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MUSGROVE & WRIGHT, Toronto, 6th Dec, 1867. INDIA & CHINA TEA COY. Home Depot at London and Liverpool. Canada Dept, 23 Hospital Street, Montreal.

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REDUCED PRICES. Sale of Real Estate. In the matter of Partition between John Carroll and Martin Dooley, and Ellen McDonald and others.

Notice to Debtors. ALL parties indebted to the undersigned, either by note or book account, are requested to settle on or before the 25th January, 1868. All unsettled accounts after the above date will be placed in the Division Court for collection.

NEW LAW OFFICE. FREEMAN & FREEMAN BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS. SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c. OFFICE: - EAST MACDONNELL STREET. FRIDAY EV'NG, JAN 24, 1868. Local News.

Nassagaweya Township Council. The municipal Council met at the Town Hall on Monday, the 20th day of January, at noon, according to statute and signed the necessary qualifications of office, viz:—Archibald Campbell, Reeve; John Ramsey, Deputy Reeve; Benjamin H. Keen, John Kean, Geo. Easterbrook, Councilors. Mr. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that the Clerk be instructed to apportion the taxes due on lot No. 32 in the fifth concession of this township, viz: \$5.00 on the south-east half and \$5.48 on the north-west half of said lot.

Wheat is selling in Georgetown at \$1.70 per bushel, and hay at from \$12 to \$12.50 per ton. It is the intention of the Officers of Composite Lodge, of F. A. M. of Whitley, to give a Masonic Festival, on the 7th of February.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.—Ackridge who was convicted of rape at the fall assizes at Goderich has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary. CLOUDS.—Mr. A. O. Buchan has just received a stock of ladies' clouds sufficient to cover the heads of all the dear creatures in Guelph and within ten miles round from the unceremonious salutations of Jack Frost.

AGAINST MR. COWAN.—The Globe of Monday had an article against the appointment of Mr. James Cowan to the vacant Senatorship, and is in favour of Mr. Benson, now a member of the House of Commons for Lincoln, who was formerly a member of the Legislative Council.

THEATRICAL BENEFIT.—The London Dramatic Club intend giving a theatrical entertainment for the benefit of the Nova Scotia fishermen. They are going to bring Fisher's well known "Handy Andy" on the boards, to be followed by the famed "Slasher and Crusher."

ROBBERIES.—On Tuesday night last, a valuable horse, the property of Mr. W. Vollett, of Durham, was stolen from the stable of Nagle's Hotel, Owen Sound Road. The thief got off clear with his booty. On the same night the butcher shop of Messrs. Crossin & Lund, of Mount Forest, was broken open and eight cans of oysters stolen.

HUSSAR KILLED.—A private of the 13th Hussars was killed at Montreal on Tuesday night, by falling down a flight of stairs in the barracks. The stairs were on the outside of the quarters, and were slippery from the carrying of water up them, and from snow which had been allowed to accumulate.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN ELMA.—The barn of Mr. Joseph Davidson, 1st concession of Elma, together with its contents was totally destroyed by fire on the evening of Friday the 17th inst. The contents consisted of nearly the whole of last year's crop, three horses, sixteen sheep, and several calves. Nothing was saved, and the origin of the fire is a mystery. The loss is about \$2000, insured for \$500.

NORTH WATERLOO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The members of this society held their annual meeting on Saturday last in Froehlich's Hall. The following officers for the current year were elected: President, John McDougall, Esq.; 1st Vice President, John M. Campbell, 2nd, Sheriff Davidson; Secretary, M. Spangier, Auditors, W. H. G. Knowles and S. Roy; Directors, Wellesley, W. Scott and D. Petch; Waterloo, H. Snyder and Isaac Wilson; Woolwich, C. Strick and W. Glennie; Berlin, John Fennell.

THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.—A very interesting and successful experiment was tried with the Patent Fire Extinguisher on Wednesday afternoon, on the premises of David Allan, Esq. A large quantity of shavings, saturated with coal oil, and covered over with pine boards, cedar, etc. was allowed to burn for several minutes, when the Rev. Holden brought one of the Extinguishers (small size) to bear, and in about four minutes completely extinguished every vestige of fire. Mr. Sheriff Davidson of Berlin, the Mayor and Messrs. Chas Davidson, John McCrae, D. Allan, and others, were present and expressed themselves much pleased with the result.

CURLING.—A curling match is to be played on Monday next, on the ice above Goldie's mill, between the following hotel keepers.—On the one side Messrs. Nichols, O'Connor, Duddy, Bithvan and Oakes; and on the other Messrs. Goulson, Ellis, Bookless, Lindsay and Howie. The stakes consist of an oyster supper.

TERRIBLE OUTRAGE AT BRAMPTON.—The following outrage was perpetrated on Tuesday evening, at Alexander's Inn in Alton, county of Peel.—A man who had been suffering from delirium tremens was lying on the floor in front of the fire place, and some young men coming in, kindled some shavings round his body, and he was burned to death. Further particulars will be elicited at the Coroner's inquest.

