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THE FIRST ACT IN THE DRAMA.

The despatches from various sources furnish information relative to the bombardment of Alexandria by the British fleet—the first act of a drama which may lead to important results. There is not the shadow of a doubt that the bombardment of Alexandria was reluctantly entered upon, and only when all other steps had failed to effect a peaceful settlement of the question at issue. It was only a few days ago that England was charged with cowardice by sensational Jingoists who furnish that kind of stuff for papers like the *Y. Y. Herald*, because she did not promptly bring her tremendous power to bear against a puny and semi-barbarous foe when a few of her marines were slaughtered by the followers of Arabi Bey in the streets of Alexandria. Notwithstanding the taunts of these sensational writers, who are aided by the Russian papers in their ridiculous efforts to prove that England's naval and military prestige is on the wane, we venture the assertion that it was a higher type of moral courage which induced Admiral Seymour to confine his actions within the limit of his instructions, even though his countrymen were being brutally murdered within a few hundred yards of the magnificent fleet under his command, than that which would have led him to ignore his instructions, and in the emergency have promptly avenged the death of the sailors—an act which might have led to more serious consequences, and to complications more difficult of solution than those which have already arisen. Gladstone's Cabinet deserve credit for not rushing recklessly to a conflict, and for not attempting to exhaust all honorable means to effect a peaceful solution of the matter before entering upon the opposite course, and only unsheathing the sword when it was absolutely necessary to sustain the honor of a great nation whose supremacy on sea and land has ever been acknowledged. The prompt steps taken by the Gladstone administration to maintain the honor of England, and to defend her route to India has drawn forth the approval of Germany, Austria, and Italy, and at the same time created surprise and disappointment among the political opponents of the party in power, who seemed to entertain the opinion that by Bright and others of the same school in England, but they hoped to defeat the Premier on the Egyptian question, and so regain place and power for themselves and their friends. The Jingo party—so-called—seem to have made a mistake however, for in the street there are evidences of a new spirit arising—men of good old England would not permit them to indulge in the theatrical absurdity of "peace-at-any-price" when fighting is necessary—men of the peace school in Birmingham, whose views clash with those of the peace-loving British to so great an extent that he is reported to have resigned his position in the Cabinet on that account. In France there appears to be a disposition to the contrary, and the fact of the French fleet would have participated, and its unexpected withdrawal from the point of danger at the critical moment has done much to the credit of the British. The papers do not say a great deal, but it is talked of, (says one writer) *sotto voce*, with deep exasperation. "This is the one grave point," says a Paris paper of the 13th. "War may be good policy, but what can be done by policy that makes war a necessity, and makes of it the hour of combat?" The action of France looks suspicious, to say the least, and it is just probable that a rupture may occur with that nation with reference to the Suez Canal. England has been the Mediterranean de facto being at Port Said (at present occupied by the British, and before which now stationed a fleet of war ships to protect the Suez Canal against possible destruction by the rebellious Egyptian army) and the termination at Suez, in the Red Sea, a distance of 96 miles. "The distance saved by the Suez Canal in the journey to India is nearly half that by the Cape of Good Hope. That is to say, while from the English Channel to Point de Galle in Ceylon by the latter route is 11,650 miles, by the Suez Canal it is 6,516," a great saving in distance, and a great saving in time, and in event of any trouble in India. This canal is of the greatest importance to England, furnishing as it does a route to India and Australia, and which places her in speedier communication than formerly with the mighty colony of 250,000,000 subjects which she possesses in India. England is financially interested in the Canal, the Government holding shares to the amount of £4,000,000—receives nothing from the earnings until 1894, but receives from the Khedive five per cent. on the purchase money of her shares. France is financially interested in the Suez Canal to the extent of £18,000,000, and she therefore views with a jealous eye any movement of England with reference thereto. In order to protect this international highway between the East and the West England has assumed control of it, and against this action Mr. de Lesseps has issued his protest. One thing is certain, the Canal is safer under the control of England, who seeks to protect it from the ravages of Arabi Bey, and while it is in her hands Mr.

de Lesseps will be the gainer rather than the loser thereby. That France may pursue a course antagonistic to that of England in relation to this matter is among the probabilities of the near future, and her action in withdrawing from the bombardment of Alexandria leaves room for the suspicion that it was not so friendly towards England as was anticipated, her course exciting considerable comment.

