delivered a lecture on the life and writing of Pope, which created quite a sensation at the time, as it was looked as a condescension on the part of an earl to lecture to mechanics. He subsequently visited the east, and published a book of his travels, which he called a "Diary of Turkish and Greek Waters." He was also the author of a work on prophecy. He was looked upon as a man of great ability, and by his noble defence of the working men of England, won the esteem of many all classes. He devoted much time to the study of the agricultural resources of Ireland while Lord Lieutenant, and attempted to inaugurate a thorough system of liberal education. In politics he was an ardent Whig.

How a Man's Boots Saved Him.

Count Schlabendorf, a writer of no little power, who lived in a Paris garret, was miserly in trifles and lavish generous in great things; being by a hearty friend of liberty—a friend of the Girondists, he speedily found his way to prison under the sway of Robespierre. One morning the death cart came for its usual number of victims, and Schlabendorf's name was called out. He immediately with the greatest coolness and good humor, prepared for departure. Presence of mind in some shape, a grand stoicism of more indifference, were common in those terrible times.—Schlabendorf was not the man to make an ungracefull departure when the inevitable Shut of fate stood sternly before him. He was soon dressed, only his boots were missing. He sought, and sought, and sought, and sought, and the jailor with him, in the corner and that; but they were not to be found.

"Well," said Schlabendorf, sharply, "this is too bad; to be guillotined will never do. Hear ye, my good friend," continued he, with simple good humor to the jailor, "take me to-morrow; one day makes no difference—it is the man they want not Tuesday or Wednesday."

The jailor agreed. The waggon full enough without that one head, went off to its destination. Schlabendorf remained in prison.

Next morning at the usual hour the vehicle returned, and the victim, who had so strangely escaped on the previous day, was ready, boots and all, waiting the word of command. But behold! his name was not heard that day nor the third day, nor the fourth day, and not at all. There was no mystery in the matter. It was naturally supposed he had fallen with the other victims named for the original day. In the multitude of the sufferers no one could curiously inquire for an individual. For days that followed there was enough victims without him, and so he remained in prison till the fall of Robespierre, when, with so many others, he recovered his liberty. He owed his miraculous escape—not the least strange in the strange history of the Revolution—partly to the kindness of the jailor—partly and mainly to his good temper. He was a universal favorite in the jail.

STRANGE COINCIDENCES.—An observing writer has the following: "General Washington and Prince Albert died on the same day of the year, on the same day of the month and the same day of the week, and the same hour of the day, and from the same cause. Gen. Washington got wet, took a severe cold, and died of congestion of the lungs on Saturday, the 15th of December, 1799, at 12 o'clock, p.m. Prince Albert get wet took a severe cold, and died of congestion of on Saturday, the 15 of December, 1861 at 12 o'clock p m. The illness of each endured but a few days, and both refused to take medicine in the early stage of their complaint. America mourned with heartfelt grief the demise of Washington—England with similar affection mourned for Albert—a tribute paid to goodness in both cases."

—A most horible suicide was the subject of a coroner's inquiry in London on the 3rd ult. A woman named Sarah Olton, lived in Montpelier, Brompton, was about to be delivered of a child, when she got out of bed, walking to the dressing table, and cut her throat with a razor before the surgeon who who was in the room could prevent her. The Child subsequently born, and is now alive; but the mother died from the effects of the wound in throat. She declared she had done the deed because she could not bear the pain she was suffering. The jury found a verdict of temporary insanity.

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GODERICH. C. W., JAN. 13, 1865.

THE MILITIA DRAFT.

In laying before our readers the names of the persons drafted for the 3 battalions of Huron and Bruce, we deem it proper to publish the following synopsis of the Militia Act taken from the *Globe:*

"The ballot, for the organization of Service Battalions from the several regiments of militia, commenced throughout the Province, as our readers are aware, on Friday the 30th December. As this is the first time that the draft has taken place under the Act of 1863, a good deal of misapprehension exists as to its meaning and effect. So much is this the case in Lower Canada that, as our readers are aware, the draft in the county of Montmorenci was stopped on the first day by the riotous proceedings of the *habitans*, who imagined they were all to be dragged away from their homes for frontier duty, and a volunteer corps from Quebec had to be ordered out to quell the disturbance.—In Upper Canada, also, we have reason to believe that, from ignorance of the actual provisions of the statute, a good deal of excitement has been caused in some localities, the idea having got abroad that the embodiment of the militia is a war measure, and that the authorities are calling them out for actual service for the immediate defence of our hearths and homes. These notions are of course very wide of the truth, and some explanations of the real object of the draft, as well as the mode of carrying it out, may be acceptable at the present time.