Church Opening at Cummock. The people of Cummock, belonging to the Canada Presbyterian Church, have during the past summer erected for themselves a handsome brick Church, capable of seating over 200 people. It is only about three years since a preaching station was opened there in connection with Alma. About two years ago the Rev. J. Davidson was called and ordained as minister of these stations. The congregation at Cummock heretofore met in a school house, but finding it small and inconvenient as the attendance increased, they resolved to erect a suitable place of worship, which has been completed, and was formally opened on Sabbath, the 19th January. The Rev. Wm. Cochrane, M.A. of Brantford, conducted the opening services, morning, afternoon and evening, and preached appropriate and eloquent discourses to large and attentive audiences.

MURDERER ARRESTED.—Quinn, one of the men who lately killed Sullivan in a row at Kingston, has been arrested. The generally well-informed Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce says that Mr. Adams is about to resign, and will be succeeded at the Court of St. James by Gen. McClellan.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT AT RIDGETOWN. The Chatham Planet tells the following: On the evening of Wednesday, the 15th inst., a celebration was being held by the Independent Order of Good Templars at Ridgetown, in their hall, situated on the second floor of a building. The number in attendance was very large, and through the festivities of the evening were through, a number of the parties were in an ante room preparing to leave, when the flooring suddenly gave way, precipitating most of those present into the room underneath, by which a great number were seriously injured; and we understand that one young lady had her arm broken.

COAL OIL. Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent taps 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.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE. Toronto, January 23d. Mr. Currie moved the reference of the petition of the County Council of Middlesex to a select committee. He said the object was to dispense with the second selection by the County officials, which made it necessary for the Deputy Sheriff to travel all through the county at an expense of eight cents a mile. After some conversation, the motion was withdrawn, it being understood that a bill containing the proposed amendment would be introduced.

Mr. Cumberland enquired of Ministers whether it is their intention to introduce any measure during the present session, for providing a system of Municipal Government and local taxation for the district of Algoma, or any parts thereof. Hon. J. S. McDonald was understood to say that the Government were very anxious to establish a Municipal Government in Algoma, and that they would take steps with that view as soon as practicable.

Mr. McKellar moved an Address for copies of all Orders in Council, rules and regulations passed or made since the first of January, 1858, touching the management and sale of the Agricultural and Mineral Lands of Ontario. He said he should like if the return could be obtained before the further discussion of the resolutions of the Commissioner of Crown Lands. By one of these resolutions, it was proposed to continue a practice which he thought was wrong, that of allowing the commissioner from time to time to make rules and regulations to suit his own views, touching the minerals and lands of the public domain. The result had been that every new Commissioner, fancying himself wiser than his predecessors, had introduced new rules and regulations, causing great inconvenience to parties having dealings with the department. He believed that, during the last ten years, there had been almost every year a new set of rules. He thought the rules regulating the disposal and management of the public lands should be clearly defined on the statute book, that there might be no difficulty in knowing what was the law. The motion was agreed to.

Land, Blake, in moving the second reading of the Bill respecting voluntary contributions, said by this measure he sought to remedy a grievance of ancient standing. Read a second time, and referred to a special committee. Mr. Rykert, in the absence of Mr. Hooper, moved the second reading of his Bill respecting Division Courts. The Bill was read a second time and referred to a select committee. Mr. Oliver in moving the second reading of his Bill to protect Butter and Cheese Manufacturers, said that a very important interest was treated of by this measure. The cheese interest had not attained to such magnitude as to nearly equal the lumber trade in the country, and the Bill which he had introduced was designed, not merely to protect cheese manufacturers, but the general public. Their Canadian cheese was now exported to Europe, and placed there side by side with the article of English and American manufacture. It became, therefore, of the utmost consequence that this manufacture should be improved, and hence the introduction of the present measure. To show the extent to which the manufacturers had increased in this Province he would state that it had been estimated that there were 80 cheese factories in Ontario; of these 52 were in the county of Oxford; 15 in Middlesex; in Halton about a similar number, while in the other counties the number of factories ranged from 5 to 15. In these factories an aggregate amount of 12,000,000 lbs. of cheese had been made, realizing to the country, by export, about \$1,200,000. In conclusion, he moved that the Bill be read a second time. The Bill was read a second time and referred to a committee.

Hon. Mr. Carling moved the second reading of the Bill for the encouragement of agriculture &c. He said it was unnecessary to take up the time of the house in moving the second reading, as he intended to refer it to a large committee, composed of gentlemen connected with the agricultural interest. The Bill was read a second time and referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Cameron, in Christie, Scott (Ottawa), Graham (York), Craig (Russell), Gow, Currie, Gibbons, Greely, Graham (Hastings), Fergusson, Pardee, Springer, Secord, and the mover. The house went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Gow in the chair, on the Bill respecting a Provincial duty on tavern-keepers. The Bill was reported without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The survey of the Maine section of the European and North-American railroad is almost completed. A week or two ago, the surveying party were within fifteen miles of the New-Brunswick frontier. Stories enlarge as they travel. We now learn from the American papers that a fire was discovered in the magazine at Fort St. Vrain, placed there by Fenian incendiaries. It was originally a piece of wire inserted through the key-hole, for some purpose not comprehended.

