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MONDAY EVEN'G, JAN'Y 6, 1868.

THANKSGIVING.—St. Andrew's Church, and Melville Church, of the village of Fergus have agreed to observe Thursday next as a day of thanksgiving.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—We are requested to state that Mr. Robt. Mitchell will be a candidate for the vacant seat in the Board of School Trustees for the North Ward.

THE RAILWAY.—The ratepayers of Arthur township will vote on the railway by-law on the 10th inst. A meeting has been called in the [illegible] of the narrow gauge railway, at Mo[illegible]st, for Tuesday next (to-morrow.)

NEW EXPRESS AGENT.—We believe that Mr. Grant, of Wooming, has been appointed agent of the American & Canadian Express Company in Guelph, place of Mr. Ryan. Mr. Grant was formerly in connection with the Express Office here, and was well liked, and we have reason to believe that his appointment will give general satisfaction.

RUNAWAY.—On Sabbath evening last as Mrs. Wm. Alexander, and her daughter, of Guelph township, were driving through town, in a cutter on their way home from church, their horse took fright and ran away, and turning a corner a little too suddenly the cutter was upset, and the ladies left on the street. We are happy to add that they were unhurt.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—The London *Free Press* tells of another highway robbery which was committed near that city on Thursday night last. A man going home was set upon by three soldiers of the 60th, was severely maltreated and robbed of his watch and chain. This is the third crime of the same nature that has been perpetrated or attempted in that city or its vicinity within a very short time.

CLEARING SALE.—Mr. Jeffrey's clearing sale will commence to-morrow and will continue *sans* intermission until the whole stock has been disposed of. Of the amount and quality of the stock it would be superfluous to speak. Every person who has passed the window must have seen a sample of it. There is a large quantity of staple dry goods, and such a rare stock of fancy goods as is seldom to be met with not even in the large cities. Most of the articles have been imported direct from the British markets, and selected by Mr. Jeffrey himself, and when these are sold at cost price, as they undoubtedly will be, purchasers may rely on getting the full worth of their money.

KILLED BY A TREE.—Some boys in the neighborhood of Sarnia were lately amusing themselves by burning down a few old trees, and while standing near that likely to fall soonest it was proposed to visit some of the others All went but one boy, but they had not gone over 20 yards, when this tree fell against two other trees, breaking it in three parts—the centre part, which was about eight feet long and fourteen inches thick, striking the one who remained and knocking him down. His companions heard the fall but did not see it strike him. They immediately ran to him, and found him senseless and bleeding from the nose.—He lived only about three minutes afterwards.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—The Glenallan *Maple Leaf* says:—We are sorry to chronicle a serious accident that happened about three miles from Elmira on Saturday the 27th ult., by which a poor man lost his life. It seems that the deceased, John Stongey, had been at Elmira on business accompanied by his wife, and whilst there had imbibed rather too freely of liquor. On their way home he was suddenly pitched from his sleigh on the ground, upon his wife stopping to help him up she found life to be extinct. Dr. Walmsley, coroner, was acquainted of the fact and at once took steps to hold an inquest, summons being given to constable Ellis, the inquest was appointed for Monday 10 o'clock. Upon the jury viewing the body, they sent in a verdict "Death from appoplexy whilst under the influence of liquor." The deceased was over 70 years old.

THE AYR CURLING CLUB.—On Thursday, 2nd inst., the Ayr Curling Club played with the Dundas Club, 3 rinks, on Burlington Bay, for the silver medal presented by the Caledonian Society. At the close the score stood:—Dundas, 54; Ayr, 48. Dundas being six shots ahead, and taking the medal. On Friday, the Ayr men pitted themselves against Hamilton curlers, and were victorious, first beating the Burlington Club by 17 shots, and then the Ontario Club by 1 shot. But as some of the Ayr curlers themselves remarked, they "dinna care a strae" about their two victories of Friday in comparison with the loss of the medal on Thursday. They may live in hopes of better luck next time, perhaps. The ice was but indifferently good, not at all what curlers like to see.

Municipal Elections.

The polling for councillors in the East, West and South Wards of Guelph began at 9 o'clock, this (Monday) morning, and no effort was spared by the friends of the various parties to secure the return of their favourite candidates. Everything progressed most decorously, there was little noise or disturbance of any kind, nothing by which this day might be distinguished from any other day, only that horse flesh was at a premium—the reeking steeds being called upon to do their full quota of labour to secure the success of the individual in[illegible] whose service they had been pressed. In the [illegible]st Ward Mr. Howard took an early start of his opponent; Mr. Heffernan did the same in the South Ward, but in the E[illegible] Ward the contest was close and arduous. The following is the state of the poll as it stood at three o'clock.