By the Act of 1863, the militia consists of all the male inhabitants of the Province between the ages of 18 and 60, not exempted or disqualified by law. It is divided into three classes—first-class service men, consisting of unmarried men and widowers without children, between the ages of 18 and 45; second-class service men, consisting of married men and widowers with children, between 18 and 45; and the reserve men, those between the ages of 45 and 60. Each county in the Province forms a Regimental Division, and the militia appearing by the first and second-class service militia rolls, compiled from the assessors' returns, form for the time being the regiment of the Regimental Division in which they reside. The Commander-in-Chief, may, from time to time, by general order, direct the organization of such number of service battalions from each regiment as shall appear to him proper. The Act provides that the first organization of service battalions shall take place some time in the year 1864, and it was in accordance with this that the Commander-in-Chief issued his order directing the ballot to be made on the 30th of Dec. last. Each service battalion shall consist of ten companies, and shall embrace, exclusive of the proper complement of non-commissioned officers, the number of 750 service men. These are taken, in the first place, from the names on the first-class service roll, and, when they are exhausted, from the names on the second-class service roll. Each battalion so organized shall continue in existence for three years, and at the expiry of that period shall be succeeded by another service battalion formed in like manner. For the purpose of organizing the battalions, when the order of the Commander-in-Chief has been issued, in Upper Canada the Sheriff summons the County Judge and Warden of the County to meet him at Court House, the Clerk of the Peace being also summoned to attend with the militia-rolls, to proceed with the ballot. The name of each person appearing on the service-rolls, with his residence, having been written on a card, all the cards belonging to a township, city, town, or incorporated village are thrown into an urn and shaken together sufficiently to mix the names; and the County Judge or Warden then draws out a sufficient number of names to complete the the number of men specified as the proportion to be furnished to the battalion by such township, city, town or village. Under the present order the county of York, including Toronto, furnishes five battalions and five drawings, therefore, take place—the quota from Toronto for each battalion is 141 men. The quota supplied by each locality is in proportion to its population as compared with that of the whole regimental division. Not more than one son belonging to the same family residing in the same house can be drawn, unless the number of names inscribed be insufficient to complete the required proportion of service men.

The service battalions thus organized, or any companies thereof, may at any time in each year be called out by General Order of the Commander-in-Chief, for drill or instruction, for a period not exceeding six days; and each non-commissioned officer and man shall be paid for each day's drill the sum of fifty cents. The Commander-in-Chief may call out the militia, or any part thereof, for actual service, whenever it is in his opinion advisable so to do, by reason of war, invasion or insurrection, or danger of any of them; and in such a case those taken from the regiment for actual service shall be, firstly, the battalions composed of first-class service men; secondly, of secondly, of second class service men; and lastly, the battalions composed of reserve men.

The number of battalions now called for organization is—in Lower Canada 51, and in Upper Canada, 61—forming an aggregate force of 87,040 men, of which Lower Canada supplies 40,545 and Upper Canada 48,495. The latest published militia statistics slowly only 33,308 first-class service men in Lower Canada, leaving a deficiency of about 7,000 to be provided from the ranks of the married men. In Upper Canada, the number of first-class service men shown by these returns was 62,933, giving a surplus of about 14,000 in many localities, however, we believe the assessors have but imperfectly performed their duty, and that in Upper Canada as well as in Lower Canada, the second-class service rolls, consisting of married men and widowers without children, will be largely drawn upon to make up the required number under the present call.

If there be no war, the duties of the battalions now organized for a period of three years will be exceedingly light. They may or may not be called out for six days' drill in each year, for which they will receive compensation at the rate of 50 cents a day. On the other hand, should troublous times arise, and the Province be threatened with hostilities, they will be the first to be called upon by His Excellency for active service, and will, of course, be found ready.

MILITIA DRAFT—COUNTY OF HURON.

GODERICH TOWN.