SHARP THIEF OF A LIQUOR DEALER.—A person named Hency, who has been carrying on the trade as a dealer in liquors, on St. Paul Street, Montreal, for some time past, placed 2300 packages of spirituous liquors in bond in that city; subsequently he succeeded in extracting the liquor from the packages, and refilling them with water, thereby defrauding the revenue of \$13,000. It is said that he has been carrying on this sort of work for some time. He has made his escape to the States.

WHIPPED AND STARVED TO DEATH.—A child fifteen months old died at Napreene, last week, and as the father, named Wood, was known to have been excessively cruel to it, to those who had heard him on several occasions whip it unmercifully, an inquest was deemed proper. Quite a number of bruises were found upon the head and body of the child, and medical gentlemen gave it as their opinion, that in the weakly state in which it was, death might have been the result of a severe whipping. After a lengthy and careful examination the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the child came to its death from want of proper nourishment, and from injuries received at the hands of its father. Wood was committed to stand his trial at the next Sessions. Young ladies of refinement, when they go out shopping, sometimes take their mothers along to carry the bundles.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury. BY ATLANTIC CABLE. Paris, January 23.—It is reported on good authority that the Emperor has forbidden the publication of Prince Napoleon's pamphlet on the subject of the foreign and domestic affairs of France. The appearance of the work has been looked forward to with great interest, and there is consequently much disappointment.

Madrid, Jan. 23.—The bill for furnishing improved breech-loading arms to the army has passed and is now law. Paris, Jan. 23.—The United States fleet under Admiral Farragut, will remain at Toulon for the winter. Florence, Jan. 23.—The bill imposing a tax on incomes in certain cases, has been adopted by both houses of Parliament.

London, Jan. 23.—At a Ministerial dinner at Bristol, last evening, Lord Stanley made a very significant speech. Referring to Ireland, he said that Ireland had never been in a more prosperous condition, nor had she ever been more disaffected; the latter he attributed mainly to the doings of American soldiers. He thought the proposed Church reforms ought to go over to next Parliament, and as to land reforms in Ireland, they were out of the question.

The tone of the French press, as well as that of Prussia is sufficiently peaceful. Duffy, the Fenian arrested in Dublin and sent to Millbank, died to-day. The Chinese government has taken some military steps on the Russian frontier, which the latter government regards as warlike and offensive. A protest is to be sent forward. Madrid, Jan. 23.—The Spanish Minister of foreign affairs has addressed a note to the diplomatic representative of Spain at Florence, in answer to the despatch from Prime Minister Menabrea. The Spanish ambassador is instructed to inform the Italian Government that Spain is determined to maintain the integrity of the temporal power of the head of the church at Rome, but in no other respect will she interfere in affairs of the Italian Peninsula.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—The ambassadors of Austria and Italy to-day had an audience with the King of Prussia, and presented their credentials as the representatives of their respective countries to the Confederation of the North German States. Copenhagen, Jan. 23.—The Rigshart today met in secret session. The subject under consideration was the sale of the Danish Islands in the West Indies to the United States. It is generally understood that the treaty of transfer was approved. London, Jan. 23.—Charles Keen, the tragedian, died to-day, aged 55 years.

American Despatches. Portland, Me., Jan. 23.—The bark Etta and Anne which sailed for Savannah yesterday, put back to-day, a serious mutiny having occurred on board, in which the captain was stabbed three times very severely, and two sailors were wounded by pistol shots. The mutineers were subdued and brought into port in irons. Washington, Jan. 23.—The Secretary of State is advised of the execution of a treaty between the United States and the Republic of Columbia, for the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien.

New York, Jan. 24.—The Tribune's special pronounces untrue the statements relative to the alleged agreement between the President and Gen. Grant, and challenges any member of the Cabinet over his own signature to pronounce them true. Prominent members of Congress are of opinion that Alabama will be fully restored as a State in the Union before the middle of February. Louisiana is expected to be the second State ready for restoration.

UPS AND DOWNS IN FURS.—A fur dealer thus epitomizes an experience of twenty five years in the business: "Just a quarter of a century ago I entered the fur trade, paying eighteen cents for a mink, twenty-two cents for a muskrat, and two dollars for little martin skins. During these twenty-five years there have been some wide ranges of prices; I have sold a lot of mink for eight hundred dollars that now would bring twenty-four thousand dollars. Then, again I have sold a lot of coon for \$13,000 that in London to-day would not bring two thousand dollars. The little martin is now worth the same price as a yellow dog skin—two shillings.—The opossum has been from three to sixty; and is down to eight cents. War has been one cause of these fluctuations, but that might be power than armies, fashion, has done the most. While the combined armies of Europe could only put down coon, and skunk fifty per cent, that powerful god, fashion, run the eighteen cent mink up to fifteen dollars, and knocked the black lynx muff down to four shillings."