

The Woodstock Journal.

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Delinquent Subscribers!

Subscribers in arrears two years and upwards are informed that the Proprietor is daily making out their accounts in order to place them in the hands of a Justice for collection.

OUR GARRISON.

To any and all of those persons, who have allowed either their hopes or their fears to lead them, reasoning from the analogy of the downfall of other great nations, to believe that the decadence of England's power was approaching...

have formerly been unfortunately too common among troops stationed much further from the boundary line than our garrison, has been, that a large proportion of us, especially those living in the rural districts, have directly or indirectly given aid and comfort to them on their way.

Now, to say the least of it, such conduct on our part is faulty, and arises from a false train of reasoning. The crime is not the light one we take it to be, nor is the punishment, in time of peace, at any rate, more than sufficiently severe.

To us, however, it is a matter of considerable personal importance, for it is a self evident fact, that if the ranks of the army are to be thinned to any serious extent, by garrisoning our frontier, and if our people are forward to aid and abet those who are thus recreant, the natural consequence must be that we shall be left to take care of ourselves and must lose all the advantages...

LOCAL TOPICS.

During the past week Woodstock has presented a scene which certainly has not been equaled since the famous Aroostook war. Some six hundred soldiers of the 62nd Regiment, with about thirty Artillery, have been in garrison here.

But while we rejoice in being a portion, small though it be, of so great a nation, and exult in the protection which her shield throws over us, we must not forget, that we as a people owe a duty to the power which protects us, and that moreover, upon our performance of that duty depends to a very great extent our continued possession of the advantages to be obtained from the presence of our garrison among us.

The storm of the last week was the most severe which has been known for many years. The quantity of snow which fell was not great; but there were about four days constant blow; and the consequence was such a drifting up of roads as is not often known even in this quarter.

The Colonial Empire is informed that Mr. Orr, the Messrs. Glazier & Spafford Baker, Esq., have obtained the contracts for the conveyance of H. M. Troops from St. John to Fredericton and from Little Falls to River du Loup, Mr. Tupper of Woodstock having the intermediate distance, from Fredericton to Little Falls.

CLOTHING FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.—We understand that the Delegates while in England purchased a stock of material for winter clothing for the Provincial Volunteers should the same be required, which, happily, will not be the case—so far as active service is concerned.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.—The Atlantic Monthly for January has come to hand; but we have not time to give any lengthened notice.

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF CARLETON AND THE ARMY CONTRACTS.

DEAR SIR.—There is a report in circulation and generally believed in this place, that the Sheriff of this County has merely lent his name, and the real contractors (at a high figure) for the necessary supplies for the troops lately arrived in Woodstock are certain Yankee friends of his, and consequently the beef, &c., which would readily have been furnished, at a reasonable rate, by the people of this vicinity, (and no doubt in Woodstock also.) has already been brought through here from Hamilton.

Now we all know that Madame Tamor is constantly in the habit of publishing things, both false and true; if the above report belongs to the former, the honorable gentleman would do well to set himself right in the matter, as it cannot but tend greatly to his discredit, and disgraceful to the office which he holds.

That our American neighbors should have every opportunity of pursuing their several callings amongst us unmolested, and the same facilities granted them for so doing which we ourselves enjoy, so long as they remain quiet and peaceful, no one in these (said to be enlightened) days will pretend to gainsay. But when the blustering arrogance, and spiteful hatred of England, and every thing English, so abundantly displayed by their fellow subjects across the border, has caused the trouble and inconvenience of a force graciously sent, to this and neighboring Colonies, to protect us,—I say they are not the proper persons to be intrusted with the supply of those sent here with food.

If the Sheriff of this County has taken advantage of his position, and the circumstances, to procure for those friends of his, this advantageous contract, and thereby excluded our own people from any participation in the benefits, the matter should be fully and searchingly investigated. Trusting, Mr. Editor, that you will enquire into and kindly inform us of the truth or falsity of the above. I remain your most obedient humble servant. BLUENOSE.

Richmond, Jan. 8th, 1862.