1st Battalion.—Charles Noble, Richard Scimmons Dixie Watson, Wm Green, John Seccomiller, Jno Bedford, Alex McLeod, Chas B. McLean, Henry Reid, Alex Campbell, Lewis Elliott, Fred Anning, James Reid, Chas Major, Louis Dodd, Francis Haldan, G C Shannon, M. D., Henry Smith, Thomas Detlor, John McVicar, Thos Ball, Charles Holmes, Francis Jordan, H Doyle, Jno Hanvey, Robt Smith, J. H. Finlay, A. McKidd Leith, Wm Gardiner, Peter V. Greggs, John Mogg, George Barry, John McIntyre, John Kerr, Thos Reddy, George Robinson, John Dark, Alex McArthur, Donald Strachan, Richard Simmons, John Bates, Thos Sturdy, Wm McConnell, Thos Glover, Peter Barry, Richard Walters, (bus), Thos Videan, Henry Ichler, John McLean, Rodk McLeod, John Thompson, Wilson Salkeld, Richard McMillan, John Black, Jas Parsons, Simon Wilson, John Gibbs.

2nd Battalion.—George Wiggington, Wm Craig, James Sheppard, John Saunders, Chas Wright, Jas Jones, Alex Beawns, Richard Hart, Joseph Wilson, Wm McCague, George V Elwood, Rodk McLeod, John Langdon, I. F. Toms, Fred Sykes, Jas Fisher, Wm Langdon, Thos Barry, Joseph Martin, Mark McKenzie, Abraham Wilson, R W Collins, Robt Johnston, Jas Miller, John Wilson, Archie McLean, Gavin Rouatt, Chas Thomson, Wm McKee, Niel McKellar, Alex Cathcart, Wm Thompson, John Wardrop, Wm H Gretman, Chas Robertson, Wm Coughill, John Storey, Robt Stewart, Wm E Grace, James Young, Stephen Andrews, Hugh Anderson, John Campbell, Arthur Cantilon, Wm Acheson, Dan O'Connor, James Hamil, Duncan McLean, Thos Newton, George Dougherty, George Cathcart, W B Ray, Wm. Seymour, John McKenzie, Eli Lowry, Wm Graham, Fred Gaslin, Timothy Armington.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

1st Battalion.—Dan McRae, James McIntosh, Thos Johnstone, James Check, Joseph Sloan, George McMahon, Jas Touchbourne, John R Holmes, George Fraser, Jno Wilson, Wm McIntosh, Wm Elwood, Fr B Lawrason, John Whitely, Lewis Grant, Hugh McMath, Simon M. Culloch, John A. Johnstone, Wm. Mason, jr., Wm. Wakefield, Robt. Taylor, Samuel McKenzie, Jas Lathwate, William Wilson, Jas C Collins, Thompson Greaves, Edward Acheson, Alfred Gale, David Munro, Robt Baker, John Johnstone, James Miller, Philip Morley, Arch Dobbie, Alex Gardner, Robt Wright, Robt McLean, James McCullough, Hugh Johnstone, James McVicar, Chas Fraser, Edwd Gleeson, Wm Henderson, jr., Wm Johnstone, Wm Longworth, John Clarke, jr., Edwd Slattery, Alex Henderson, Samuel Knightly, Alex Anderson, Sanfield Stokes, James Millar, Wm Ford, Thos Lawrason, Joseph Graham, James Hay, Ralph Hinks, John Gardner, Jas McIlwaine, Thos. Holmes, Sam M'Cowan, Richd Malcostie, John Taylor Thos J Ross.

2nd Battalion.—George Young, William Anderson, David Lindsay Henry Stonehouse, John Biggart, Edwd Bakwell, Edwd Gilmour, Jas Fowler, Wm Findlay, Jas Harrison, James Stacher, Henry Bacom, Wm Jardine, jr., Wm J Johnstone, Alex Cox, Jas Gordon, Peter Cantilon, John Alexander, Jno Frickle, Wm Churchill, Wm Jenkins, Mchl McGuire, jr., Jas Barr, Joseph Granstone, Thos Jackson, Peter Cook, John Barker, John Rapson Jas Johnstone, Hugh Gordon, Wm Disney, Alex McDougall, Wm Robertson, Dan Sterling, Geo Sturdy, J McDougall, Alex McDonald jr, Jas O'Grady, Jno McKenzie, A McKenzie, Wm McLean, Jas Ferguson, H'y Watkins, D'd Deaves, David Carlton, Saml Stewart, Jas Slattery, Wm McKave, John Evans, Jno McIlea, Thos Sturdy, Wm Munro, Jas Sheppard, Wm McLellan, Alex Chisholm, Geo Leithwate, Geo Churchill, Jno Sturdy jr, Holmes Smith, Jas Russell, Robt Bacom, Jno A Kennedy, Jno Cuff, John Cox jr.

COLBORNE.