What the result of the war entered upon will be it is difficult to foresee; but as the nation which we are connected has entered upon the conflict when it was impossible to do otherwise unless at the cost of her honor, we have no doubt that a wise and overruling Providence will bring her safely out of the fight, with new lustre and glory added to her already glorious prestige.

Campbellton Items.

The Strawberry Festival under the management of the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday. The entire day was devoted to the festival, the ladies leaving nothing undone to contribute to the pleasure of all. Although the time at present are not particularly auspicious for such festivities, the handsome sum of \$177 was realized, after a few incidental expenses are deducted, goes to liquidate the debt on the Manse.

Beginning with to-day and to continue for three days, the Catholic congregation will have in progress a Mammoth Bazaar. The program is quite satisfactory to all who participate in its provisions. The Masonic & Temperance societies have been engaged for the occasion.

The Governor-General and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, on their visit to this country, are expected to arrive in Campbellton tomorrow by the steamer *Flamingo*. They will take the Vice-Regal Car here in waiting, and probably proceed to Ottawa. Our town is looking forward with interest to the visit of the royal couple, and no doubt receives some credit from such notable arrivals.

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Toronto, July 15.—The *Globe* special London cable says: At Wimbledon the weather was fine and the shooting of the Canadian team was very successful on Friday. In the Glen Albany contest, R. P. Doyle, of the 33rd Batt., Lt. N. H. Orchard, 4th Cavalry, and Corp. C. N. Mitchell, of 10th Royal Grenadiers, won £3 prizes with a score of 63 points. Private N. Morrison, of the Governor General's Foot Guards, in the same contest, scored 32 out of a possible 33 points, and took a £2 prize. In the first of the Windmill series, R. prizes, of 500 yds., Lieut. Mitchell, 32nd Batt.; Lieut. Orchard, of 4th Cavalry, and Capt. W. H. Moore, 25th Batt., took £2 each with a score of 39 points. In the contest for the Martine challenge cup, given by the National Rifle Association in acknowledgment of the liberal support it has received for many years from the late Sir William Martine, the competition for which is limited to efficient volunteers, was won by Lieut. Mitchell, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, with a score of 29, also took a £3 prize in the contest. In addition to the five members of the team, whose names were called yesterday as having secured places in the Queen's Cup, Lieut. Mitchell, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, also secured a place which brought him within the first 300. Canada will thus be represented in the contest for six medals, which entitle the holders to take part in the final competition for the much coveted Martine challenge cup, and badge of the Association, by six members of her team. Lieut. H. C. Chamberlain, of the 48th Regt., took a £2 prize in the 100 yds. contest, and a £2 money prize in this contest.

Personal.

D. I. K. Rife, well known as the originator of the Gospel Temperance Movement, recently visited the city, and the Asylum for the insane at Wayne County, Michigan. He was, at the time of his visit, making excellent progress with the new Marine Hospital. Already the foundation walls are laid level with the ground, and the granite structure to which will surmount them is well advanced.

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Baptist.

The following appears in the *Christian Visitor* of Wednesday last:—

NEWCASTLE.—Many an intention to resign the pastorate of the church here at an early date, I desire to make known some facts to the readers of the *Visitor*. During my brief stay here I have received unmerited kindness and many tangible expressions of sympathy and goodwill from the people; but my chief reason for resigning is an incurable and painful ailment. May the Lord direct some earnest brother to Miramichi. Whoever he may be will find earnest, thoughtful and generous-hearted Christian brethren to sustain him. My work will end the last Sabbath in July. We are still receiving for baptism at our conference in Derby this week.