ARRIVAL OF THE AUSTRALASIAN.—The great Steamship "Australasia" arrived here at 2 p.m. yesterday from Halifax, heavily loaded with ice, and showing plentiful evidence of the exceedingly severe weather she had encountered.

As soon as possible, the troops on board were brought to Reed's Point Wharf by the Steamer "Empire," and there landed. Thence they marched to the regular Barracks, and to the south wing of the Custom House. They consisted of a Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, (better known as the old 95th) under the command of Lord Russell, and the famous Artillery known as "Lealie's Battery" in the Crimea.

"THE ST. JOHN ASSOCIATED PRESS."—"The News," "Freeman," "Colonial Empire," and "Evening Globe," (in co-operation with Mr. Forster of the News Room,) have associated themselves together under the above title, for the purpose of procuring American despatches, and for other purposes connected with the publication of News. The arrangements that have been made are good, and will, we trust, prove satisfactory to the reading public.

CHURNING IN WINTER.—You can not get butter out of milk, if there is none in it. Feed the cows well, and thus secure good milk, and there is not much trouble in churning even in winter. Keep the cream in a warm room till it turns somewhat sour. Let the churn be scalded before putting in the cream, so that it will be heated through and not cool the cream.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30th.—The New York banks suspend specie payment this morning. They decided to do so at a late hour Saturday night. The final vote was 25 to 15 for suspension. The banks of Philadelphia and Boston, and generally throughout New England and Middle States, and the West, are reported as suspending.

When the New York Banks resolved to suspend specie payments, they had only 23 million dollars in specie left. The other Banks throughout the country generally have followed their example.

Five of the Stone Fleet bound to Savannah went ashore and became a total loss.

A MILITARY TELEGRAPH.—We understand that Col. Chadwell of the Royal Engineers, who, up to the day before he left London was the General Superintendent of the great London Exhibition to be held this year, arrived in this City by special train on Wednesday evening.

He brings out with him Mr. Light, for the purpose of proceeding to construct a military telegraph from the seaboard through to Canada. It is thought too, that they will open the Mets Road from Metapedia, on the Restigouene, to River du Loup, previous to leaving England. Col. Chadwell had had a conference with Messrs. Howe and Tilley, from whom he received a great deal of information.—Courier.

A number of the troops left this morning for Fredericton. They went in parties of eight, each party being drawn by two horses. They were comfortably clad, and appeared to be in high spirits.—Evening Globe.

Capt. Rolfe of Co. 4, 7th Maine Regiment was here last week, on his return home to Presque Isle. His company we understand was disbanded on account of sickness and other causes.

Large quantities of beef have been purchased this week in our market for the sustenance of British soldiers soon expected to be stationed at Woodstock, N. B. We understand that beef can be procured here on much more favorable terms than on the other side of the Line, and that months' supplies of these "sinews of war" have been obtained.—Aroostook Times.

The quiet on the Potomac was slightly ruffled yesterday. As our Washington dispatch to the Associated Press phrases it, there were at one time serious "apprehensions" were, however, soon set at rest by the discovery that the noise was that of artillery practice, and at a late hour the usual quiet on the Potomac was fully restored.—Tribune.

CAPTURE OF VERA CRUZ.—Foston, Jan. 2, 1862.—The British war steamer "Rinaldo" left Provincetown at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon with the Rebel Commissioners, probably bound direct for England.

Havana dates of the 28th states that Vera Cruz has been taken possession of by the Spanish forces, and that the flag of Spain floats from the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa.

President Lincoln's New Years reception was a brilliant affair; subsequently the Foreign Ambassadors, except Lord Lyons, called on Secretary Seward.

The reports of the serious illness of General McClellan were exaggerated. He is now able to attend to business. There is nothing special from the seat of war to-day.

The death of Prince Albert seems to have cast a gloom over the entire nation. We are glad to learn that the Queen bears up under her affliction and that her health remains good. The papers contain lengthy obituaries of the deceased.

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CINCINNATI, 30th.—The surrender of Mason and Sidel, and the suspension of specie payment by the New York banks, have caused a feeling of great relief in business circles.