SOUTH WARD.

Heffernan	83.
Kennedy	54.

EAST WARD.

Sayers	62.
Allan	56.

WEST WARD.

Howard	79.
Buckland	7.

PUSLINCH.—We are informed that Mr. Leslie resigned [illegible] morning leaving the field clear to [illegible]tirton.

GUELPH [illegible]IP.—At last accounts we learn [illegible]mpbe[illegible] was ahead of his oppo[illegible]nderson, for Deputy Reeve.

T[illegible] [illegible]tuallers' Association

To th[illegible] [illegible]s of Guelph:

RE[illegible]EMEN,—The Tavern-keepers o[illegible]n are getting a petition to the Legislature signed, requesting that the law that requires them to keep their drink-shops closed on Saturday evening (the very time when the working man most needs protection, and the opening of which places on Saturday evenings is but the thin edge of the wedge [illegible] getting them opened on the Sabbath), and also the law that prevents them sitting in the Town Council, where they would have the power of fixing the amount they shall pay for licenses, and where, perhaps, they would try to exert some influence over our excellent Chief Constable, who has so often made them smart for their unlawful doings, be repealed. Now, sir, we trust that you, as guardians of the morals of the community, will take prompt and decisive measures to prevent the town being cursed with more drunkenness, immorality and crime, which will be the certain consequence of the traffickers gaining their end. Allow us to suggest that you meet together, lay your plans, call a meeting or meetings, get up a petition from the town, and let one be sent from every congregation. Wake up the community respecting the impending danger, and prove yourselves in this matter to be the friends of the people.

WATCHFUL.

Guelph, January 3, 1868.

New Music,

LA CROSSE GALOP.—This is a piece of new music, of which Mr J. Holt is the author. It is published by Messrs Nordheimer, Toronto, and for sale at Day's bookstore. Mr Holt, Bandmaster of the 17th Regiment, is a popular author, and no doubt his La Crosse Galop will meet with as much favor as did his famous "Sleigh meet."

"LET ME DREAM OF HEAVEN."—Another piece of music just published by the Messrs Nordheimer, and for sale at Day's bookstore. The author is Christopherson. Both the words and the music are very touching and beautiful.

Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

MONDAY 6th.—*Nancy Dolan* was up this morning for vagrancy and sent to her old quarters for 21 days.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—We have been requested to republish the following as the programme for the week of prayer, which begun yesterday.

Monday, January 6.—*Thanksgiving* for special and general mercies during the past year, to Nations, Churches and Families; and Confession of Sin.

Tuesday, January 7.—*Prayer for Nations*: for Kings and all in authority; for the observance of the Lord's Day; for the removal of obstacles in the way of Moral and Religious Progress; and for Internal and International Peace.

Wednesday, January 8.—*Prayer for Families*: for Schools, Colleges and Universities; and for Sons and Daughters in Foreign Countries.

Thursday, January 9.—*Prayer for Christian Ministers*, and all engaged in Christ's Service; for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 10th.—*Prayer for the Sick and Afflicted*; for Widows and Orphans; and for the persecuted for Righteousness' sake.

Saturday, January 11.—*Prayer for the Christian Church*: for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times.

Sunday, January 12.—*Sermons*. Subject; Christian Charity.—1 Cor. 13,

DEATH OF MR. W. H. BURNS.—The death, in Toronto, of this young and promising barrister is announced. He was the youngest son of the Rev. Dr. Burns, an able and honest lawyer, devoted to his profession and zealous in the discharge of his duties. About a fortnight ago he was attacked with inflamation of the lungs, and for the last week hovered between life and death. The closing scene was on Saturday night last. His father who had been absent when he took ill, as well as his brother, Rev. R. F. Burns of Chicago were by him when he died. In politics he was a liberal. His death is deeply deplored by many friends.

A PETITION respecting the destitute condition of many persons in Nova Scotia and asking to have the duty on breadstuffs removed has been forwarded to Lord Monck.

Dr. Livingstone and His Route.