1st Battalion.—Jno Black, Wm Church, John Thompson, John Gentles, Jas Sallows, Reuben Tiffen, Wm Vaastone, Danl Miller, Jos McIntyre, Jas Towsley jr, Wm W Oats, Archd Boyd, David Currie, J Linklater, Rob Henderson, Adam A Kaine, Mal McKenzie, Alex Robertson, Wm Stutts, Rich Guilders, Chas McHardy, Lewis McMahannin, Amos Fisher, Rich Whaler, Geo Carson, Jno Chidlon, Benson Bennett, Jas Farrent, Jas Stewart, Peter McLaren, John Kan, Kingfield Rod, Andw Young.

2nd Battalion.—Jas Gallagher, Hamil'n Smith, Robt Fitzgerald, Jno McHardy, Dav Bailey, Thos Brace, Jacob Wilson, Jno Foster, Frances Morron, Col Sinclair, Donald McDonald, Danl McGuire, Wm Cann, Saml Hart jr, wm Blake, Thos Allan, Chas Church, Jonathan Fritzley, Neil McJory, Neil McGuire, Jno White; Geo W Cates, Ira Fisher, Hy McPhee, Jno Foster, Chas Stewart, wm Treble, Fred Horton, Jas McHardy, Robt Young jr, Jno McPhee, Wm Clarke David Hay.

ASHFIELD.

1st Battalion.—Sam Hogan, William McKnight, Thos Gairdner, Alex Ferguson, M I Clare, Jas Hunter, Geo Story, Ronald Young, Richd Finlay, Jas Mallow, James Sheppard, Jere'h Connor, Morgan Sullivan, Jno Lane, Pat Coleman, J R Gardner, Jas Hunter, D'd Ross, Jas Grant, Thos Parks, Wm J Givens, John Morrison, Don'd Murray, W Andrew jr, Marmion Higgins, Hugh McGintey, Angus Beattier, Pat Clare, Kenneth Morrison, Jas Drenan, Wm Armstrong, Roland Finlay, T Humphrey, Wm Smiley, Martin Whitely, K McLean, Jas Lane, Thos Graham, Michael Connoly, Arthur Twitchell, Jas Welsh, Allan McLean, Danl Webster, Abram Galley, Geo Armstrong, Geo Harris.

2nd Battalion.—Allan McKenzie, Rodg Milroy, Thos Holland, Hugh O'Fee, George Dixon, Alex Young, Jas McKinnon, Niel McKay; Peter Murray, Jno Porter, Owen Dean, E. Edmondson, John Buckley, John Knightly, David Shea, John Haley, J Gardner, Geo Simpson, Thos Finn, Chas Dalton, Jeremiah Desmond, Hugh Ferguson, John Parks, Wm McTaggart, Jas Crawstone, Jas Quore, wm Hogan, Jas McCoy, Hy Brazier, Jas Quid, Wm Edmonds, Duncan McLen. Collin McKenzie, John Farish, Alex Gibson, Jas Brieve, Robt Pickering, Richd Spear, Abraham Wilkinson, John Thorborne, John Wilkinson, Michl Dalton, A C Hawkins, Jno Jones, Hy Brown, Donald McLennan.

HOWICK.

1st Battalion.—John Targie, Nesbet Biggar, John Walker jr, Adam Scott, Rt Kenedy, Jno Potter, Thos Ranger, Geo Deman, Wm McKay, Jno Payton, Geo Cough, Jas Bann, Jno McLeod, Wm Fitzgerald, Wm Leonard, Jas Mills, A'm Hyslop, Wm McKnight, James Menzie, Andrew Montgomery, Brock Jaques, Jo Hunt, John Walker, Jas Parsons, Samuel Rae, Jessie Mills, Alex Meloh, Sivil Wismer, Thos Campbell, Jerril McKay, Wm W Walker, wm Collins, Elijah Thomas, John Appleby, Geo Grandey, Edw Raledge, Robt Hazzlewood, wm S Darson, Robt Gamble, Geo Jackson.

2nd Battalion—Robt Mills, Richard Milligan, wm Hay, James Walker, wm Southam, Thos Narls, Thos McDonald, Rich'd Magram, Alex Carson, Peter Magram, wm Strong, Alex Walker, Henry Wiggins, Thos Page, Andrew Brown, Spencer Cars, Henry Latimer, wm Armstrong, Jas Guthrie, Henry Potter, John Milligan, Geo Spearman, Arch Milroy, wm Hardey, John Baker, Thos Blair, wm Kenn, Adam Knox, Chas Milne, Jno Land