Yours truly,
R. R. CURRY.

The Rev. gentleman above referred to left for Restigouche on Monday, where he intends to enjoy a brief period of rest and recreation. Mr. Curry is held in the highest esteem by all classes here, and his lot in life wherever his lot in the future may be cast.

THANKS TO MIRAMICHI SUBSCRIBERS.

We cheerfully publish the following letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Jewish Emigration Aid Society.

MONTREAL, July 14, 1882.
The Executive of the Jewish Emigration Aid Society for the relief of the Russian Refugees, residing at 100, rue de la Montreuil, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., and to inform you that the sum of \$250.00, which you have so kindly contributed to the cause of the Russian Refugees, has been received and is being put to use in the purchase of food and clothing for the same.

Yours truly,
JACOB G. ASCHER.

Hon. Secy. J. E. A. S.

Potato Bugs.

It is said that these bugs are destroying the potatoes in New Ireland, Lamsin, and other islands, and that they are doing much damage to the crops.

Some promising fields of Potatoes in Potatoes are said to have been completely destroyed by potato bugs.

As this pest will doubtless make its appearance again this year, our farmers might try the experiment announced in the columns of this paper some time ago, viz., to place slices of potatoes between the rows of potatoes, and to water them with a solution of salt.

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About Town.

The "Andover" was laid up for three or four days, to enable the owner to replace the planks along the water line which were injured considerably while making a trip to Chatham last fall through running ice. The boat was on her route again yesterday.

Wm. Wright advertises in this issue, that he is prepared to do the painting of the kind and when unemployed can be found at the head of Commercial Wharf. As delay in getting freight from the station is a frequent cause of complaint, the new move is one in the right direction, and one which we trust will be in every way successful.

Mr. John Buckley, as will be seen by advertisement in another place, is ready to repair moving machines, and do other work in his line.

Mr. P. Hennessy is having the outside of his new store and residence painted. Mr. W. Scott is at a farm as conducted in the town of Newcastle, driven from there to be seen daily, and the policeman whose duty it should be to see that the roads are kept in good order, is not doing his duty.

The growth of the crops during the past ten days has been most rapid owing to the shower and hot weather; they are now commencing to promise a fair return.

A few salmon are occasionally offered for sale round town, prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.50 according to size, with more buyers than salmon at those rates.

The Scott Act is a farce as conducted in the town of Newcastle, driven from there to be seen daily, and the policeman whose duty it should be to see that the roads are kept in good order, is not doing his duty.

The Congregation of St. Mary's, Newcastle, is holding a picnic in the grounds of the church, on Tuesday, August next, of which particulars will be given next week.

Dr. D. A. Baxter, Dentist, will remain in Chatham for two weeks longer. Those wishing to consult him had better call at once. Office next door to the Bowser Hotel.

The Grand Division, S. of T., will open its annual session at St. John on the 20th inst.

General Notices.

Mr. Theriault has filed a petition against the return of Mr. P. Synnot in Madawaska.

There was a splendid gathering of Orangemen at Lakeville, Carleton Co., on the 12th. There were fully 2000 people on the grounds during the day, and upwards of 700 carriages.

The proceedings embraced a procession, dinner, address by Mr. Wilson Esq., W. G. McLeod Esq., and Mr. J. E. M. Macdonald Esq., and a ball in the evening.

The music of the 6th Band helped to make the evening a most enjoyable one. The largest meeting of New Brunswick Orangemen was at St. George, Charlotte Co., on the 10th inst.

It is reported that the Pacific Railway Company proposes to buy the International Railway.

The corner stone of a new Methodist Church at Bay Verte will be laid on Thursday next. Josiah Wood, Esq., M. P., is expected to perform the ceremony.

Paris, on the 12th, twenty persons were killed and twelve horses destroyed by an explosion of gas, caused by fire.

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