Roderick J. Murchison, writing to the London *Times*, of the 14th ult., respecting the fate of Dr. Livingstone says:—

I have the satisfaction to inform you that the despatches which have just been received from Her Majesty's Consul at Zinzibar, Mr. Churchill, and the Vice-Consul, Dr. Kirk, confirm officially the accounts respecting Dr. Livingstone read before the Royal Geographical Society at their last meeting on the 9th inst., and published in the newspapers on the 10th inst. Through the kindness of Lord Stanley, copies of these despatches have been transmitted to the Society, and will be laid before their next meeting on the 9th of January, together with the depositions of the several natives who were interogated, all of whom agreed substantially in their statements. It further appears from the evidence obtained that the member of the caravan to whom the white traveler entrusted letters for the English Consul at Zinzibar was one of the attendants of Burton and Speke when they formerly travelled to this very Lake Tunganyika, up the West side of which we have now every reason to believe Livingstone is proceeding. The bearer of the letters having been detained for purposes of trade was expected at Zanzibar in the course of a month, and then our anxieties will be set at rest. In the meantime, to cheer us up respecting the fate of our great traveler, I cannot do better than quote the following phrase from Mr. Churchill's despatch. "To all appearances this enterprising traveler is Dr. Livingston and no other." Again, on his part, Dr. Kirk, after maturely weighing the testimonies, writes. "We are therelore forced to the conclusion that in all probability we have obtained information of Dr. Livingstone." The public ought also to be informed that, according to the route through the Africaa interior, pointed out in the written instructions furnished to Livingstone by the Royal Geographical Society, the place where the white traveler has been seen corresponds with the point which Livingstone ought to have reached at the time indicated.

December and the Napoleon Dynasty

The month of December is remarkable for events interesting to the Napoleon family. Sixty-three years have elapsed since Napoleon I. was crowned in the Cathedral of Notre Dame by Pius VII. On the first of December (1807) Jerome Bonaparte was proclaimed King of Westphalia. On the second of the same month (1805) was fought the battle of Austerlitz. On the 4th (1808) Napoleon entered Madrid. On the 10th [1848] Citizen Louis Napoleon Bonaparte was elected President of the French Republic. On the 12th (1790) General Bonaparte was named First Consul. On the 15th (1840) the remains of Napoleon arrived in Paris. On the 16th (1809) took place the divorce of Napoleon from Josephine. On the 18th (1812) Napoleon returned to Paris after the disastrous campaign of Russia. On the 23rd [1806] Napoleon defeated the Russians at Garnovo. On the evening of the 24th [1800] the infernal machine exploded as the First Consul was going to the opera. On the 26th [1777] Marie Julie, the wife of Joseph Bonaparte was born. It was on the 5th of December, 1792, that the National Convention decreed the penalty of death against all who exported grain from the territory of the Republic. And the butchery of Napoleon III's *coup d'etat* occurred in December.

THE FIRST PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.—The Montreal *Gazette* says: "In these days of Legislative ceremonies and assemblies, it may be well to record that the First Parliament of Canada met in Quebec, 75 years age, (19th Dec., 1792) under a proclamation issued by Guy Carleton, Lord Dorchester, who was not present, however, when the two houses convened in the Castle of St. Louis. In his absence Lieut-Governor Sir Alured Clarke represented "farmer George" of happy memory, and read the first speech from the Throne ever delivered in Canada before fifteen members of the Legislative Council, and fifty members of the Legislative Assembly, after which the latter house proceeded to the election of the Hon. Wm. Smith as Speaker. These old dry dust members must have presented a curious spectacle. Knee breeches, full buttoned coats and the wigs, were then the height of fashion, but we question if all the members were endued with them. A good old fashioned *taque*, radiant with blue or scarlet, surely must have peeped up here and there and over the ruffles and bob majors of the Miramonts and Grandisons on the benches and more than one sound, honest, homespun coat of that familiar blue or gray which still forms such a striking feature in the costume of the French Canadian *habitant*. The first parliament sat from December to May and during that long period only passed eight bills. We cannot readily say whether the members were paid by the session or by the day, but idemnity or no idemnity the solemn old fogies never could have displayed the energy, or acquiesced in the despatch, which recently led the present parliament to accomplish the virtual purchase of about one-eighth of the visible surface of the globe in less than a week."

THE HARDY HIGHLANDERS.—The 78th Highlanders, now stationed at Montreal, are having a severe test of their powers of endurance in this cold climate. Although there has been only three inches of snow, the weather has been extremley cold, and frosted ears and faces are very common. Until a few days ago most of the soldiers wore the kilts, but they are now allowed to wear trousers, and most of them have so far conceded their natural rights as to adopt the new order. The pipers, however, having objected, are allowed to wear the kilts. Before the adoption of the trowsers the men might have been seen with bare legs, while on their hands they had very large and comfortable gloves. The 78th is the regiment, the sound of whose pibroch was so welcome to the besieged garrison at Lucknow, in India, during the Sepoy rebellion.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62½c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph. dwtf

LORD MONCK.—*Le Canadian* says Lord Monck has received instructions from England to remain in Canada at least one year longer—Lord Nass, his successor being still required in Ireland. With a salary of $50,000 a year and contingencies, Lord Monck cannot be much displeased at the instructions he has received.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Jan. 4, evening.—The Government is almost continually in receipt of information relative to the movements of the Fenians. The public excitement caused by the recent operations of the Brotherhood has by no means abated. To-day despatches have been received from Cork giving details of another Fenian movement in that locality. A body of Fenians last night surreptitiously entered the magazine in that city and unchallenged, carried away more than half a ton of blasting powder. There is no clue to the perpetrators of this mischief. The people stand aghast at the effrontery of the Fenians. The clergy of Limerick have affixed their signatures to a document declaring that there cannot be any permanent peace in Ireland unless it is treated like Hungary.

Florence, Jan 4.—Menabrea, the Prime Minister, has been given publicity to a number of private letters, proving that Baron Ratazzi was fully apprised of the recent movement of Garibaldi against Rome and favoured it; he also lent the insurgents his valuable influence and assistance.

London Jan. 4.—The Turkish envoy at Vienna will start for London immediately, to ask the protection of the English Government against the intrigues of Russia.

Late despatches from Japan state that the Christians who had been imprisoned and persecuted in Nagasaki have been released.

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—The subject of the sale of the three Danish West India Islands to the United States will be submitted to the Rigsdag, on Wednesday next.

Paris, Jan. 5th.—The *Constitutionnel* denies that the Emperor urged upon the Corps Legislatif the passage of the bill for the re-organization of the army.

Florence, Jan. 5.—Heavy snows have fallen throughout northern and central Italy, which have greatly obstructed public travel. As a large number of Senators are unable to reach the capital, the re-assembling of Parliament has been postponed to the 11th.

Paris, Jan. 5—The *Constitutionnel* editorially declares the relations of France and Italy were never more satisfactory than they are at the present moment, but fear is expressed that false rumors now in circulation in regard to the new ministry Gen. Menabrea is forming, will have a bad effect.

Lisbon, Jan 5.—Resignations of members of Cabinet have been accepted by the King and a new ministry is being formed under Count Avita, who succeeds Aguiar as President of Ministry.

American Despatches.

Havana, Jan. 4—An attempt was made to burn the store of the San Ciprian Company; four clerks arrested on suspicion. Captain-General Lersendi published an order calling a court martial for the trial of robbers and incendiaries. These measures meet with universal favor.

Cincinnatti, Jan. 4th—Further particulars of the explosion of the *Henry Dean*, state that J. W. Rider was killed, three deck hands burned to death, cabin boy fatally injured, and several others badly burned or otherwise injured. The boat was heavily laden with four hundred brls oil, salt and potatoes, all of which is a total loss.

New York, Jan. 5th—A special to the *Herald* says the eruption of Vesuvius has become quite alarming. A perfect river of fire was running down the volcana and nearing the town of Cercala. The volcanic action is accompanied by shocks of earthquake and detonations as loud as the roar of artillery.

English mail advices to 24th December state that five British ships of war had gone in search of armed ships without legal papers, The commanders of all ships in commission have been ordered to adopt every necessary precaution, especially at night, to protect ships from insidious attacks. Guard boats and steam launches are to be kept on duty. The dropping of torpedoes are most feared by the government. Two meetings in Clerkenwell Green, in reference to the late explosion, had been prevented by the authorities. It is stated that a more intimate under[illegible] has been established between Ru[illegible]ly. The *Debats* denies that Russian troops are being concentrated upon the Galician frontier. In the case of Accolas and others, condemned as members of secret society, three proclamations were produced, found in Accolas' house in Paris, stating that Napoleon was an usurper and criminal adventurer, and France was going to ruin, misery at her doors, her honor in peril, and the laughing stock of the nations, and calling on the people to rise and take her destinies into her own hands.

Havana, Jan. 5—By the arrival of the English steamer Danube, from Vera Cruz later advices from Mexico have been received. The proposed expedition against Yucatan had been abandoned. General Horofino Diaz opposed the measure, and warned government that former expeditions against Yucatan had always met with defeat, and advising that the people of that State be left to fight among themselves rather than give an opportunity to combine against the National government.

Washington, Jan. 6th—Advices from Nicaragua describe the recent eruptions and volcanic outpouring near Leon. The regular eruptions of fire continued for 16 days, followed by an eruption of sand which was rained down all over the surrounding country from the volcano to the Pacific, a distance of 58 miles. This sand is composed of so much fertilizing material that a few days after its fall, corn, cotton and grass commenced to grow more rapidly than ever seen before.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Tribune* says that despatches have been received at the War Office, within the last few days, stating that the soldiers sent to take possession of the icebergs are in a most destitute condition; that no preparations whatever had been made for their reception, and the prospect is that they will be frozen to death or maimed for life before supplies can reach them.